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Homemade pie makes for a perfect ending to a holiday meal



Millions of people insist no holiday meal is complete without some pie for dessert. Pie served with coffee certainly makes for a fitting end to a holiday meal, and hosts can serve any type of pie and still end up with some satisfied guests.

Though pie aficionados typically have their own go-to pie, pumpkin pie is especially popular at the holiday dinner table. Hosts who want to cater to the masses can serve up the following recipe for “Pumpkin Pie” courtesy of Emily Luchetti’s “Classic Stars Desserts” (Chronicle Books). Featuring homemade pumpkin purée and cream, this recipe is sure to make guests happy this holiday season.

PUMPKIN PIE

Serves 8

Ingredients

- 3..... large eggs
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- ½ cup..... firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup..... dark corn syrup
- 1½ cups heavy whipping cream
- 1½ cups pumpkin purée, homemade
(see below)
- 1tbsp..... rum
- 1 tsp..... ground cinnamon
- ¾ tsp..... ground ginger
- ½ tsp..... salt
- 1..... prebaked 9½-inch pie crust
- 1..... recipe chantilly cream (see below)

Steps

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and brown sugar until blended. Add the corn syrup and whisk until smooth. Whisk in the cream, pumpkin purée, rum, cinnamon, ginger, and salt until well mixed. Pour into the prebaked pie crust.
3. Bake until the filling is set, about 30 minutes. Let cool to room temperature. Serve with the chantilly cream.

Chef’s Tip

The pie may be made a day in advance, covered and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before serving.

PUMPKIN PURÉE

Makes 2½ cups

Ingredients

- 2½ lbs..... sugar pumpkins
- ¼ cup..... water

Steps

1. Preheat the oven to 325 F. Cut each pumpkin into sixths. Scrape out the seeds and any stringy pulp. Put the pumpkin pieces, cut-side up, and the water in a baking pan and cover the pan with aluminum foil. Bake until soft when pierced with a fork, about 1 hour and 10 minutes.
2. Remove from the oven and, when cool enough to handle, scoop out the flesh with a spoon and purée in a food mill or food processor. If the purée is watery, place it in a large sauté pan and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until thick. The timing will depend on how watery the purée is.
3. Let cool, cover and refrigerate until using.

Chef’s tip

You can whip the cream an hour or two in advance, cover and refrigerate it. If it sits longer than that, it will start to thin out and you will need to rewhip it lightly before using. A few quick stirs with a whisk will do the trick.

CHANTILLY CREAM

Makes about 2¼ cups

Ingredients

- 1 cup..... heavy whipping cream
- ½ tsp..... vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp..... granulated sugar

1. Put the cream, vanilla and sugar in a bowl and whip by hand with a whisk or with an electric mixer on medium speed until soft peaks begin to form. The cream should hold its shape but still be very smooth.
2. Cover and refrigerate until serving.



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Simple tricks to disentangle holiday lights

The joyous holiday season is enhanced by the beautiful and festive decorations that adorn homes and businesses during this special time of year. Twinkling lights are part of the holiday decorating equation. However, tangled lights in storage bins and boxes can sap anyone's holiday spirit.

Christmas lights can turn into a tangled mess no matter how hard people work to avoid such an outcome. Christmas lights get tangled partly because of their design. There is a metal wire inside the cord to help with the packaging of the lights, which gives the cord a natural curve. Furthermore, most light cords are made from twisted or braided wires that have spaces throughout. The lights themselves can get snagged in these pockets between the wires.

Although it can be frustrating to deal with tangled lights that look like balls of yarn in a knitting basket, there are ways to disentangle them with relative ease — and then pack them in a way that can reduce further tangles.

Begin by plugging all lights into the outlet to see if they work. If most of the bulbs are burnt out or the lights do not go on at all, discard the strand. There's no point untangling lights only to learn they don't work.

Start slowly, beginning on the plug end, when untangling the lights. Keep the strand you're working on separate from the other lights so they do not inadvertently become entangled. Tackle this job in a space with a lot of room. Lay the lights out on a large table or sit on the floor to do the untangling.

