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### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sign up sheets for lay liturgist, cookie table hosts, greeters and flowers for 2018 are located on the bulletin board in the centrum. Please feel free to sign up for any of these great opportunities.

### FUELED BY THANKFULNESS

Thankfulness is not a minor virtue. It is not one of the elementary virtues that may be left behind as we become more mature. I believe that thankfulness is essential to the strength of every virtue, and that without it every other branch is starved and lean.

Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road.

—John Henry Jowett

### THANKSGIVING

The year has turned its circle,  
The seasons come and go.  
The harvest all is gathered in,  
And chilly north winds blow.  
Orchards have shared their treasures,  
The fields, their yellow grain,  
So open wide the doorway~  
Thanksgiving comes again!



### USE IT ALL UP

About two-thirds of Americans say eating Thanksgiving leftovers is more important than eating the actual holiday meal. That's one of the few times people hope food is left on the table. When it comes to giving out blessings, God doesn't want any leftovers to remain. In Genesis 12:2, God blesses Abraham so he will be a blessing to others.

Charles Stanley writes: "A hoarded blessing is never enjoyed richly as a shared one. Using your gift to meet someone else's need glorifies God by demonstrating his grace at work in your life. Don't let his generous provisions end with you. Pass them on and discover the joy of a never-ending cycle of blessings."

### BIBLE QUIZ

A. Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: "Bless the Lord, O my \_\_\_\_\_, and forget not all his benefits."

- A. people            B. soul  
C. Heart            D. children

Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2)