

Newsletter

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At Redwood Financial Advisors, we are passionate about educating and empowering our clients. By doing so, we can build your confidence to navigate each stage of your journey. We pride ourselves on giving practical advice and digging into creative ways to plan for your future.

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Spring has sprung—and summer's calling!

The flowers are blooming, the sun is shining, and our team is ready! We've been growing and expanding, and we're feeling better than ever about taking a stroll with you on your financial journey.

As we dive into the season of backyard barbecues and sunny adventures, let's make sure your financial plans are sizzling too—in the good way—not like that lone hot dog that got left on the grill.



In our last issue, we had the pleasure of introducing our newest team member, Financial Advisor Brett Bergeson. This time, we thought it would be fun to check in with Brett and see how he's settling in. Read on to find out more!

What is your favorite part about working for Thrivent? Working for a company that gives back to its' local communities through our generosity programs, and helping clients, in one of the most important areas of their lives is what I like best.

What is your role on the team? I support veteran advisors, meet with new and existing clients and am the go-to person in the Redwood Office for servicing or opening brokerage accounts.

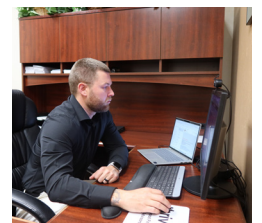
Is there a specific clientele you are looking to work with? I work with all clients but feel like I can help young clients that have been in the workforce for 10 or so years, possibly with young families, achieve financial clarity and set up a plan that's right for them.

How is this job similar to your past teaching job? Being a financial advisor is similar to teaching because I'm still educating people. There are many misconceptions in certain financial areas, or concepts that can be difficult to understand. It's my job to educate the clients so that they do understand, and we can come up with the right decision for them. My math background also helps me when it comes to problem solving through difficult cases for some clients.

If you're thinking about giving your finances a little spring and summer refresh, now's the perfect time! Call our Redwood or Springfield offices and book a spot on Brett's calendar. He's brimming with fresh ideas and backed by an incredible team ready to help you thrive this season.

New Arizona office location

We are excited to announce we have a new office location in Arizona! If you would like to schedule an appointment with with Financial Associate Jake Hansen at 430 W. Warner Rd., Ste. 124 Tempe, AZ 85284 please call 507-637-8139 to schedule a time!



Thrivent membership benefits



A Thrivent membership provides eligible clients with tools and resources to make it easy to give of yourself and live a more meaningful life. You can learn more about these benefits or how to become a member if you’re not already, by visiting the [Thrivent membership benefits page](#) on our team website.

We truly enjoy helping our clients give back to their communities through these great programs and are happy to talk more about these opportunities.

One of the Thrivent Membership Benefits is our Thrivent Choice dollars program. Through Thrivent Choice®, our clients with membership can contribute to organizations and causes they care about—and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding through Choice Dollars®.

You can make a personal donation to your favorite enrolled organization—Thrivent pays the processing fees.* Eligible clients with membership can also direct Choice Dollars or nominate an organization to be a part of the program.

Through Thrivent Choice, more than \$618 million has been distributed to churches and nonprofits nationwide.

How do you nominate an organization to be part of the Thrivent Choice Program?

As a member you can log in to your Thrivent account and go to the Generosity section, click Thrivent Choice®, then Nominate an Organization. Or you can call our office, and we will help assist you in the process.

*Thrivent will pay up to \$300,000 in online processing fees per calendar year for personal donations made through Thrivent’s online giving platform.

Important dates

- June 19**
Juneteenth
(offices closed)

June 20–22
Summer Splash
Redwood Falls, MN

June 25
Springfield Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
Springfield, MN

June 25–June 29
Riverside Days
Springfield, MN

June 28
Pages Community Golf Classic
Olivia, MN

July 3
Offices close at noon

July 4
Independence Day
(offices closed)

July 14
Ribeye Open Golf Tournament
Redwood Falls, MN

July 17–20
Redwood County Fair

July 24
Porkchop Open Golf Tournament
Sanborn, MN

July 26
James H. Page Memorial 5K Run/Walk
Sunrise Park
Olivia, MN
- July 28–July 29**
Watermelon Days
Sanborn, MN

August 1
Kickin Cancer Event
Gilfillan Estate,
Morgan, MN

August 1
Walk in the Park
Nester Park
Olivia, MN

August 5–7
Minnesota Farmfest
Morgan, MN

August 6–8
Renville County Fair
Bird Island, MN

August 29
Offices close at noon

September 1
Labor Day
(offices closed)

Making a splash

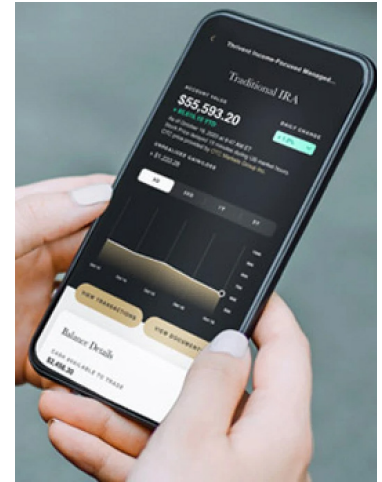


It sure is fun to add more nonprofits to the growing list of Thrivent Choice entities each year. The Splash Island Adventure Park in Bird Island is one of our recently added entities. Splash Island Adventure Park has a 2,000 sq. ft. splash pad, pickleball courts, a playground, bathrooms and a connecting ADA parking lot with sidewalks to the neighboring ballfields. The goal is to provide an area that allows everyone, no matter their age, to be active while creating a strong unity within the community.