Utilize a pen or pencil to fish out more stubborn snags. This can help you loosen any knots and make it easier to pull snags through.

Lay the untangled strands out in a safe area away from your working space as you work through each strand.

One of the ways to avoid the hassle of tangled lights is to remember to store the lights in ways that will reduce their propensity for tangling in the first place.

- Rather than wrap lights around your hand or arm to condense the strand, use something else. A piece of cardboard, a hanger and some PVC tubing can keep lights from becoming tangled.
- Store lights in a zip-top bag to keep them from tangling with other strands stored together.
- Save the original boxes and return the lights to them after each use.
- Icicle lights have hanging strands of lights on longer strands, which can

compound tangling issues. Use a rubber band to gather the hanging "icicles" together, or use some plastic wrap for the same purpose.

- Invest in a cord reel, similar to what you might use for a garden hose. Longer light strands or wires are stored on such reels, and they can be used with Christmas lights.
- Patience and care can prevent holiday lights from becoming tangled.



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Prep: 20 Min | Cook: 35 Min
Yield: 2 Loaves



Ingredients

- ½ cup warm water (105°–115°F)
- 2 (¼ oz) packages active dry yeast
- 1½ cups whole milk, scalded and cooled
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp salt
- ½ tsp ground mace
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 8–8½ cups bread flour, divided
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 1 cup seedless golden raisins (soaked 5 min & drained)
- ½ cup chopped or slivered almonds
- **Egg Wash:** 1 large egg yolk, 1 tbsp water

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water; let stand 5 mins.
2. Stir in milk, sugar, salt, mace, eggs and 3 cups of the flour to make a batter. Set aside.
3. Sift 5 cups flour into a large mixing bowl. Thoroughly blend in butter.
4. Stir down the batter; add lemon zest, raisins and almonds.
5. Add to flour mixture. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Knead 10–12 mins by hand or with a dough hook until smooth and elastic.
6. Place in a greased bowl; cover; let rise until doubled. Punch down; divide in half; cover; let rest 10 mins.
7. Dough Shaping:
8. To shape, divide each half into 10 pieces: 4 large pieces; 4 slightly smaller pieces; and 2 small pieces. Roll all pieces into 16-inch ropes, tapering the ends.
9. Place the four largest ropes on a greased baking sheet and braid. Pinch ends together. Using the side of your hand, indent the center of the braid lengthwise. Braid the 4 smaller pieces and lay this braid lengthwise on top of the first braid; indent again. Twist the final two pieces together and lay on top of second braid. Pinch all ends together and tuck underneath the loaf. Fasten ends and top with about 5 toothpicks so the loaf will hold its shape during baking.
10. Cover; let rise until doubled.
11. Preheat oven to 350*
12. Beat egg yolk with 1 tbsp water; brush on braids.
13. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 35 to 40 mins or until the internal temperature registers about 200°F. If top browns too quickly, tent with foil. Cool; remove picks.



