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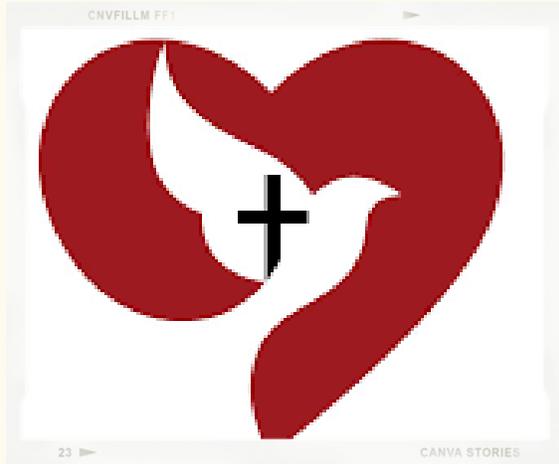
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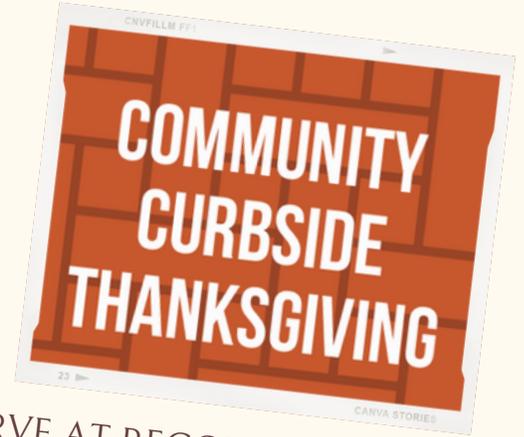
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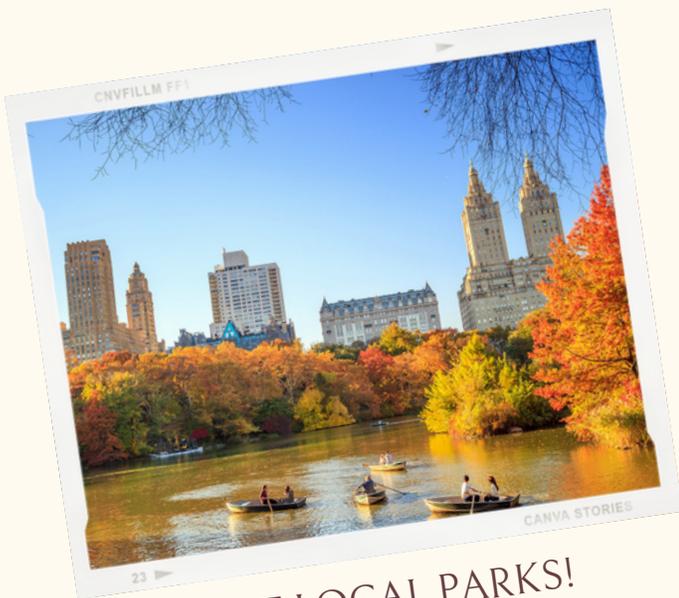
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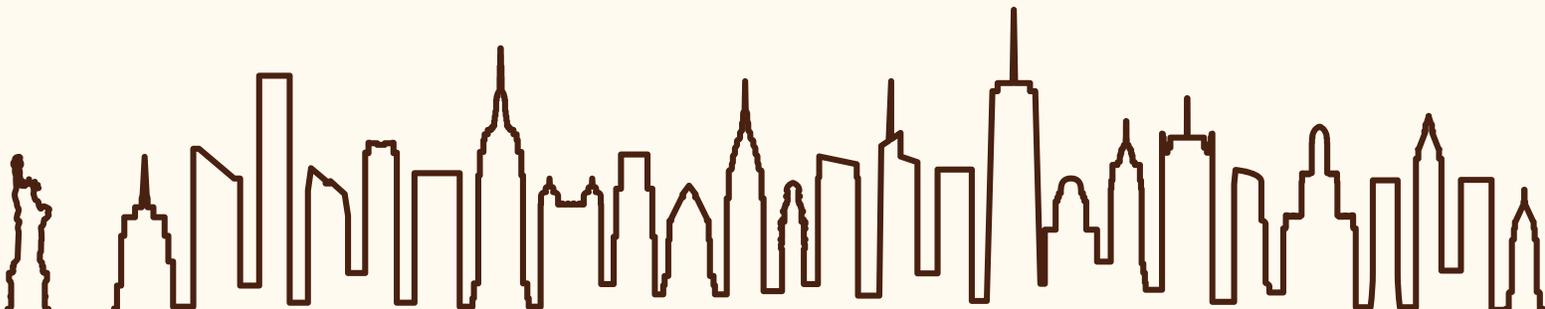
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FIVE TIPS

For Hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner

1. Plan Ahead
2. Prep What You Can Ahead of Time
3. Divide and Conquer (Share Food Responsibilities!)
4. Cute Décor
5. Remember to be Thankful!

"To host a STELLAR Friendsgiving you should always plan in advance and assign each guest a side dish or dessert, making sure to take care of the main course yourself. You must prep the apartment or home with twinkly lights, candles galore, holiday-themed music, and décor. Have some games prepped and make sure to have some sort of a Run of Show so you know when you plan to eat, have dessert, play the games, etc... and NEVER FORGET to take some time to pray and have everyone name one or so things they are grateful for." -Serena Tuomi



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Deb's Pão de Queijo



Tyler's Strawberry Pretzel Dessert



Bailey's Apple Cider Donuts



Lydia's Pumpkin Bread

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[Nick's Apple Sauce Bundt Cake](#)



[Andrea's Corn Au Gratin](#)



[Leticia's Easy Stuffing](#)



[Serena's Dutch Apple Pie](#)

OUR TRADITIONS



ANDREA LOPEZ

Director of Student Services

"Growing up, we would spend Thanksgiving with my grandparents in Memphis. Instead of Turkey, we would always eat barbecue and ribs instead."-

McKenna Morgan



MCKENNA MORGAN

President of the House of Susan B. Anthony



SAMANTHA KELLY

President of the House of Queen Elizabeth I

"Every year my family goes to a family friend's house for Thanksgiving dinner. There is always an adult table and a kids table (even though, at this point, all of us "kids" are adults). Besides the amazing variety of food, something that makes it special is the after-dinner-walk."

- Samantha Kelly

"Back home, we do a Thanksgiving Breakfast Service, and everyone in our church speaks about what they are thankful for in the year! Because of how hectic that our church service is, we go home and nap for most of the day! Then, once we wake up, we all eat something we've already prepared before and watch Hallmark Christmas movies!" - Deborah Gonçalves



DEBORAH GONÇALVES

Director of Student Events

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"My family has a "Christmas Eve Box". Starting with Thanksgiving Day, and each day through Christmas Eve we write down things we are thankful for from the past year and add them to the box. On Christmas Eve, we read through all the entries together as a family so that the first "gifts" we receive are the blessings God showed us all year." - Jonathan Sheaffer



JONATHAN SHEAFFER

Director of Statesmanship Institute



OLIVIA WILLIAMS

President of the House of Truth

"My brothers, dad, uncle and I always play a game of Axis and Allies that lasts long into the night. Often times, it has to be resumed the next day or—if it goes on too long—at Christmas. We'll take pictures of the board and reconstruct it as it was." - Brent Buterbaugh



BRENT BUTERBAUGH

Director of Student Orgs



ESTHER JHUN

Director of Counseling

Being at the kids table with my cousins. Plus, growing up to a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (and Christmas, Great Pumpkin, etc.) - Esther Jhun

OUR TRADITIONS

"My family has two traditions. First, two weeks before Thanksgiving, we have a giant family reunion on my mom's side her siblings (nine of them) and their families all get together. Once we've had the meal, the kids go outside to play and everyone else stays in and sings old hymns. It's roughly 100 people in attendance each year. Second, on thanksgiving day, everyone naps through the Cowboys game after dinner." - Colin Phillips



COLIN PHILLIPS
Student Body President



"My favorite tradition is eating too much delicious food with my family and then going out and shooting skeet in the afternoon." - Miles Sinagra

MILES SINAGRA

President of the House of Churchill

"It doesn't matter what you do, or what you eat, as long as you are with family or friends. So grab a friend or two and create a new Thanksgiving tradition of your own!" - Kylie Willis