Now Thrivent members can designate their Thrivent Choice dollars to help make a “splash” for this local nonprofit.

Here are a few more nonprofits our members helped us add to the Thrivent Choice catalog:

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Currie, Minnesota
- Northminster Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida
- Discover Downtown Redwood Falls in Redwood Falls, Minnesota



The power of Thrivent in your hands

Thrivent's Mobile App is an easy, personalized and secure way to manage your money with purpose. Download the app to stay connected to your accounts, monitor your investments, direct Choice Dollars® and more from the convenience of your phone. **Get it today.**



Summit Conference

In March, our Summit Conference qualifiers had the incredible opportunity to experience the beauty of Bluffton, South Carolina. Adding to the excitement, they were joined by VIP guests (their spouses). Nancy and Pat Hansen, Nate and Mindy Scharlemann, Jacob and Danitza Hansen, and Meagan and Matt Matich. It was a memorable adventure for everyone involved!

Making an impact

Thrivent is unique in how we drive impact in communities with and through our clients. Check out the amazing impact we've made!

2024
impact

CLIENT AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

804

Thrivent Choice® participants

5,342

Thrivent Action Team leaders and volunteers

EVENT IMPACT

401

Financial, charitable and Thrivent Community event participants

644

Thrivent Action Teams

42,895

Thrivent Action Team, Charitable and Thrivent Community event volunteer hours

FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$2,845,099

Thrivent Choice Dollars directed, online personal donations, Thrivent Action Team funds raised, Charitable and Thrivent Community events funds raised, Thrivent Charitable grants, Thrivent Action Team seed funds, and total value of volunteer hours

Total
impact

CLIENT AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

2,489

Thrivent Choice® participants

57,893

Thrivent Action Team leaders and volunteers

EVENT IMPACT

1,682

Financial, charitable and Thrivent Community event participants

4,666

Thrivent Action Teams

488,265

Thrivent Action Team, Charitable and Thrivent Community event volunteer hours

FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$24,738,421

Thrivent Choice Dollars directed, online personal donations, Thrivent Action Team funds raised, Charitable and Thrivent Community events funds raised, Thrivent Charitable grants, Thrivent Action Team seed funds, and total value of volunteer hours

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Stay tuned for our upcoming events calendar!

We're excited to bring you a mix of engaging in-person and online workshops, along with other community activities that our team is deeply passionate about..

Fun on the road



A little fun in Arizona while seeing great clients at their winter homes.

Baked potato salad



A fun twist on this favorite side dish. Bring this to your next backyard BBQ.

2 pounds russet potatoes, about 6 medium-size

1 cup sour cream

1 cup mayonnaise

½ cup ranch dressing

8 slices bacon, cooked and chopped

5 green onions, chopped

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Wash potatoes and prick them with a fork or knife.
2. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until they are fork tender. Remove from the oven and cool completely.
3. At this point you can peel all of them, or peel half of them and leave the skin on the other half to get a real baked potato feel. Cut the potatoes into small pieces.
4. Combine the sour cream and mayonnaise in a bowl and stir well.
5. Add the potatoes to a large serving bowl. Season well with salt and pepper. Add the sauce (just enough to coat them well—you may not use it all) and gently stir to coat.
6. Add most of the bacon, onion and cheese, reserving some for topping at the end, and gently stir to combine.

Final thoughts

We want to sincerely thank you for being a valued part of the Thrivent community. It's an honor to serve and support you on your financial journey, helping you achieve clarity and confidence in living out your values. The trust you show by referring friends and family is the greatest compliment we can receive. Thank you and God bless!



Learn more about our team



Our story



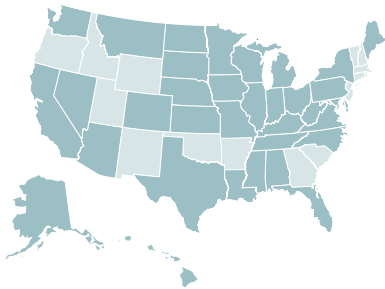
Supporting special needs families



Team brochure

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AK	IL	MO	PA
AL	IN	MS	SD
AZ	KS	MT	TN
CA	KY	NC	TX
CO	LA	ND	VA
DE	MD	NE	WA
FL	ME	NV	WI
HI	MI	NY	WV
IA	MN	OH	

As of May 2025.

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