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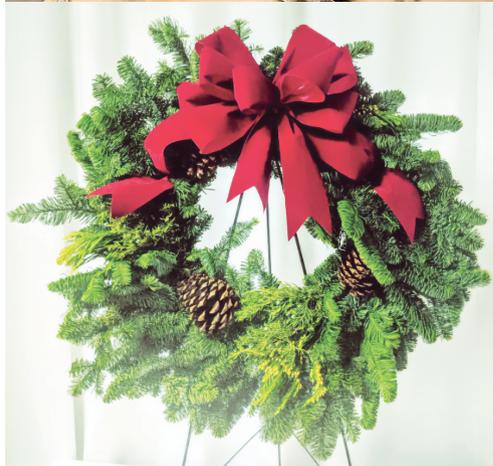
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>Christmas Kickoff/Open House at Old Cottonwood in Utica - 5:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>GFWC NFWC Fall HS Girl's Only Writing Workshop - Civic Center - Please RSVP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Allure Fashions Holiday Open House Nov. 2-5th</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Second Closet Holiday Open House 10:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>Cattle Classic Basketball Tournament at Concordia</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cattle Classic Basketball Tournament at Concordia</p> <p>Christmas Arrives Open House at Liberty House</p> <p>Second Closet Holiday Open House - 9:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Holiday Sip & Shop with Allure, Bottle Rocket, Red Path & Squire Ward's 10:00am-6:00pm</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Blue Bench Gifts Annual Open House - Noon-5:00pm</p> <p>Red Path Gallery & Tasting Room Holiday Open House - Noon-5:00pm</p> <p>Second Closet Holiday Open House - Noon-4:00pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Rue 6 Lasagna Night 5:00pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>GFWC Seward Womens Club Meeting - 1:30pm Civic Center</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pac N Save Wine Tasting 4:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>Special Lighted Open House at Merle's Flower Shop with wine & refreshments 5:00pm-8:00pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Holiday Open House at Merle's Flower Shop with hot cider 9:00am-5:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Holiday Open House at Merle's Flower Shop with hot cider 9:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>Seward United Methodist Church Annual Bazaar 9:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>Squire Ward's Huskers vs. Maryland - TBD</p>
<p>12</p> <p>St. Gregory the Great Seminary Visitor Sunday 10:00am Mass followed by tours and 5:30pm Vespers</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Rue 6 Concordia Faculty Mixer - 5:00pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Concordia University Open House & Tree Lighting, Steps of Weller Hall - 7:00pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>SHOP SMALL IN SEWARD</p> <p>Shop local at Chapters Book & Gifts!</p> <p>Liberty House Snowflake/Snowman Sale</p> <p>Squire Ward's Huskers at Wisconsin - TBD</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Gingerbread House Entries are due for judging at the Civic Center 6:00pm-8:00pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Junto Open - Noon-6:00pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Junto - Closed</p> <p>Rue 6 - Closed</p> <p>Squire Ward's - Closed</p> <p>SCCDP Office - Closed</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Allure Fashion's Black Friday Sale</p> <p>Junto - Closed</p> <p>SCCDP Office - Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NATIONAL SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY</p> <p>SEWARD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & LIGHTED PARADE</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Advent Worship I at Seward United Methodist - 9:30am & 5:30pm</p> <p>Junto Open - Noon-6:00pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Allure Fashions Cyber Monday Sale</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Rue 6 Holiday Cocktail Menu Reveal</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Notes:</p> <p>For the entire list of Christmas Festival Events visit: cultivatesewardcounty.com</p> <p>Or look for the festival posters at local businesses</p> <p>Remember to Shop Local - Shop Seward County!</p>	

DECEMBER 2023

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Blue Bench Gifts Extended Hours: Sundays (Dec. 3,10,17) - 1:00pm-4:00pm;
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Junto Tasting Room Hours: Fridays & Saturdays - Noon-9:00pm, Sundays - Noon-6:00pm;
Closed Sunday Dec 24 - Thursday Jan 4

1 Rue 6 Closed for Blue Jay Bash

Gathering on the Blue Christmas Antiques 4:00pm-9:00pm at Bottle Rocket Brewery
Christmas Buffet 4:30pm - 6:30pm at Cattle Conference Room, Janzow Campus Center
Christmas at Concordia Concert 7:00pm at St. John Lutheran Church
"Stuff the Cruiser" Toy Drive at Wal-Mart, Dollar General, TSC

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Christmas Buffet 4:30pm - 6:30pm at Cattle Conference Room, Janzow Campus Center
Christmas at Concordia Concerts 3:00pm & 7:00pm at St. John Lutheran Church
"Stuff the Cruiser" Toy Drive at WalMart - 9:00am-3:00pm

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Advent Worship II at Seward United Methodist - 9:30am & 5:30pm
Red Path Gallery & Tasting Room Holiday Open House 1:00pm-5:00pm
Christmas at Concordia Concert 3:00pm at St. John Lutheran Church
St. Gregory the Great Seminary Advent Vespers & Carols - 7:00pm

