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Dear Members ...

Thank you for being part of the Thrivent Member Network – Great Lakes Region. It is our goal to provide you resources to be wise with money and live generously, making a positive impact on our local community.

So far this year, we've hosted 39 in-person events and four webinars – each offered at two different times – to provide you with opportunities to be charitable, participate in service, learn something new and connect with your fellow Thrivent members. We have more events and webinars coming your way in the last quarter of the year, and we encourage you to invite a friend or two that you feel could benefit from learning about Thrivent. With your help we can spread our movement to help Christians be good stewards of the gifts God has given them.

Don't forget that beyond member events, you have access to programs and resources as benefits of Thrivent membership to help you make a positive impact in the community. Be sure to use your Thrivent Action Teams, the Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity Partnership, and Thrivent Choice to live generously this year!



Blessings,

Craig Smaagaard
President

Thrivent Member Network – Great Lakes Region

Thrivent Action Team Spotlight: Book It 5k

Members of “Friends of the Waterville Library” in Michigan, used a Thrivent Action Team to raise funds and awareness for the local Waterford Library. A team of 35 volunteers put together a 5k run and a 1-to-3-mile walk as well as a dog obstacle course to raise money for the Waterford Library Summer Reading Program. 145 runners and walkers participated in the event, and just over \$7,000 was raised!

Who could you help with your Thrivent Action Team? Talk to your Thrivent Financial professional about how you can use your action team to raise up a special group of people, then apply online at thrivent.com/tmnactionteam.

Need help applying for your Thrivent Action Team? **Watch this video** for step-by-step guidance.



Giving Tuesday

This year the Thrivent Member Network – Great Lakes Region is supporting Giving Tuesday by partnering with an organization in our region that supports people in all different stages of life, from foster care, to senior living, to affordable living and more. **Samaritas** will receive a match up to \$20,000 with \$1 from Thrivent for every \$2 donated. Plus, we're partnering with them on in-person events for additional engagement.

We hope that you will join us in making an impact in our community by supporting **Samaritas** with a donation or participating in an event with us Dec. 3. Additional details will be available soon on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website connect.thrivent.com/great-lakes-tmn or email greatlakestmn@thrivent.com.

SEPTEMBER

24 Paying for College

Online Webinar

OCTOBER

03 Top Three Ways to Reduce Student Loan Payments

Online Webinar

6-7 Celebrate Your Marriage

The Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

14 Navigating Your Benefits

Online Webinar

Have a say and vote!

Thrivent board election starts October 7 and goes through November 22

By voting in the upcoming board election, you can choose the candidates that best represent you. If you are Thrivent benefit member, you can vote in the Thrivent Board of Directors election. And benefit and associate members can also vote in the Thrivent Member Network board election in the Great Lakes 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.

OCTOBER

25 Ultimate Date Night

Peace Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan

DECEMBER

07 Great Lakes Member Celebration

The Detroit Zoo, Detroit, Michigan

12 Stephen Curtis Chapman Christmas Concert

Traverse City, Michigan

12 Stephen Curtis Chapman Christmas Concert

Clarkston, Michigan

16 Stephen Curtis Chapman Christmas Concert

Muskegon, Michigan

For additional details and registration information please visit our website at connect.thrivent.com/great-lakes-tmn.

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