KYLIE WILLIS

Christian Formation Coordinator



OUR TRADITIONS



LYDIA MARLIN

Director of Spiritual Life

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is playing games with my family at my grandparent's house after dinner because we always have such a good time. Everyone is happy from the food so we all get excited when someone rolls a Yahtzee!™ and it's just good vibes all around." - Jackson Holiday



JACKSON HOLIDAY

President of the House of Bonhoeffer

"We make sugar cookies for special occasions and holidays. The recipe has been in our family for several generations. The best part of this tradition is the sibling competition of who can decorate the best cookie (for the girls, it is all about the detail but for the boys, it is how much frosting you can pile on!)." - Megan Lassiter



MEGAN LASSITER

Housing Director Fiddi

"Every Thanksgiving, we look forward to hanging out with family and good friends (though this year will be smaller!), stuffing ourselves with turkey or ham, talking, laughing, and taking in football games!" - David Leedy



DEAN LEEDY

Dean of Students

OUR TRADITIONS

"My favorite tradition is playing games with my family. Last year we had a competition of who could pull tissues out of a box fastest with one hand tied behind their back. or a relay race where we had to balance a ball on our hearts and walk around the room." - Aisha Seay



AISHA SEAY

Director of Finance



HAYDEN HILL

President of the House of Ronald Reagan

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is taking my family Christmas card photo. Once my entire family is assembled; generations gathered, I am reminded of God's blessing. There is also a sobering moment that comes when acknowledging that someday members of this photo will no longer be here. This important fact compels me each Thanksgiving to be grateful for the present, to anticipate a future where we will be united again, and to remember the One who has no end."

- Hayden Hill

"A table cloth that has been in my family for 3 generations! everyone at thanksgiving that year signs it in pencil and then my grandma embroiders it throughout the following months. its so cool to see my great granparents names on there and other loved ones who used to celebrate with us." - Taryn Cohn



TARYN COHN

Director of Communication

OUR TRADITIONS



LETICIA MOSQUEDA

Housing Director Brooklyn

"My favorite thanksgiving tradition is taking a long power nap after all the delicious food my mom makes. Once I moved to NYC my mom would visit me for Thanksgiving and we would attend the Macy's day parade!" - Bailey Kaufman

"As lifelong Cowboys fans my family watches the Dallas Cowboys in the afternoon game over dessert (we have Thanksgiving lunch!)" - Leticia Mosqueda



BAILEY KAUFMAN

President of the House of Barton



NICK SWEDICK

Assistant Dean of Students

"Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. My entire extended family spends the day together at my grandparent's house. And we eat great food--deep-fried turkey is the way to go!" - Nick Swedick

"My family usually drives through the "Festival of Lights" (a big Christmas lights display in North Carolina) the day after Thanksgiving to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season :)" - Rachel Williamson



RACHEL WILLIAMSON

President of the House of Thatcher

OUR TRADITIONS



TYLER SELLS

President of the House of Lewis

"As the youngest of four siblings, who often lived far away, Thanksgiving always meant I got to see at least one of my siblings each year. Also it is a tradition for my mom to make Strawberry Pretzel Dessert. It is also something that usually never makes it to the 'leftovers' stage." - Tyler Sells



BRYAN FINELY

Athletic Director

"Just celebrating at my aunt's house on Thanksgiving, every year for 40+ years now!"

- Bryan Finely



SERENA TUOMI

President of the House of tenBoom

"My favorite tradition has always been delivering Thanksgiving meals to our community in Hibbing! All the churches come together in my hometown and put on a giant community meal where we usually serve a thousand people or so and my family would always deliver meals to the nursing homes. It was always so special to pray with the people who were not able to leave or did not have family to spend the day with." - Serena Tuomi

"I just love the scene of sitting around a table with a feast on the table. It's like, here is a normal thing we always do - eating together - but magnified. Celebrated in a way life should always be celebrated. I love the magnified normalcy. The invitation to appreciate the normalcy of life by exaggerating it. That moment when everyone sits down and the food is set and everyone is kind of looking around waiting for who is going to pray or start eating; it is like a moment suspended in time. A snapshot of the best of what life could be. That's what I love most." - Joey Willis



JOEY WILLIS

Christian Formation Coordinator