4

169th Birthday of the Nebraska National Guard featuring The Columbus Jazz Orchestra - 7:00pm
Weller Hall, Concordia University

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6

United Women In Faith Christmas Luncheon at UMC - 11:30am

7

Squire Ward's Self Check-out Employee Christmas Party - 7:30pm

8

Living Word Lutheran Church Annual Cookie Walk & Hand-Crafted Gifts 4:00pm-7:00pm

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Living Word Lutheran Church Annual Cookie Walk & Hand-Crafted Gifts - 9:00am-Noon
Pac N Save Wine Tasting 4:00pm-7:00pm
Rue 6 Holiday Jazz Date Night Dinner (Reservations only)
Bottle Rocket Comedy Christmas Special - 8:00pm

Olde Glory Annual Christmas Play - "Not a Creature Was Stirring...Not Even a Moose" - Dec 7-11th

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Olde Glory Annual Christmas Play - "Not a Creature Was Stirring...Not Even a Moose" Dec 7-11th
Advent Worship III at Seward United Methodist 9:30am & 5:30pm

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GFWC Seward Womans Club Christmas Luncheon "A German Christmas!" Featuring area choir and SHS International Students. Reservations required. 12:30pm, West Fireplace Room
Community Supper - 5:00pm & Children's Christmas Pageant - 6:30pm at UMC

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Squire Ward's Ugly Christmas Sweater Party 7:30pm

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Olde Glory hosts "Christmas Music & Dessert with Sally Jost"
Union Bank & Trust Holiday Open House 8:00am-5:00pm

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Seward Rotary Club/SHS FCCLA "Breakfast with Santa" Opens at 9:00am. Program at 9:15! Civic Center Basement - One hour! \$1 per person
WHSOTA Annual Holiday Show at SHS - 3:00 & 7:00 pm
Squire Ward's Pictures with Bad Santa Night - 8:00pm

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Advent Worship IV and Music Celebration Worship 9:30am & 5:30pm at UMC

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Blue Christmas Worship 6:30pm at UMC

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Junto Open Noon-9:00pm
Veterans Buddy Check at Bottle Rocket 7:00pm-9:00pm

23

Rue 6 Stocking Stuffer Night
Junto Open Noon-9:00pm

24 Junto - Closed

Blue Bench Gifts Open Noon-5:00pm
Seward United Methodist Church Worship Services: 9:30am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas at Squire Ward's Open 2:00pm-6:00pm
Rue 6 - Closed
Junto - Closed
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New Year's Eve at Squire Ward's
New Year's Eve Dinner at Rue 6 (Reservations only)



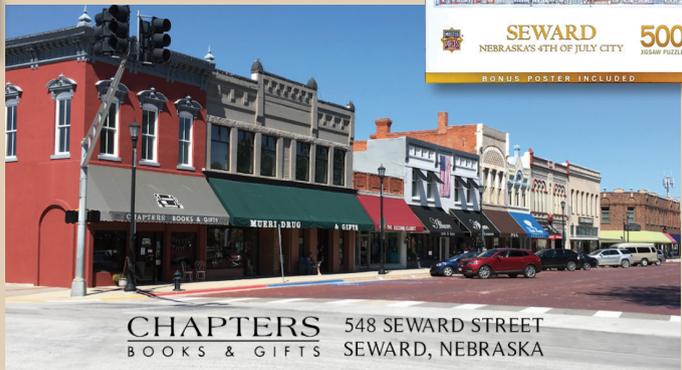
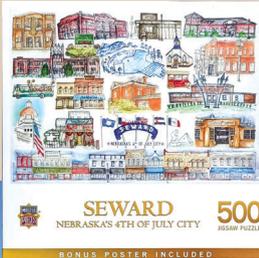
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Greeting cards are among the first signs that the holiday season has arrived. Mailboxes are filled with cards and email inboxes have new messages popping up each day wishing others well. Many of these greetings feature family photos.

