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Differing Worldviews/New Believers

Pray for all believers, especially the recently baptized.

Pray the Holy Spirit works in the hearts and minds of unbelievers and brings them to faith.

Begin a Christian big-brother / big-sister program.

Have a party to recognize and celebrate my Baptism.

Post Baptism pictures on church bulletin boards.

Celebrate Baptisms and baptismal birthdays in school announcements or on bulletin boards.

Hold a class for parents at church and invite pastor to talk about Baptism.

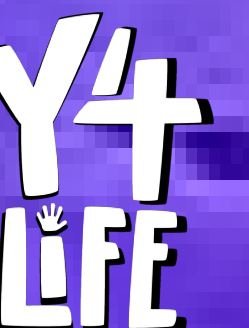
"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."
1 Peter 3:15

Invite a speaker to talk about how to be Gospel-motivated voices for life and engage in apologetics for life.

Create baptismal banners, posters, or quilts for newly baptized members.



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Facing Temptation

Connect individuals with opportunities to set boundaries (e.g. monitoring apps, chaperones, not serving or offering alcohol).

Monitor use of language and change wording to avoid reinforcing temptations (e.g. "beautiful" instead of "sexy" or "I'm sure" rather than "I bet").

Memorize a Scripture verse that will aid in resisting temptation.

Share struggles with a trusted individual to provide accountability.

Receive God's Word and Sacrament for strength and forgiveness.

Celebrate those in recovery (e.g. addictions) and resisting the urge to participate in sinful behaviors.

Offer to support someone else facing temptations, pray for them, and regularly check on them.

Make time to attend corporate worship.

"...for you know the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."
James 1:3

Celebrate the hope and healing we have in Christ.



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Homosexuality/Transgenderism

Recognize we all have sexual sins such that the person is not alone in the struggle, and these sins can be forgiven.

We recognize every life is indispensable and a gift.

Welcome discussion about sexuality/identity issues and respond with facts given with loving kindness.

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."
John 6:37

Spend time in God's Word daily.

Despite the intensity of desire or the worldly acceptance of homosexuality / transgenderism, the temptation can be resisted.

Seek or connect loved ones with a Lutheran pastor for counseling.

We love, befriend, and support those struggling with sexual temptations.

Affirm the God-given identity even as you affirm the struggle the individual is experiencing.


Ask others to pray for you.

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Persecution



Practice de-escalation when possible.



Recognize you are not alone; Christ and all of Christendom stand with you.



Recognize the world hated Christ, so be ready and expect persecution and have a long-term view that it will not last forever.




Develop encouraging and uplifting phrases for yourself and to share with others.



Surround yourself with supportive Christians who will offer encouragement and prayer.




Reach out through phone or email to support someone who is experiencing persecution.




Support people on social media who are being persecuted for speaking or standing for the truth.




Pray for those being persecuted.



"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."
John 14:18



Recognize that God has made you, Christ has redeemed you, and the Holy Spirit has called you to faith. These realities give your life meaning and purpose.



Take a Sabbath rest to be rejuvenated and spiritually strengthened so you can be steadfast in the face of persecution.

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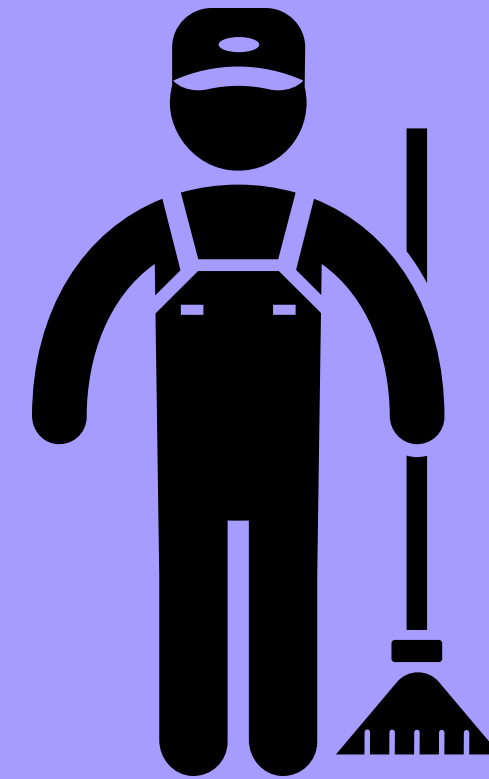


