



## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER:

This issue provides financial insights, member stories, local partnerships and upcoming events happening in your region.

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## INSPIRING GENEROSITY AND FAITH

### The Art of Albrecht Dürer and Rembrandt van Rijn

Two Nights. Two Universities.

**Thrivent Member Network–Nebraska**, together with the **Thrivent Collection of Religious Art**, invite you to join us for a special presentation and discussion.

Discover how the themes of generosity and faith emerge in centuries of religious art, and continue to resonate today. Curator Joanna Reiling Lindell will discuss artworks featured in the book *Inspiring Generosity: Stories of Faith and Grace in Art*, focusing on the work of Albrecht Dürer and Rembrandt van Rijn, two of the most important printmakers in Western art history. Learn more about the book [here](#).

**October 14 – Midland University, Fremont, NE**

**October 15 – Concordia University, Seward, NE**

A dessert reception will follow each presentation, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network.

Limited seating. To reserve your seat, visit the registration site or call 402-905-4188. Links are provided on page 3 and on our [website](#).



## Give Thanks and Give Back

Calling all Thrivent members! With Thanksgiving approaching, the Nebraska Region Thrivent Member Network challenges you to make a difference by collecting food for your local food shelf. Partner with your church members, Sunday school, youth group, coworkers, neighbors, civic group, school or anyone, and your efforts will be doubled by a **Generosity Multiplier Gift** from Thrivent Member Network.

### GIVE THANKS AND GIVE BACK

November food shelf challenge

GENEROSITY STARTS HERE!



Here's how it works: **500 items = \$500**. From Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, collect 500 items or more and your local food shelf will receive \$500 from the Thrivent Member Network – **Nebraska Region**.\*

Members **MUST** register to qualify. Visit our [website](#) to see full details, rules and restrictions.

\*One submission per church/group/food shelf and one Generosity Multiplier Gift per submission, up to a maximum of \$500. Food collection cannot be supplemented by

Thrivent Action Team Community Impact Card. The challenge will provide gifts up to the total of \$15,000.

# Members have a BLAST at the Annual Member Celebrations!

In July, the Nebraska Region's Annual Member Celebrations were hosted in Ashland, Norfolk and Grand Island. Nearly 900 Thrivent members, their families and friends encountered an evening of inspiration. The main event was launched at the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum. Our guest speaker, Nebraska-native, Retired Astronaut Clayton Anderson is a down-to-earth guy and the crowd loved him! His presentation was educational, engaging and truly entertaining. In addition, the evening revolved around a Thrivent update, a gallery of art created by young Thrivent members across the state, plus inspiration for exploring ways members can navigate their Thrivent fraternal benefits to another dimension as they endeavor to make an impact in their communities. The response was so large, events rocketed to over 2,000 volunteer hours through 12 service projects with nine nonprofits from six cities/towns producing: 200+ stress balls, dozens of thank you cards for military persons, 175 comfort critters, 175 school kits, 150 summer essential kits, 100 hygiene kits, 75 fleece blankets, and 48 home-starter kits.



Retired Astronaut Clayton Anderson receives a standing ovation from the crowd at the SAC Museum in Ashland.

Be sure to keep the 2020 annual member celebrations on your radar as we discover more ways to #LiveGenerously!

Click on the links for more photos from the Annual Member Celebrations (photo credits to Dave Uhlig of PhotoOmaha): [Ashland](#) and [Norfolk](#).

# Thrivent Members Respond to the Floods

In addition to the 2:1 challenge which raised \$339,000 (plus a \$169,000 Thrivent match) at the national level, members and advisors across the midwest rolled up their sleeves to provide relief.



Statewide – Over 150 members applied for expedited **Action Team Projects** geared to providing flood relief.

At the Omaha Thrivent office's Flood Relief Fundraiser/Service Project event in May, over \$800 was collected (which means an additional \$400+ match from Thrivent) while volunteers worked on 50 tied fleece blankets and packaged around 425 snack sacks. All participants enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by **Table Grace Café**.

The blankets and snack sacks were delivered to Glenwood & Tabor, Iowa's distribution sites, providing relief to persons affected along the Missouri River.



Members from Columbus, Lincoln, and everywhere in between provided flood relief in Fremont, NE.

The Big Day of Service in June was coordinated with the **Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity** where nearly 50 people chipped in over 400 volunteer hours to move pallets of donations, paint a basement, replace drywall, haul away trailer loads of ruined belongings, and deliver bottled water, snacks and household cleaning supplies to residents in a mobile home park.

Thank you to all the Thrivent members and employees that rallied their communities to Live Generously!



# Giving Tuesday – Members Voted, Two Camps Will Benefit

After all the helpings of grace, gratitude and gravy this Thanksgiving, join us to make a difference on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

In July, members voted for **Camp Luther** (Schuyler, NE) and **Carol Joy Holling Camp** (Ashland, NE) to be the recipients of the Giving Tuesday Challenge. For every \$2 donated to either camp through our Thrivent site, \$1 will be matched, up to \$10,000 EACH!