A Shutterfly poll conducted by Ipsos in 2021 discovered that, while traditional holiday messages are by far the most popular missives at 63 percent, younger age groups show more interest in other types of cards, such as photo cards (between 34 and 38 percent depending on age group). Forty-one percent of people polled prefer to receive photo cards. That means holiday well-wishers may want to brush up on their photography skills.

- Keep cards in the back of your mind. While the Norman Rockwell-esque family tableau or a wintry Christmas scene is a go-to holiday card, any photo-worthy moment throughout the year can suffice. Keep a lookout for ideas while vacationing or enjoying time together as a family.
- Avoid busy prints. Stick to solid colors when posing for holiday photos; otherwise, recipients' eyes may not know where to look when viewing the photo. Photo subjects should coordinate, but wardrobes that completely match can seem contrived.



- Plan around nap times. If photos involve young children, schedule the photo shoot to occur when children are well-rested and fed. Now may be the time to offer kids treats they don't normally get in an effort to reward patience and happy smiles.
- Avoid red eye. Proper lighting can help avoid the occurrence of "red eye" in photographs, which happens when the flash bounces off a wide pupil. Asking subjects to look into bright light before the photo, or utilizing a camera that snaps a small burst of flash before the actual flash, can help alleviate this problem.
- Embrace candid shots or mixups. Some of the

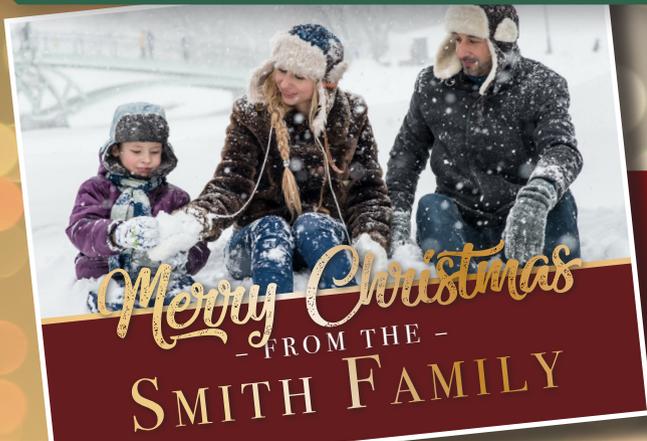
funniest and most memorable photos are when things didn't go according to plan. A crying infant or a parent looking away from the lens may not be magazine worthy, but don't be so quick to discard those less-than-perfect snaps.

