

*12/3 Valley City*

## Like in other cities, Valley City's meant to be gathering to eat and socialize

to the St. Catherine School gym. It was changed from a church dinner to a nondenominational one.

Last year, 661 people were served (including take-outs), and the year before that it was 800.

Attendance depends on the weather. Fiegen says the dinner, however, has never been canceled because of bad weather.

Although the dinner is meant to bring people together, meals will be delivered to shut-ins or for those who can't drive, or who can't make it to the dinner for one reason or another.

The free dinner is served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24 in the St. Catherine School gymnasium. Delivered meals go out earlier.

Chef Jeremy Schwab, owner of the Viking Room restaurant, has enlisted the facilities of the Eagles Aerie to prepare food. He will cook turkeys, carrots and yams.

It is hoped that Tom Martin, the VFW manager and chef, will be well enough to also cook, as he did last year. Martin is recovering from heart surgery and Fiegen says if he is well enough to cook, her husband, Dick, may help him.

### Traditional meal

The traditional Christmas Eve

### Want to help with dinner?

Co-chairwoman Rayma Fiegen: 490-1224  
Co-chairwoman Charlene Windish: 840-1987  
Pat Hansen, transportation: 840-2658

Ronda and Dan Fairfield, dining area: 845-2291  
Joe and Deb Leitner, dining area: 845-0817  
Tom and Colleen Musgrave, setup and cleanup: 845-5358  
JoNell Schaefer, decorations: 845-1236

"This year has been an extremely tough year for many of our citizens because of the flood, and we need to continue to work as a community to provide a special night for those of us who would be alone. It's the season to share."

**- Rayma Fiegen  
Organizer**

meal will consist of turkey and ham with all the trimmings. Just about all the food is donated by people and businesses in the community. If some food is still needed, the Christmas Eve committee chips in and helps out.

Drug Plastics will donate about 10 turkeys. The turkeys are generally de-boned and weigh about 14 pounds.

It is hoped that a donation of ham will again come from the Viking Bowling League, and Bob Maresh plans to make his famous

homemade oyster stew. Chef Norm Erber of Oriska is again volunteering his cooking trailer for the dinner.

Candy is donated by Pamida, Leever's and MarketPlace Foods. Valley Meat is providing the turkey giblets, and Midwest Dairy is donating all the dairy products for the dinner.

Desserts, cookies, bars and salad donations are still needed. Bring them to the church on Christmas Eve before 5 p.m.

### Volunteers

Pat Hansen, director of South Central Services, is providing transportation for the dinner. She says anyone who knows they will need a ride to the dinner should call the Senior Citizens Center at 845-4300 as soon as possible.

"The sooner the better," Hansen says, so there isn't so much confusion on Christmas Eve. People may call the Senior Center until noon on Dec. 24. After that, they should call St. Catherine Church at 845-0354 or Hansen on her cell phone, 840-2658.

Hansen is providing insulated carriers for bulk food that keeps it warm for up to five hours. These are needed to transport bulk food, such as turkeys and ham that are cooked at the Eagles or VFW Club to St. Catherine, where volunteers are waiting to get it served.

The food service at Valley City State University, Sodexho, will also help with the delivery of meals.

Many people, organizations and businesses prefer to make monetary contributions, which is also welcomed. They may be sent to the church marked "Christmas Eve Dinner," or dropped off at the church office.

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