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Bible verse of the season

“Whoever sows sparingly
will also reap sparingly, and
whoever sows generously will
also reap generously.

—2 Corinthians 9:6

Desert Plains Financial Group attends North Dakota Picnic in Arizona



Our team had a blast attending this year's North Dakota Picnic in Arizona on March 1! The event was a wonderful opportunity to connect with many new friends, visit with several Thrivent clients and run into familiar faces from back home. One of the highlights of the day

was meeting Dot, the creator of the famous Dot's Pretzels—an unexpected and fun North Dakota connection. We're grateful for the conversations, sunshine and sense of community, and we already look forward to being part of this special event again in 2027.



Spring cleaning your finances: 5 simple tips



Spring is a great time to refresh more than your home—it's also the great season to tidy up your finances. A few small steps now can help you feel more organized, confident and prepared for the rest of the year. Here are five simple “spring cleaning” financial tips to consider.

1. Review what you have

Take stock of your accounts, insurance policies and beneficiaries. Life changes happen—marriages, births, job changes—and your finances should reflect those updates.

2. Simplify and consolidate

Multiple accounts can be harder to manage. Consolidating where appropriate may make it easier to track progress, monitor performance and reduce paperwork.

3. Revisit your budget

Spending habits often shift over time. A quick budget check can help identify new opportunities to save, reduce unnecessary expenses or redirect dollars toward what matters most to you.

4. Dust off important documents

Make sure key documents—wills, powers of attorney, insurance policies and account logins—are up to date and easy to locate. Organization today can prevent stress later.

5. Refocus on your goals

Spring is about fresh starts. Revisit your short- and long-term goals and see if your current strategy still aligns with where you want to go.

A little financial spring cleaning can go a long way. If you'd like help reviewing your financial plan or making updates, we are always happy to connect and walk through it with you. Thrivent also has a free money coaching program called Money Canvas that you're encouraged to check out at thrivent.com/generosity/money-canvas.



Upcoming events

Kickoff to Summer event in Stanley, ND

June 1 | 4-7 p.m.
Wilson Park, Stanley, North Dakota

Stop by our booth at the Kickoff to Summer party in the park to say hi. There will be lots of food and activities for the whole family.

Check out the [Visit Stanley Facebook](#) page for more details!



Other important dates

Sunday, May 10
Mother's Day

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day

Sunday, June 21
Father's Day

Community spotlight: Supporting meaningful impact



Ashley and attendees with special guests, former Cardinals players Greg Toler and JJ Nelson.



This spring marked a full circle moment for Ashley. For the past three years, she attended the annual fundraising luncheon for MOSAIC, a nonprofit organization providing whole-person healthcare, residential support and vocational services to nearly 5,000 individuals with disabilities, autism and behavioral health needs across 12 states. What began as simply attending the event grew into something more

meaningful over time and, this year, she had the opportunity to help open and close the luncheon.

At her first event, Ashley made a connection that left a lasting impression and introduced her to the incredible work MOSAIC does to support children and adults with special needs. Since then, she has continued to stay involved, volunteering and giving back as she's learned more about the organization's impact.



Being part of the event in a small role this year was especially meaningful because of that journey. It's a reminder that relationships and experiences often grow over time. Something that carries into the way our team works with clients as well.

At Desert Plains Financial Group, we believe the most meaningful relationships aren't built overnight. They start with a conversation and, over time, grow into long-term partnerships built on confidence, consistency and care.

We're proud to support organizations like MOSAIC that are making a lasting difference in the community.

To learn more about MOSAIC, or to support their mission, visit mosaicinfo.org.



SPRING RECIPE FEATURE

Strawberry spinach salad with poppyseed dressing

Salad ingredients

- 6 cups fresh spinach
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- ¼ cup red onion (thinly sliced)
- ½ cup feta cheese (or goat cheese)
- ½ cup candied pecans or walnuts

Dressing ingredients

- ⅓ cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- 1 Tbsp. poppy seeds

Directions

1. Toss spinach, strawberries, onion, cheese and nuts in a large bowl
2. Whisk dressing ingredients together
3. Drizzle over salad just before serving

Optional add-ons

- Grilled chicken (to make it a full meal)
- Avocado slices
- Swap nuts for sunflower seeds (nut-free option)

Supporting your business and your people

Running a business means caring not only about today's success, but also about the long-term well-being of your team. That's where we come in.

We partner with businesses to help design and manage retirement plans and group insurance benefits that help employees feel valued, supported, and secure about their future. From personalized 401(k) solutions to comprehensive employee benefit strategies, our approach is thoughtful, flexible and tailored to your goals.

Guided by our values of family, faith and generosity, we believe strong benefits strengthen strong teams. We work closely with business owners to simplify plan management and provide clear guidance—so you can focus on what you do best: leading your organization.

Our mission is simple: to empower businesses with retirement and benefit solutions that help their people—and their futures—thrive.



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Do you know someone who could benefit from our guidance? Send them our way. Thank you for your confidence in our team.

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