- Zoom in tight and cropped. Card recipients want to look at you and not the surroundings. Avoid landscape shots on holiday cards, and be sure to focus on the subjects' faces as much as possible.
- Angle correctly for flattering photos. Adjust your body posture to look your best. Turn the lower half of your body to the side and then adjust the upper half to move slightly toward the camera to appear more svelte. Position the camera lens at eye level or above to avoid double chins in photos.
- Show off your sense of humor. You can show friends and family you like to laugh by posing in funny ways or by mimicking pop culture references in your photo cards. Recreate childhood photos of yore, or imitate photos from album covers or movie posters.
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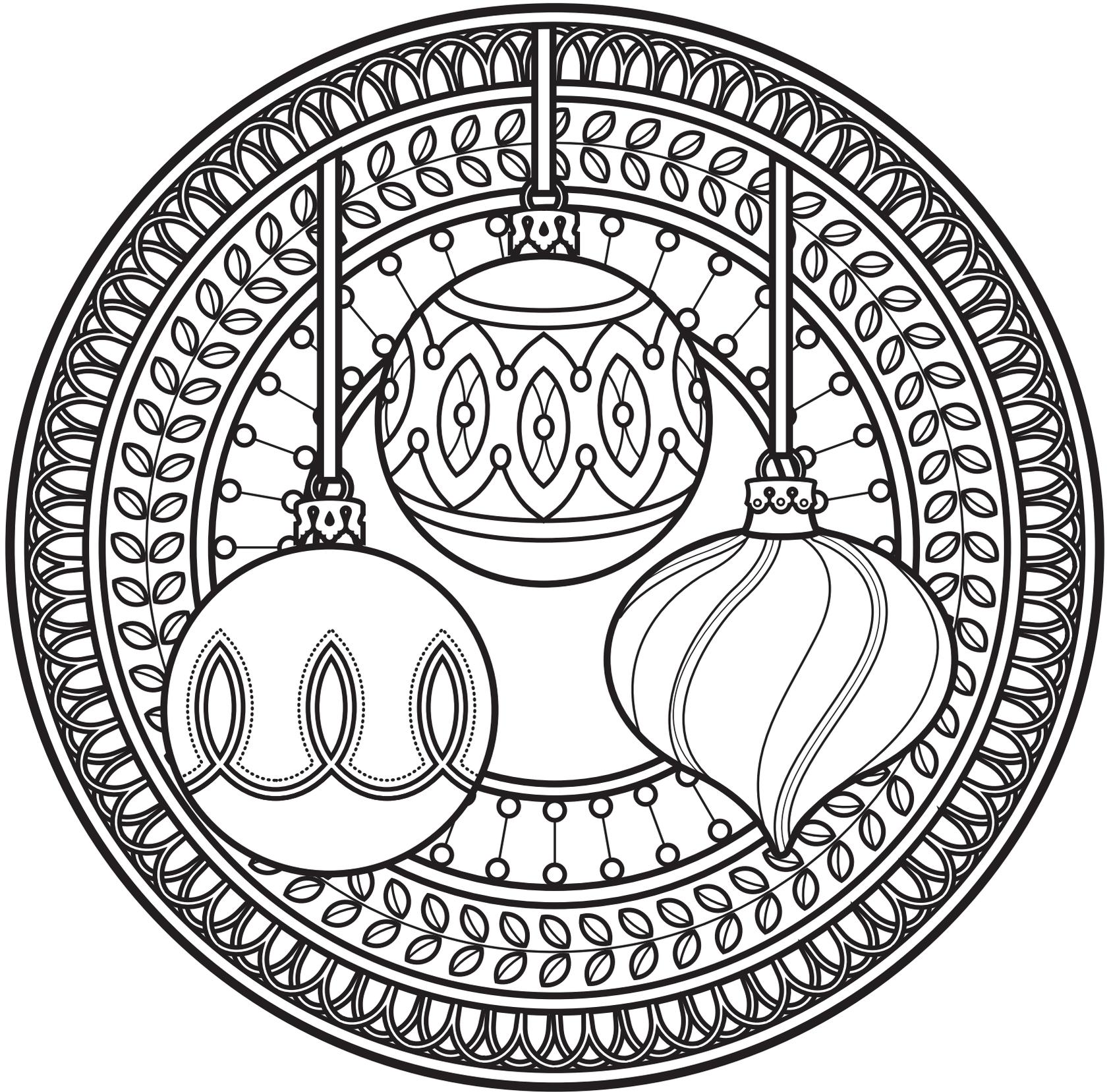
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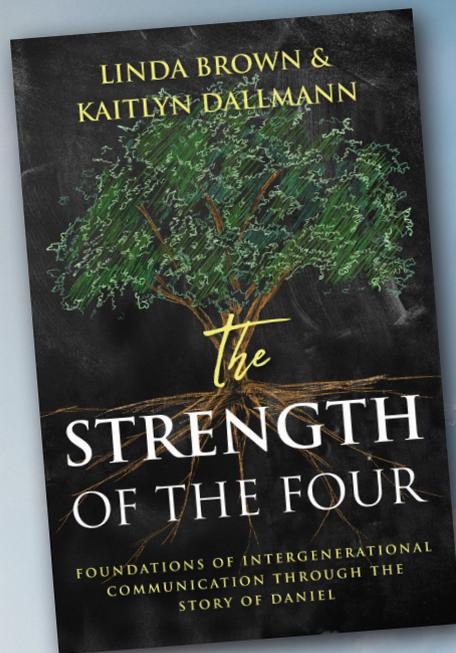
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