# November 2025 Lunch Specials

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Did you know?			A La Carte	1
		<ul> <li>Everything is priced a la carte</li> <li>Entrées in GREEN are Vegan or Vegetarian</li> <li>Breakfast is served 7:30-10am</li> <li>Lunch is served 11:30-2pm</li> <li>Dinner is served 5-7pm</li> </ul>			Entrée\$5.98 Vegan Entrée\$4.25 Starch\$1.50 Vegetable\$1.50	Chicken Stir-Fry Veg Pot Stickers Cucumber Salad
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Brisket Baked Beans Roasted Carrots	Squash Ravioli Spaghetti Squash w/ Mushroom Ragu Pumpkin Bread Roasted Cauliflower	Turkey Pot Pie Vegan Pot Pie Cheddar Biscuit Vegan Broccoli Salad	Chicken Tikka Masala Vegan Tikka Masala Naan Flatbread Carrot-Cumin Slaw	Beef Stroganoff Vegan Stroganoff Dinner Rolls Sautéed Kale & Mushrooms	Chicken Shawarma Chickpea Falafel Baba Ganoush Tzatziki with Pita	Pork Lettuce Wraps Fried Rice Spring Rolls
	Egg Salad Sandwich	BLT	Philly Cheesesteak	Caesar Wrap	Ham & Chz Panini	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Shepard's Pie Corn Bread Quinoa Kale Salad	Cobb Salad Vegan Cobb Quinoa & Rice Pasta Salad	Tacos Al Pastor Vegan Tacos Al Pastor Refried Beans Chips and Guac	Chicken Cacciatori Vegan Cacciatori Warm Bread Side Salad	Salmon Caesar Salad Vegan Caesar Salad Warm Bread Watermelon Mint Salad	Burger Bar Vegan Burger Bar Onion Rings Side Salad	Lemon Caper Chicken Steamed Rice Green Beans
	Greek Tuna Wrap	Buffalo Chicken Sandwich w/ Swiss	Turkey Bacon Wrap	Portabella Panini	Turkey Reuben	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Chinese Beef with Broccoli Pot Stickers Spring Rolls	Niçoise Salad Vegan Niçoise French Bread Gazpacho	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Meatless Chik'n Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Creamed Spinach	Hungarian Goulash Vegan Goulash Dinner Rolls Side Salad	Sausage & Kale Alfredo Vegan Sausage & Kale Pesto Pasta Sweet Potato Arugula Salad	Flank Steak Portabella Steak Baked Potato Roasted Cauliflower	Gyro Greek Orzo Baba Ganoush with Pita
22	Turkey Pesto Panini	Italian Sub	Panini	Tuna Melt	Reuben	20
Lasagna Dinner Roll Spinach	Pozole Vegan Pozole Chips and Salsa Jicama Slaw Veggie Quesadilla	Bento Beef Salad Tofu Bento Salad Soba Noodles Peas & Carrots	26 Carnitas Burrito Bowl Vegan Burrito Bowl Rice and Beans Chips & Guacamole  Buffalo Chicken Sandwich w/ Swiss	Thanksgiving Special All Day!	28 Chicken Parmesan Eggplant Parmesan Garlic Bread Green Beans Meatball Sub	French Dip Potato Wedges Coleslaw
30	Aspen Valley Hospital's Vision is to be the leader in fostering our					
Turkey Pot Pie Cheddar Biscuit Vegan Broccoli Salad	community as the healthiest in the nation. We invite you to nourish your body with one of our delicious daily specials (vegan lunch options available M-F). You can also build a salad at our salad bar, choose one of our homemade soups or select a grab-and-go item from the cooler.					

# **New Holiday Traditions**

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The holidays are a time that tends to be full of traditions. This year, make food safety part of the tradition by looking at old habits and replacing them with these simple home food safety tips!

#### **Reckless Thawing**

- Old Habit: Thawing frozen turkey or other meats on the kitchen counter or under hot water in the kitchen sink.
- New Tradition: To prevent the spread of harmful bacteria, frozen meats and poultry should be thawed in a refrigerator set at or below 40°F. If pressed for time, you can thaw a wrapped frozen turkey in a sink filled with cold tap water, making sure to change the water every 30 minutes. Depending on the size of the turkey, it may be defrosted in the microwave, but check the owner's manual for your machine and be prepared to cook it right after thawing. A frozen turkey also can be cooked in the oven to its safe, minimum internal temperature of 165°F, but it will take longer to cook than if it is thawed first.

# **Holding Out on Hot Stuff**

- Old Habit: When preparing a cooked dish that needs to chill (for storage or serving purposes), waiting until foods cool before putting them in the refrigerator.
- **New Tradition:** To ensure the freshness and safety of your freshly cooked foods, place them promptly in the refrigerator after cooking. Using shallow containers will allow them to cool more quickly.

# **Covered Dish Delivery**

- Old Habit: For holiday festivities with family and friends that require travel, bringing dishes to share on long car rides.
- New Tradition: Pay close attention to how much time your prepared dish will be out of the refrigerator or oven. A cold dish can be packed in a cooler with ice packs to keep it cold while traveling. Hot dishes can be transported in an insulated bag that is intended to keep foods hot or covered with foil and insulated with towels. Cold dishes should be kept below 40°F and hot dishes above 140°F. If the dish is outside these temperature zones for two hours or more, it should be discarded.

# **Rocking the Gravy Boat**

- Old Habit: Forgetting to bring gravy to a boil before serving it with leftovers.
- **New Tradition:** In order to eliminate harmful bacteria, always bring leftover gravy to a boil on the stove before serving it a second time. Any leftover gravy should be used within three to four days.

# **Festive Floor-Grazing**

- **Old Habit:** Abiding by the "five-second-rule" to determine how long food is safe to eat after it falls on the floor.
- New Tradition: Tragic as it may be when a holiday treat topples to the ground, it's never a good idea to eat it. In the spirit of "out with the old, in with the new," toss it.