

Newsletter

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Notary services

Kelly is a notary public at our Springfield office, and Laura is a notary public at our Redwood office. We provide this service free of charge.

Welcome fall

As we enter the fall and holiday season, our hearts are filled with gratitude. Over the past couple of years, we have witnessed our team grow, evolve and diversify. Through it all, we have maintained a unified mindset, tackling every challenge as a cohesive unit. Our team has expanded to 13 members across seven different locations, yet we come together as one each day. We are truly grateful for our ability to function in this manner. It is the passion that each of us has for Thrivent and its members, our valued clients, that drives us to work diligently and provide top-notch service. [Check out](#) our latest team brochure to see what each of our team does.

Meet our newest team member: Financial Advisor Brett Bergeson

My name is Brett Bergeson. I grew up in Montevideo, where I graduated in 2012. I attended Concordia College and graduated with a degree in math education. I taught high school math and coached football and basketball for eight years before I began working for Thrivent. The opportunities to help people in an area of their life that is extremely important to them, along with the common bond of Christianity that Thrivent members have are two big factors that attracted me to start working here. I married my wife, Courtney, in 2018 and we have one son, Briggs, who will turn two in November. Courtney is a speech-language pathologist at the Redwood Area School District, and we have loved living in the Redwood community. I enjoy volunteering my time as a deacon at the Evangelical Free church of Redwood Falls and spending my spare time golfing and being with family and friends.



October is Insurance Month

Our team has Medicare, health and dental knowledge. Call Jenna at the Redwood office to set up an appointment to discuss further.



Arizona location: Jacob Hansen, Financial Advisor



As the cold days approach, we know that many of you are planning to or have already flown south for the winter. This is just a reminder that Jake on our team is in the Mesa, Arizona, area and would love to meet up and help you with any of your financial planning needs.

This is also a reminder that we are in our busiest time of the year. It's always best to call our office for an appointment so we can be prepared to help you effectively and efficiently.

Passion to share leads to charitable remainder trust



Do you want to use your generosity to make a difference and support others? Charitable remainder trusts let you donate assets to charity and draw annual income for life or for a specific time period. Your financial advisor can help you be more strategic with your donations and find tax-advantaged ways to carry out your giving goals. [Learn more](#) about how charitable remainder trusts can help others while staying in line with your own financial goals.

Stay secure this shopping season

The 'burrr' months are officially here, which means it's time to gear up for the holiday season. From gift giving to charitable donations, we are entering the most significant spending months. As your spending habits increase, so does the risk of a compromised card. It's important to be mindful of safe swiping habits this time of year.

Here are some great tips from Thrivent Credit Union on how to make card safety a priority this season:

- Utilize a digital wallet such as Apple Pay, Google Pay, etc.
- Online shop only on trusted sites. Make sure you are looking for the "s" in https or lock symbol in the address bar.
- Check your bank statements regularly and report any fraudulent activity immediately.
- Only utilize ATMs associated with a bank; avoid possible "skimming" locations.
- Change your PIN every few months.
- Shred physical account statements.
- Report a lost or stolen debit card immediately and cancel the missing card.
- Avoid public wireless internet networks when making online transactions.
- Implement two factor authorization if available with strong backup security questions.

[Learn more](#) with these additional safety tools and resources. Happy (safe and secure) spending!



Important dates

November 28 and 29
Thanksgiving
(offices closed)

December 6 and 7
Living Nativity:
Springfield, MN

December 24
Christmas Eve
(offices close at noon)

December 25
Christmas
(offices closed)

December 31
New Year's Eve
(offices close at noon)

January 1
Happy New Year 2025
(offices closed)

February 14
Valentine's Day



10th Anniversary of Thrivent Action Teams

It's been 10 years since Thrivent Action Teams were launched, and we're celebrating by honoring the people who bring the program to life: our clients. We're thrilled to share that Jill Schwiderski, a client in Hector, Minnesota, was one of 10 people honored for the 10th anniversary of Thrivent Action Teams.

Jill selflessly dedicates her time and resources to running a community closet that serves hundreds of families every year. Jill's original vision for St. Paul's Closet was a small closet with jackets, hats and gloves, especially for children waiting at the bus stops. Today, it takes three Sunday school rooms at St. Paul's Lutheran Church to hold the seasonal clothing and footwear, bedding and household items that help people throughout Renville County. Jill collaborates with area organizations to reach more people and share resources, and she leads Thrivent Action Teams to collect and buy new

items such as work boots, shoes, jackets, socks, towels and baby kits. She meets with families to give them a personalized shopping experience, hear their stories, and offer hope and comfort.

Over the course of 10 years of Thrivent Action Teams, clients like Jill have led 1.2 million Thrivent Action Teams, engaging 16 million volunteers and raising \$1.9 billion! In celebration of this milestone, Thrivent surprised 10 clients by making \$10,000 donations each to causes that they care most about, including St. Paul's closet.

