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General Announcements

[Special Spotlight on Thrivent](#)

Thrivent Members! Did you know there are benefits available to you such as Action Teams and Choice Dollars? If you aren't familiar with either of these terms, here is a brief explanation of each:

What is Thrivent Choice®?

Thrivent Choice® is a program of Thrivent Financial. With Thrivent Choice®, you can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, more than \$330 million has been distributed to churches and nonprofits nationwide.

What are Thrivent Choice Dollars®?

Choice Dollars are the dollars made available to you from Thrivent's charitable outreach funds, based on your eligibility, to designate to the charity of your choice.

How do I know if I'm eligible to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®?

Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities.

Can I designate Choice Dollars to my favorite organization?

There are thousands of participating organizations. You can direct Choice Dollars to as many participating organizations as you'd like, but you may not direct less than five Choice Dollars to an organization.

[Click here to search for participating organizations](#)

How do I direct my Thrivent Choice Dollars®?

Online

Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

In the Direct Choice Dollars section on the right, click “Get started now.”

Log in, enter your user ID and password, and answer your security question. (If you haven’t yet registered on Thrivent.com, click “Register for account access.”)

Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct.

Locate the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:

a. To direct to a previous organization:

- Click “Direct Now” next to the organization’s name, or
- Click on the “View activity history” link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.

b. To direct to a new organization, enter keyword(s) like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click “Search.”

Choose “Direct All” or enter a specific number and click “Direct Now.” Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

By Phone

Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice®.”

Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or 2 to hear Thrivent Choice program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)

A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

I still have questions regarding Thrivent Choice. Who can I contact to answer them?

Please call one of Thrivent’s Customer Care Professionals at 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted.

What is a Thrivent Action Team?

A Thrivent Action Team is a group of community members led by a Thrivent client to complete a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. You submit your project idea through an application. Once approved, we send out your Thrivent Action Kit, which can include:

A Community Impact Card with up to \$250 in seed money.

A personalized webpage and other digital tools to promote your activity.

"Live Generously" T-shirts.

Thank you cards, name tags, stickers and more.

Thrivent Action Team requirements

As a Thrivent client with membership, you're eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team so long as:

You are 16 or older at time of applying.

You form a multi-person team (which can include friends, family or others in your community).

Only one Thrivent Action Kit is used per project.

The seed money on your Community Impact Card is solely used for your project and is not directly gifted to an individual or organization.

You have not exceeded the allotted number of Thrivent Action Teams you can lead in a calendar year (two for benefit members, one for associate members).

I personally have applied for two action teams this past year. One was in support of the Colfax Food Pantry and the other for our own Peace Stitchers! The applications are quick and the results are rewarding to many! If you have any questions, or would like help getting started, please reach out to me at the office (397-2121).

In Christ's Love,

Kristi Nelson

Offerings

Your financial gifts can be received in a number of ways!

In addition to leaving your offering during in-person worship, we also have, Tithe.ly, our online giving platform, which can be found here:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1302894

You may also may also drop your offering in the mailbox at church or mail it to:
309 N Lake Street, Colfax, WA 99111

September Birthdays

18th - Curt McNeilly

19th - Marc Larkin

Stephanie McNeilly

23rd - Ryan Teade

25th- Pastor Ian McMichael

29th - Alex Teade

Julie Teade

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 July 2	Week 2 July 9	Week 3 July 16	Week 4 July 23	Week 5 July 30
16	9	17	24	24

Week 1 August 6	Week 2 August 13	Week 3 August 20	Week 4 August 27
25	17	24	16

PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

8/31/2023

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	2023 YTD	
Regular Offerings		\$ 67,833
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants		\$ -
Total offerings available for expenses	\$ -	\$ 67,833
Budgeted Expenditures		\$ 81,485
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 81,485
Net Balance	\$ -	\$ (13,652)

Pastor's Message

Isaiah 26:3-4

Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace— in peace because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

Happy fall! I pray that the summer was whatever you needed it to be, so that you can head into this season relaxed, joyful, hopeful, and for many of us, ready for the new routine. This summer, during the month of July, my in-laws were in town to help out with the kids as Corrin underwent a small, elective, medical procedure and I went away for a week of continuing education. After they left, the first part of August consisted of Corrin and I juggling the kids and work as we waited for their daycare to start up again later that month. Needless to say, it has been nice the last couple of weeks to be back in a routine, even if that routine means it is busier than it recently has been.

However, and I know I have written about this before, I also struggle to shift my mindset to get fully invested and ready for the new way our days look. Often, before things like this start, the last thing I will do before I go to bed is look at my calendar and try to Tetris the pieces together to make it all work. Then I will talk about it with Corrin who is decidedly less anxious about the change and has no desire to talk about schedules before she goes to sleep. It doesn't always go well!

Recently, though, I've been trying to think about my struggle to adapt to new changes and schedules in broader, more helpful terms. Luther talks about sin as the heart curving in on itself. Sin is where your wants, desires, hopes, fears, and anxieties curve into yourself instead of outward into the world. Instead of service to others, we worry about what will happen to us. We don't often talk about anxiety and nervousness as sin, as a lack of ability to trust God, but in many ways, it is just that.

Now, I will issue a broad caveat here and say there is a large difference between medical anxiety/depression/etc. and what I am experiencing. The former is obviously not sin, while the latter does point to a lack of trust. "If I just spend enough time with my schedule, I can fit it all in! I can do it myself!" It doesn't take much work to see the heart curve in on itself.

We are broken people. I don't necessarily expect to get rid of my need for routine, my dependence on my calendar and my anxiety around change, but I do expect to recognize it. I do expect to not let it control my life. I do expect God's promise to rule the day, not my anxious spirit.

So my hope for you this fall, as you embark on new adventures, or perhaps return to the adventures you put on hold at the beginning of summer, is that you embrace God's promise. That you are able to trust that God has good plans for you. And when you can't, when the anxiety gets just a bit too high, when the calming breath just isn't there, know that God loves you anyway, that you have an entire community here at Peace and Trinity that is ready to root you on, and that God's promise wins the day, every day. You can't worry your way into or out of God's redeeming love. It's forever. What a reassuring gift that is.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

