

# STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR MINISTRY

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### Engaging Segments of the Congregation: Empty Nesters

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Once children move out of the house, parents suddenly have a lot more time on their hands to devote to other pursuits, including volunteering at church. Empty nesters are a group that can be a great asset to your congregation and should be intentionally engaged.

#### How to engage empty nesters in ministry?

**1. Use a Rite of Godspeed**

- Use a Rite of Godspeed (found in the Lutheran Service Book: Agenda) to send students off after graduation.
- It is a good start to the next phase of life to have Christ in their hearts and your prayers sending them on.

**2. Invite parents to a Rite of Commissioning**

- Commission parents as servants of the church on the Sunday following the Rite of Godspeed for their kids.
- An installation of servants of the congregation can also be found in the Lutheran Service Book: Agenda.

**3. Commission empty nesters**

- Spend the springtime recruiting and preparing the parents of recent graduates for their time as empty nesters, positioning them for specific volunteer opportunities.
- Help them transition from the parents of high schoolers to newly refreshed and engaged empty nesters.