

## Simply Giving®

*An Automated Giving Program from  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*



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**Sharing Christ in Word and Deed**

## **A simple choice, a generous response**

The Simply Giving® program is an opportunity to provide your offerings or contributions in a simple, safe and practical way. Through electronic funds transfer, you can be assured that Living Waters receives your contributions on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Stewardship of time, talent and money has been Thrivent Financial for Lutherans strength for more than 80 years. During eight decades of enormous change, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has remained focused in the fulfilling its mission of service to Lutherans, their congregations, institutions and communities.

Simply Giving® is a straightforward stewardship tool offered as a relevant modern-times option in response to the timeless gift of grace.

As you examine your own response to the boundless gift of God's grace, consider making a simple, but profound, choice about stewardship.

The commitment to good stewardship starts with you. And Simply Giving®, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Automated Giving Program, helps your commitment take consistent shape. It allows you to share first fruits through planned giving and activates your stewardship into an ongoing, generous response.

## **Benefits to You**

- Your stewardship plan is moved into action.
- You pay no fees to participate in this program.
- You determine the frequency of your automatic gift, e.g., weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.
- You can choose a checking, savings or Thrivent Financial for Lutherans OPTIMUM Account for your automatic pledge withdraw.

- You can increase or decrease your gift amount at any time.
- You no longer have to write checks, saving you time.
- Your gift is given consistently, so you don't have to play "catch-up" at the year-end.
- Planning how your gifts can be given in a committed, convenient and consistent way offers a renewed outlook and builds better stewardship.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How does the Simply Giving® program work?**

*Your offerings are transferred electronically from your bank or credit union checking or savings account. They are deposited directly into Living Waters' account. As a result, your contributions cannot be lost, stolen or forgotten.*

**Q: Are there any fees involved with the program?**

*No. There are no fees charged to individuals, churches, Lutheran institutions or participating Lutheran schools.*

**Q: Will a participant know when the electronic funds transfer starts?**

*Yes. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will send the participant a confirmation letter with the start date of the electronic funds transfer.*

**Q: What is the minimum amount a person may have withdrawn for a contribution?**

*\$5.00*

**Q: How often can funds be withdrawn electronically from my account?**

*They can be withdrawn once a week, every other week or monthly.*

**Q: Can contributions be directed to specific funds within the church?**

*Yes. Contributions can be directed to specific funds in the church or to a unified budget.*

**Q: Can a participant make a temporary stop payment or change the amount that is being withdrawn from an account?**

*Yes. The participant can suspend, change or stop withdrawals by informing Thrivent Financial for Lutherans verbally or through a written document at least three business days before the transfer is scheduled to take place.*

## Benefits to our Congregation

- We are able to offer a relevant option to help build better stewardship.
- Our congregation's revenues increase with more consistent gifts.
- Our more consistent gifts can help prevent the "summer slump."
- Our congregation's bookkeeping efforts will be more efficient and accurate.
- Stewardship education for all age groups is enriched through Simple Giving® workshops.
- Our stewardship dialogue is stimulated throughout our congregation.
- Our congregation's ministry can be carried forward.

If you have any questions about the Simply Giving® program or the Member Authorization form, please contact Carol Piltz at 941-625-8090.