

## Crown of Glory ADVENT TEA by Candlelight HOSTESS SOCIAL GRACES



1. The Sun Hall will open at 2:00 p.m. to set up your table. We ask that you are done setting your table by 4:00 p.m. so that calm and welcoming hostesses meet our guests as they begin to arrive around 4:15 p.m.

2. Please set your table for six people using Holiday, Seasonal or just pretty dinnerware. This can be fine china, everyday dishes or fancy paper products. If you own a pretty Tea Pot and would like to use it instead of our Carafe, please feel free to bring that along. Our objective is to have a pleasant, warm and festive atmosphere where no one table outshines the others.

3. Your table setting should include:

- Plate, cup and saucer for tea (or mug)
- Water glass (wine glass or some sort of goblet is fine)
- Napkin, spoon, fork and knife
- Sugar/creamers – sugar cubes and cream provided
- Serving platter, serving bowl, two sets tongs, small plate or candy dish. Please label all items with masking tape on the bottom.
- Pitcher/carafe for ice water. Teapot or carafe/thermos for hot water.
- Table cloths. Tables are 60" round. White tablecloths are available to borrow, if needed. For more color, you may choose to use placemats on top of the tablecloth
- Holiday Centerpiece – may include candles and/or fairy lights for added festiveness
- Hostesses may choose to have a small party favor - candy/ornament - for guests, but this is not necessary
- At the end of the evening, hostesses will pack all dishes and table ware and take home to clean.

Be creative! A few ideas: a traditional red/green holiday setting, a Northwoods theme, winter wonderland, a themed setting from a favorite book/movie or a tablescape based on your heritage. Napkins can be fancy-folded on the plate, placed in the water glass, in a napkin ring or any way you choose!

4. Each table will be provided with ice water, a carafe of hot water for tea and a variety of tea bags, cream and sugar. If you have a water pitcher or tea pot you would like to use, please bring them.

5. High Tea food items (not a full evening meal) will be provided for each table.

6. At 4:45 pm sharp, the evening will begin with each table quietly going into the worship space to the row marked with their table number. There we will participate in an inspirational Advent meditation. We will then proceed back towards the Sun Hall with time to shop at the many beautiful Holiday boutiques.

7. As the women re-enter the Sun Hall, they will be handed a flute of sparkling grape juice. Once everyone is quietly seated at their tables, we will share a special toast.

8. We will eat, drink and chat until 6:00 pm, and we will have some fun and uplifting Holiday entertainment. We will finish the evening about 6:30 by drawing for our very special raffle items – including a Holiday lap quilt from our very own Faithful Knotters and gifts generously donated by our Holiday Boutique Vendors.

*Please call Deb Trebiatowski at 952-994-7264, Dena Schulz at 952-297-4731 or Julie Youngman at 952-484-4728 to claim your spot as a Table Hostess or if you have any questions.*