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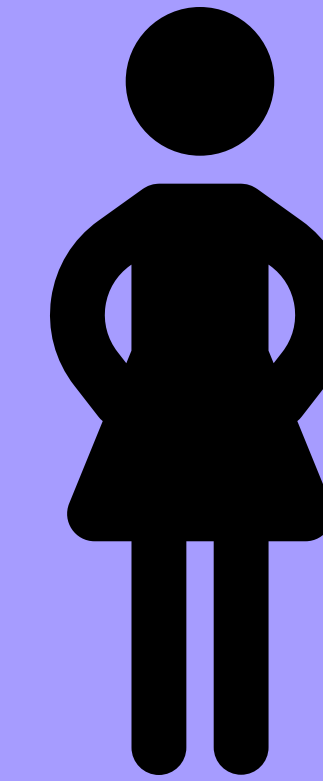
Vocation/Calling



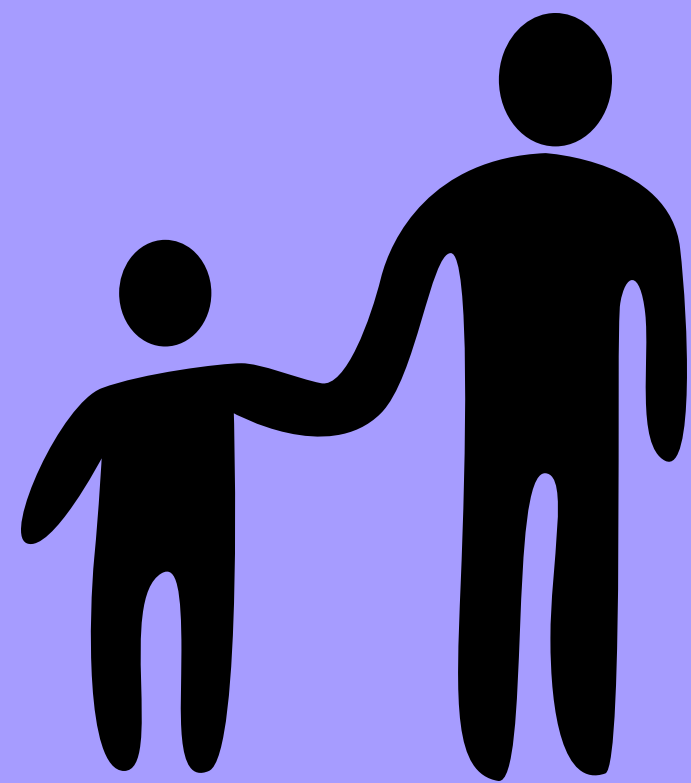
Read a book on vocations and lead a group discussion about the various ways God works in and through people.



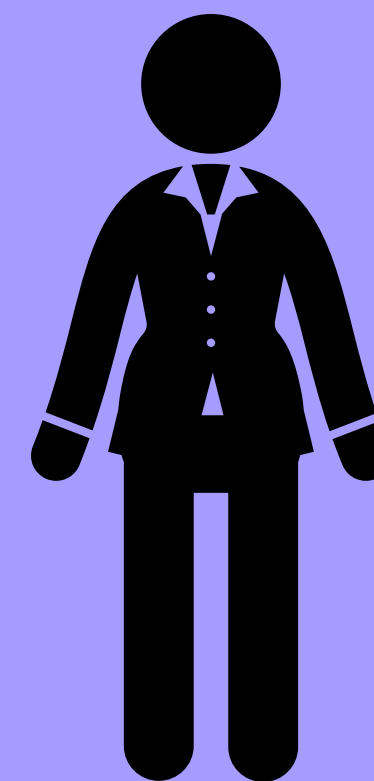
Ask others to help you find ways to serve based on the gifts God has given you.



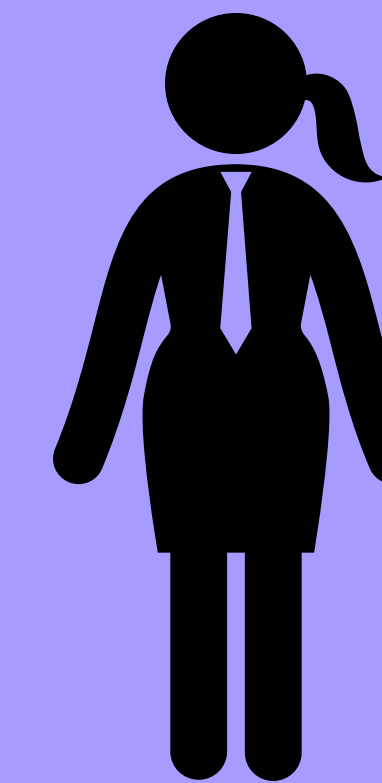
Using Titus 2, study biblical manhood / womanhood, purity, and love for God's gift of life.