Here's five ways you can make an impact this holiday season:

1. **DONATE** to Camp Luther or Carol Joy Holling Camp ON Giving Tuesday and Thrivent will provide a 2:1 match!
2. **ATTEND** an event through your local Thrivent Member Network.
3. **LEAD** a Thrivent Action Team to help make a difference in your community.
4. **DIRECT** Thrivent Choice Dollars®.
5. **SHARE** your stories and pictures on our Facebook page.

# Back to School Shoe Drive



At Thrivent, we believe a key part of being wise with your gifts is sharing them. That's why we've teamed up with **Samaritan's Feet** in August and September to help bring shoes to children in need. A pair of new athletic shoes is more than just protection for little feet. Shoes can help provide self-esteem, value and confidence for a child.

At several shoe drives across the region, a total of 74 pairs of new athletic shoes and over \$300 was collected. THANK YOU to all those that participated in our shoe drive!



## Space Words CHALLENGE

Did you catch all the "space" words that were used in the Annual Member Celebration article on page 2? At least 16 words relating to space and exploration were used. Have another look, circle those words, and then before Nov. 1, 2019, send us an email to be entered in a drawing. If your name is picked, you can recommend a nonprofit from the **Thrivent Choice** list to receive a \$200 donation from Thrivent.

Make the subject of your email "Space Words Drawing." Include in your email your first and last name, your age, and the list of words you found (but technically that's optional). Send your email to [NebraskaTMN@Thrivent.com](mailto:NebraskaTMN@Thrivent.com).

No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Open to U.S. residents age 14 and older. By entering, you agree to the complete Official Rules, which you can obtain by emailing [NebraskaTMN@Thrivent.com](mailto:NebraskaTMN@Thrivent.com). One entrant will be chosen. Approximate retail value: \$0. Odds of winning depend on number of entrants. Sponsor: Nebraska Region Thrivent Member Network.

## Have a say and vote!

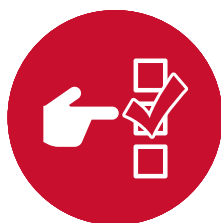
### Thrivent board election starts Oct. 7 and goes through Nov. 22

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 election. Benefit and associate members can also vote in the Thrivent Member Network regional board election in the Nebraska Region.

If you signed up to vote online, you'll get an email on 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](mailto:BoxVoting@Thrivent.com).



## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website [connect.thrivent.com/nebraska-tmn](http://connect.thrivent.com/nebraska-tmn) or email [NebraskaTMN@thrivent.com](mailto:NebraskaTMN@thrivent.com).

### OCTOBER

#### 14 INSPIRING GENEROSITY AND FAITH: The Art of Albrecht Dürer and Rembrandt van Rijn

See page 1 for details.

*Midland University, Kimmel Theater, 900 North Clarkson St., Fremont, NE, 6:30 - 8 p.m.*

Limited seating. Please [register by clicking here](#) or by calling 402-905-4188.

#### 15 INSPIRING GENEROSITY AND FAITH: The Art of Albrecht Dürer and Rembrandt van Rijn

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*Concordia University, Janzow Campus Center, 800 N. Columbia Ave., Seward, NE 68434, 7 - 8:30 p.m.*

Limited seating. Please [register by clicking here](#) or by calling 402-905-4188.

#### 24 Financial Conversations – Women, Wine & Wealth Workshop

Come together with other women for a guided discussion that examines why women's financial issues are often different than men's. You'll learn how to identify your values and goals about money, design your spending and giving to reflect what's in your heart, and develop a support network that can help you accomplish your goals.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for registration. A buffet dinner, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network – Nebraska Region, will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation.

*Milady Coffee House, 105 E. 6th St., Fremont, NE 68025 6 - 7:30 p.m.*

Limited seating. Please [register by clicking here](#) or by calling 402-905-4188.

#### 29 Pinterest Night at the Habitat for Humanity Council Bluffs ReStore

Join us for a fun, free, DIY workshop where **Habitat Restore** staff will show attendees how to use ReStore materials for their custom creations. While you work on a seasonal craft project that you can display in your own home, guests will learn about the partnership between Thrivent and Habitat affiliates in Iowa, Nebraska, and around the world. Limited to 25 registrations.

*Habitat for Humanity Council Bluffs ReStore, 1228 S. Main St., Council Bluffs, IA 51503, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

Please [register by clicking here](#).

## NOVEMBER

### 14 Get Grit. Build resilience through faith, focus and the joy of self-discovery.

Some days are much harder than others. Join us for a fun, refreshing look at how to build resilience in your professional AND personal life. You will learn, step by step, how to identify and harness your God-given gifts. You will leave re-ignited ... and ready to face your next big challenge with confidence, clarity and grace. International speaker Catherine Byers Breet has spent the past 21 years teaching people how to do the inner-critic knockdown and shine – at home, at work and in their communities. Over 15,000 people have attended events with Catherine and Thrivent and 98% agree: “She is a must-see!” Register today for our next webinar in the THRIVE! Series and learn how to find your own inner warrior!

*Online webinar, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

[Click here to register.](#)

## DECEMBER

Watch your emails and the Thrivent Member Network – Nebraska Region’s [website](#) for a holiday event coming in December!

### STAY CONNECTED

To receive the most up-to-date information on events, activities and communication, please update or add your email address by logging on to [Thrivent.com](#) or calling 800-847-4836.

### About Thrivent

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