

Working together: Partnering with a Thrivent chapter

Who is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans?

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:

- Is a Fortune 500 financial services membership organization committed to helping its nearly 3 million members achieve their financial goals and give back to their congregations and communities. We are a unique organization—the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States.
- Is a 501(c)(8) not-for-profit organization that, together with its members in local Thrivent chapters, provides approximately \$200 million annually for outreach programs and activities that support charitable organizations, individuals in need, Lutheran congregations and schools.
- Is a member organization that has been deeply rooted in volunteerism and caring for others for more than 100 years. Each member is assigned to one of approximately 1,300 chapters nationwide, which provides a strong network of volunteers dedicated to helping individuals, families and communities.
- Provides excellent resources (funding, supplies, materials, training, etc.) to help its chapters plan and conduct fund-raisers and service activities that make a difference in their congregations and communities.

Why conduct an activity in partnership with a Thrivent chapter?

By partnering with a local Thrivent chapter, you can help maximize the good you wish to accomplish through:

- A strong volunteer network (Thrivent Financial members' time and talents).
- Excellent resources (access to publicity and planning materials).
- Supplemental funding for fair share of funds raised.

What are the requirements to partner with a Thrivent chapter?

There are only two requirements:

- 1. At least six Thrivent Financial member households need to be actively involved in the activity via a community service team.**

To qualify as a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans chapter activity, a community service team must be formed that includes at least six Thrivent Financial members, each from different households, who are actively involved in the *planning, preparing for and working at the activity*.

Any Thrivent Financial member can form a community service team and request approval of funding from the chapter via Thrivent Financial's Care Abounds in Communities™ program.

- 2. The Thrivent chapter community service team's "fair share" of funds raised needs to be deposited in the Thrivent chapter checking account.**

As a not-for-profit organization, Thrivent Financial must demonstrate that our members are actively involved in chapter activities (funds raised and volunteer hours worked). Every verifiable dollar deposited into the chapter's checking account helps demonstrate our positive impact in communities, which ultimately ensures our ability to continue to partner with organizations like yours.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans chapters hope to partner with you to improve our communities!

See the next page for steps on how to partner with a chapter.

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How do I partner with a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans chapter?

	Role of the partnering organization	Role of the Thrivent chapter community service team
Prior to planning activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Inform a Thrivent Financial member about the activity, and encourage the member to form a community service team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Form a community service team of at least six Thrivent Financial member households that will approach the chapter for approval of possible supplemental funding. <input type="checkbox"/> Review ABC 1•2•3 activity planning tool at www.thrivent.com/abc
During the initial planning of the activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss the activity and agree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How Thrivent chapter service team members will be actively involved. ✓ How the Thrivent chapter will be included in publicity and promotion (e.g., cohosted by Dane County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans). ✓ How the “fair share” amount of funds raised (see below) by the Thrivent chapter community service team’s participation will be determined. ✓ How the deposit to the chapter will be handled, as well as expense receipts. ✓ How and when the funds will be distributed. 	
Before activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Involve Thrivent chapter community service team in publicity, promotion and final activity preparations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Request approval for supplemental funds from the chapter leadership board by completing a “Request for Funding Questionnaire.” <input type="checkbox"/> For making the most of the activity, use the “Visibility Toolkit” resource at www.thrivent.com/fraternal/visibility
During activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in working at the activity. 	
After activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the Thrivent chapter community service team with its fair share of the funds raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit its fair share of the funds raised into the chapter’s checking account. <input type="checkbox"/> Report the completion of the activity to the chapter leadership board to release the approved supplemental funding by completing a “Report for Funding Activity Results.” <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute the funds to the recipient.

How do we determine fair share?

For large activities, it is recommend that the Thrivent chapter community service team be responsible for a specific activity such as a silent auction, food booth, bake sale, etc.

A good rule of thumb to determine fair share is to ask how much more was raised as a result of the chapter involvement—perhaps based on the number of volunteer hours contributed by Thrivent chapter members.

For example, total volunteer hours for an activity is 100 and the total funds raised are \$10,000. The chapter members volunteered 50 out of the 100 hours. The chapter’s fair share would be 50 hours and \$5,000 of the funds raised.