

# LONGEST LUTHERAN LUNCH PLANNING CHECKLIST

## Commit

Commit as a congregation to hosting a Longest Lutheran Lunch event for your community

## Plan

Set up a small team and make sure you enlist the great organisers in your congregation. Work out what your congregation will fund and how you will source the remainder – local business donations, members etc.

## Know your community

Plan your lunch to meet the needs of your wider community and those you will be inviting – remember, *it's not about us, but about the people God wants us to serve!*

## Messages

Think about how you will show love and care to the people who come and what is it you want them to be saying about their LLLu experience with your congregation – warmth, friendliness, fun, caring, sharing, unexpected?? Share that message often with people in your congregation in the lead-up to the lunch.

## Pray

Pray for those who are organising, inviting and sharing on the day, but mostly pray for those you plan to invite, that they will taste Jesus' love through the food and the hospitality they receive on the day.

## Venue

Decide where you will hold your lunch – a local park, a paddock, the beach, the bush, in a shed, the town hall, the church hall, church carpark, community centre, local street....If holding outside, have a Plan B up your sleeve!

## Theme

Work out a theme or focus for your lunch. Visit the [website](#) for ideas or come up with your own brilliant idea. Get creative, but keep it simple and manageable so everyone enjoys the day!

## Food & Festivities

Consider what food, entertainment and decorations you will need. How you will cook and serve on the day, how will you cater for dietary restrictions. Use the resources on the website and your party pack goodies.

## Helpers

Put up a list of food items and quantities you need at your church and ask people to put their names alongside what they can provide. Put up a roster and ask people to commit to give some of their time for the preparation (day before) set up, cooking and clean up.

## Invite

There are any number of ways to invite people, but by far, the most effective will be a personal invitation from your members to those they know. Use the [invitation templates](#) on the website, so people have a copy of all the details.