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Dear Members ...

Thank you for being part of the Thrivent Member Network – Mid-America Region. It is our goal to provide you resources to be wise with money and live generously, making a positive impact on our local community.

So far this year, we've hosted 18 in-person events and four webinars – each offered at two different times – to provide you with opportunities to be charitable, participate in service, learn something new and connect with your fellow Thrivent members. We have more events and webinars coming your way in the last quarter of the year, and we encourage you to invite a friend or two that you feel could benefit from learning about Thrivent. With your help we can spread our movement to help Christians be good stewards of the gifts God has given them.

Don't forget that beyond member events, you have access to programs and resources as benefits of Thrivent membership to help you make a positive impact in the community. Be sure to use your Thrivent Action Teams, the Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity Partnership, and Thrivent Choice to live generously this year!



Blessings,

Craig Smaagaard
President

Thrivent Member Network – Mid-America Region

Giving Tuesday

This year the Thrivent Member Network - Mid-America Region is supporting Giving Tuesday by partnering with two organizations in our region who answer the calling in Matthew 25. Each organization receives a match up to \$10,000 with \$1 from Thrivent for every \$2 donated. Plus we're partnering with them on in-person events for additional engagement.

The opportunity to vote on our selected organizations was sent to members in July and shared on Facebook. The votes from 848 people are in, and Lutheran Social Services of Indiana (LSSI) and Pack Away Hunger are the selected partner organizations!

LSSI promotes the overall health of our community, focusing on equipping willing families facing the most challenging obstacles with the skills necessary to make positive life choices by advancing toward economic and family stability.

Pack Away Hunger is dedicated to greatly improving the lives of children and others who suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

We hope that you will join us in making an impact in our community by supporting these organizations with a donation or participating in an event with us Dec. 3. Additional details will be available soon on our **website** and **Facebook page**.



Thrivent Action Team Spotlight: Sometimes a Celebration is in Order

Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, used a Thrivent Action Team to support a celebration of senior members who have been married 50+ years or were 80+ years old.

"Thank God for Life Long at Holy Cross" featured a speaker sharing his text on Genesis 15: 13 to 15, wedding photos of many of the couples honored, and flowers adorning the church.

Who could you celebrate with your Thrivent Action Team? Talk to the leadership at your church about how to use your action team to raise up a special group of people, then apply online at thrivent.com/tmnactionteam.

Need help applying for your Thrivent Action Team? **Watch this video** for step-by-step guidance.



Senior members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne were celebrated with assistance from Thrivent Action Team seed money.

Have a say and vote!

Thrivent board election starts October 7 and goes through November 22



By voting in the upcoming board election, you can choose the candidates that best represent you. If you are a Thrivent benefit member, you can vote in the Thrivent Board of Directors national election. Benefit and associate members can also vote in the Thrivent Member Network board election in the Mid-America Region.

If you signed up to vote online, you'll receive an email Oct. 7 with a link to the voting website. If not, you will get a voting packet in the mail.

We encourage you to vote!

Questions? Contact BoxVoting@Thrivent.com.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

24 **Paying for College**

Online Webinar

OCTOBER

03 **Top Three Ways to Reduce Student Loan Payments**

Online Webinar

14 **Navigating Your Benefits**

Online Webinar

20 **Family Fun & Generosity**

Eckert's Versailles Farm, Versailles, Kentucky

24 **Building Up the Community: The Power of Thrivent Membership**

Malone's, Lexington, Kentucky

26 **Family Fun & Generosity**

Huber's Orchard, Starlight, Indiana

NOVEMBER

13 Building Up the Community: The Power of Thrivent Membership

TRIO, Cincinnati, Ohio

19 Celebrating Your Membership – Greater Fort Wayne Member Meeting

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, Indiana

21 Celebrating Your Membership – Greater Cincinnati Member Meeting

Cincinnati, Ohio

DECEMBER

03 Giving Tuesday – Supporting Lutheran Social Services of Indiana and Pack Away Hunger

13 Lights Before Christmas

Toledo Zoo, Toledo, Ohio

For additional details and registration information please visit our website at connect.thrivent.com/mid-america-tmn/events.

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