

# 2016 Lutheran Fall Festival

# Chili Cook-Off Registration



**Welcome!** Please complete the following information and return it to Cross Trails Ministry as soon as possible to secure your chili booth. Deadline for registering your team is September 12, 2016. There is no cost to enter our Chili Cook-Off, but we do ask each competing team to follow our rules. We also ask each group to hold a “free will offering” for tasting from the public to earn money for Cross Trails. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (830) 257-6340 or email at [info@CrossTrails.org](mailto:info@CrossTrails.org).

## About The Team:

**Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Head Cook \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  Adult Team  Youth Team

Please note that if a member of your team is a Thrivent Financial member, you may be able to apply for “Action Team” funding. Check with Thrivent for details.

## Booth Theme & Description:

*Descriptions can continue on the back of this page if needed.*



## Release of Liability:

I hereby release and forever discharge Cross Trails Ministry from any claims, personal liability, responsibility, loss or damage resulting out of, or in connection with the 2016 Lutheran Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off. I have read the rules and general information provided. I agree to abide by them and ensure my group abides by them.

**Printed Name of Head Cook** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



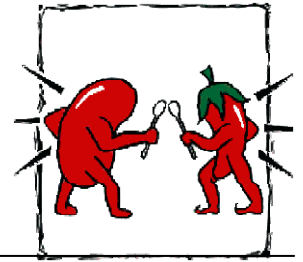
## Cross Trails Ministry

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*A portion of funds raised will be matched by Thrivent Financial!*

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# Chili Cook-Off Rules



1. Check in time is Saturday morning from 7:00 - 8:30 am. All Chili Cookers are asked to check in with the Welcome Booth to get your spot number. The earlier you set-up the sooner your team can begin cooking. **Please park on the street and ask about designated unloading areas and carts for moving items.** We cannot have people driving on the walkways during the event for loading or unloading.
2. Cooking spots are located on the Marktplatz and are approximately 10 x 15. We provide tasting cups and spoons for the public as well as one table and a covered booth. We recommend bringing a second table for additional work space.
3. You can begin cooking at any time after 7:00 am. Your booth must be set up by 8:30 am and your chili must be ready by 11 am. Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible. Clean utensils, hand sanitizer, and gloves must be used! We also recommend bringing plastic table covers to be used on the tables that can then be trashed after the event.
4. It is important for each team to make enough chili to provide samples to the public until 2:30 pm. The more chili you can get donations for, the better it is for Cross Trails Ministry. Chili is part of the lunch service so please make plenty.
5. We will provide each team a container to take in donations for their chili, called a Money Pot. Money collected will be donated to Cross Trails Ministry.
6. Chili Teams will be judged in the following areas:
  - **Taste**– Taste, texture, aroma, consistency and aftertaste. Get those secret recipes out and make it good! We also recommend doing a test run before the event.
  - **Showmanship**– Including costume, booth set-up and décor, actions and audience participation. Get into this! Showmanship is the way you get to be creative and show off your chili. The Lutheran Fall Festival is a family event, so themes and behavior should reflect Christian family values. Get your team together and have fun! Please no music except during the judging.
  - **Popularity**– Largest amount of money in the team's *Money Pot*. “Stuffing” or adding money to your own pot **is legal** and highly encouraged. Consider getting your entire congregation involved prior to the event so you can come with a pot already stuffed! Remember that this is for a great cause!
7. Judging for taste and showmanship will begin at 11:00 am. Judges will visit each booth to see decorations and any theme based “presentation” the group would like to share. After visiting all of the booths, chili “officials” will come to your booth to collect judging cups.
8. Money Pots will be collected and counted at 2:00 pm. The Popularity award will be determined based on the amount of money each pot raised.
9. Chili Teams **must** be present at 2:30 pm for the award ceremony. For each division, there are three trophies based on Taste, Showmanship, and Popularity.
10. **Clean up can begin at 3:00 pm, not before.** Remember that the Chili Cook-Off is a large part of the Fall Festival. If you begin to pack up early, others will think the event is over when it is not. We request that all cooking spots be cleaned up by 5:00 pm. Do not bring anything that you plan to leave behind.
11. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification. Decisions of the officials are final. In case of disqualification, the head judge will immediately notify the head cook and give a reason for disqualification. In the event disqualification of a cup of chili occurs after judging has started, it is not necessary that the cook be located or given an explanation for the disqualification.