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Engaging Segments of the Congregation: Seniors

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Seniors are the largest group in Lutheran churches, but their wisdom and experience is often overlooked. While the focus of many churches is on future generations, senior members are often an underutilized asset. Many seniors want to leave a legacy and make a difference while they still have time.

How to make the most of the seniors in your congregation?

1. Encourage seniors to get involved

- Seniors have untapped skills, expertise from past occupations, and boundless life experience.
- Invite them to serve as a board member or as an adviser.
- Encourage them to serve a ministry, but not necessarily to own it.
- Seniors often have more time than parents of young families or full-time employees.

2. Use seniors as mentors

- Pair seniors up with emerging leaders.
- Allow them to encourage the next generation of leaders and impart wisdom.

3. Encourage seniors to pray

- In addition to other service opportunities, any senior, regardless of their circumstance, can pray.
- Invite them to pray for the church: its leaders, ministries, and members.