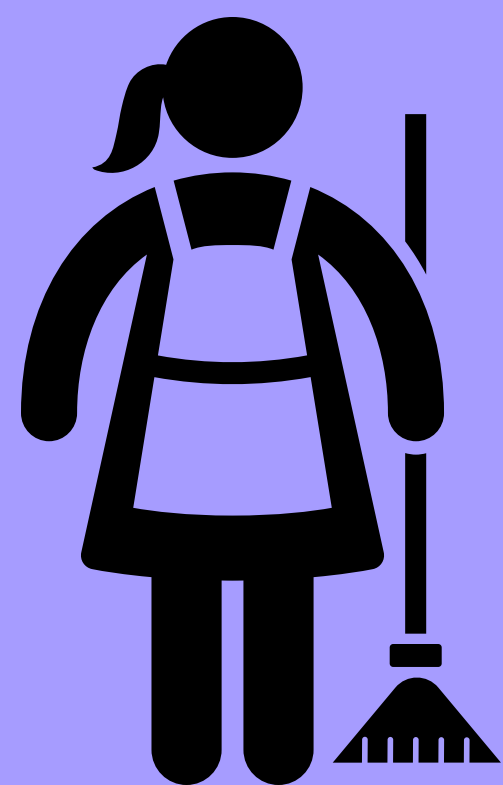
Celebrate your Baptism. Perhaps even throw a Baptism party to celebrate the day you began a new life in Christ.



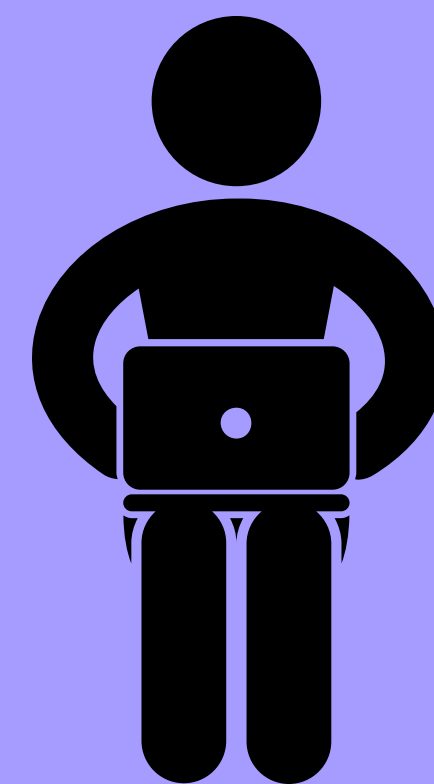
"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope..."
Jeremiah 29:11



Hold an appreciation day celebration for those who serve others (e.g., church, armed forces, public service workers, teachers, etc.).



Learn about vocation and the many opportunities God has provided for you to serve and be served.



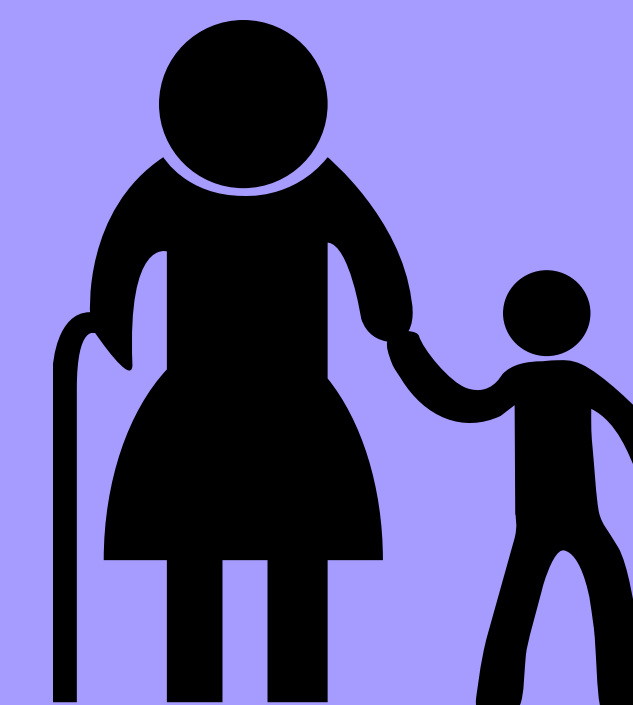
Ask others to remind you of how you're needed. What role do you play in their lives? How is your life a gift to them?



Recognize all the vocations where God has placed me.



Recognize God working through other people to provide your daily bread.



Write thank you cards for the opportunity to serve on behalf of Christ and send to people who have the vocation of being served.



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