"I was in complete shock! It is such an incredible honor. Thank you! Thank you!" said Jill. "It's a big responsibility to use these funds wisely and I will do so! I desperately need shoes for children. Backpacks are going out like crazy! It's so fun to have some new items for these families."



Quilt made with love by Gail Hachmann. (Nancy's mom) This quilt is made with past Action Team t-shirts that our team has participated in.

How to make this holiday season gift giving memorable without breaking the bank

Here are five ideas to give an experience instead of a bought item.

1. Give grandma/mom/dad a coupon for a three-course homemade dinner and cleanup at that person's house.
2. Take a nephew/niece to the park for a game of catch, build a snowman, have a tea party or spend a day at an indoor jump park.
3. Have a kids night in movie party with popcorn, candy or build your own sundaes.
4. Have a kids indoor camping party with chair tents, flashlights, a favorite story and smores.

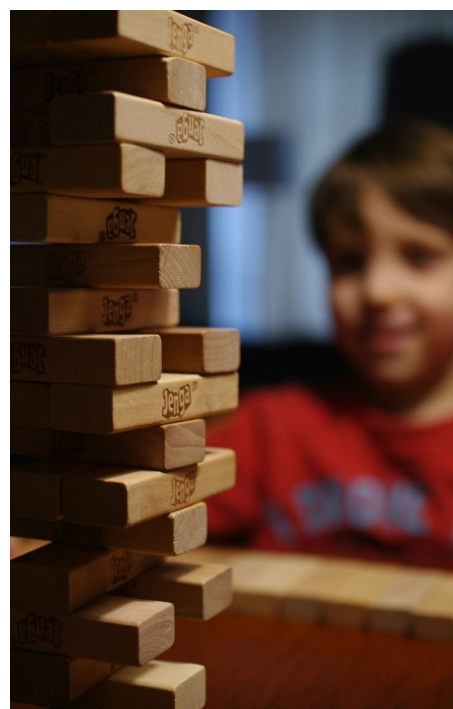
5. Have game night. You pick the games and treats to provide based on age group.

Examples

Night with adult friends: everyone brings their favorite 18+ board/card game and you provide snacks and beverages.

Day with grandma/grandpa: let them pick the board game/puzzle/cards and you make their favorite dessert and bring coffee or tea.

The idea is you don't have to spend a lot of money on a gift or item. Come up with a fun idea and cater to that person's likes. The quality time and memories will make it the best gift!



Congratulations 2024 Hall of Fame Legend Honoree Nancy S. Hansen

Hall of Fame Legend is the highest honor that can be earned by Thrivent's financial advisors. Honorees have been with the organization for at least 30 years and have dedicated their careers to helping Thrivent's clients make financial decisions guided by a purposeful approach to money. Among the organization's 1,900 financial advisors, only 32 are active Hall of Fame Legends.

"The Thrivent financial advisors who are honored as a Hall of Fame Legend are among the best of the best—not just within our organization, but across the entire industry," said Nick Cecere, executive vice president and chief distribution officer, for Thrivent. "It's an honor to work alongside Nancy, and to celebrate how she has exemplified what it means to empower lives of service and faith. I want to thank Nancy for her years of dedicated service and for living into Thrivent's purpose and values, every day."



Grandma's chili recipe

- 3-4 lbs. hamburger
- 1 medium onion
- 20 oz. tomato sauce
- 2 cans chili beans (Bush's Brand is a favorite)
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can ROTEL Original
- 2 packets McCormick regular chili seasoning
- ½ packet McCormick hot chili seasoning
- 1/8 cup sugar
- ½ jar of Heinz chili sauce
- 1 tsp. oregano
- ½ cup salsa
- 2 Tbsp. + 2 tsp. chili powder



In a large pot, sauté onion while browning hamburger. Then dump all ingredients into the large pot, add two cans of water (use the chili bean cans to get all the flavor out), bring to bubble, and turn down to simmer for a couple of hours.

Serves 10-12 large bowls. Top with cheese, sour cream, jalapenos or any of your favorite chili toppings. ENJOY!

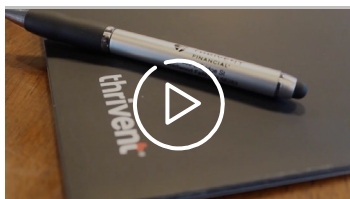
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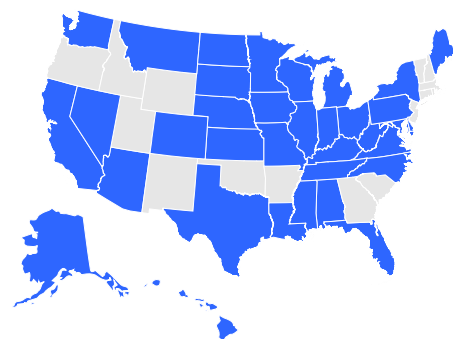
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