



Mission Service Activity of the Month

December 2023: CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

What is a cookie exchange? It's a party to which guests each bring one–four dozen cookies (depending on how many guests are invited) to share and swap. This way, you only bake one recipe but get to enjoy many different types of cookies. It's a delicious way to spend an afternoon or evening with friends during the Christmas season.

Preparations for the Activity:

- Select cookie exchange date and put together a guest list (six–12 guests).
- Decide upon and set ground rules. What qualifies as a cookie or could it also be homemade candies (Saltine Cracker Toffee or fudge)? Are store bought or slice and bake cookies okay to bring? Please keep in mind that not everyone loves to bake.
- Remember, this is not a competition but a friendly get together.
- Invite friends by email, text message, printed invitation, or by personal contact. Remind them to bring copies of their recipe to share with other guests. Label cookies for allergens.
- Plan what cookie you are going to bake and tell your guests.
- Plan what, if anything, you will serve along with the cookies.
- Plan on what you are going to serve the cookies.
- Provide to-go containers for each guest.



Is this a group project? Take pictures of this activity in progress. Get permission to take pictures of the individuals as they enjoy and share their cookies. Submit the pictures to share on your district website or in your district newsletter.

Gospel Focus

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things (Psalm 107:8–9).

Devotion as You Plan

Use the Mustard Seed devotion, “[Walking with My Lord: No Cookie Cutters.](#)”

Prayer as You Plan and Prepare

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your steadfast love. You provide so many good things for us every day. Help us to acknowledge these things and be ready to share the gift of Your Son, Jesus, with others. In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

