FAQs for Giving Tuesday with thrivent

Q: What is the Giving Tuesday campaign?	A: On Giving Tuesday, Thrivent is making up to $3 million in grant funds available to boost online donations made through Thrivent's giving platform. Donors can choose from over 52,000 enrolled organizations currently listed in our Thrivent Choice® catalog.
Q: Who can donate?	A: Anyone can make a personal donation through Thrivent's giving platform during the campaign window. Donors do not need to be Thrivent clients or members to give.
Q: Which organizations can I support?	A: Donors can choose any organization listed in Thrivent's online catalog at the time of the campaign.
Q: How do I make a donation?	A: Visit thrivent.com/give or thrivent.com/organizations during the Giving Tuesday campaign window, search for the enrolled organization you want to support, and complete your donation online.
Q. How do I find St. Mark's or the Life Center to make a donation?	A. At thrivent.com/organizations, type in **St. Mark's Springfield VA** in the search box, and the first two items on the list should be the Life Center and St. Mark's. Please make sure that your choice shows our address on Backlick Road.
Q. Can I give to other nonprofits too?	A. Only nonprofits registered with Thrivent are eligible for Giving Tuesday donations. If the organization shows up in the search results, you can donate.
Q: When do I need to make my donation for it to be included?	A: Donations must be made online through Thrivent's giving platform between 12 midnight and 11:59 p.m. in the donor's time zone on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, to be eligible for the boost.
Q. What is the minimum donation amount allowed?	A. $1.00
Q. What is the maximum donation amount allowed?	A. $999,999.99
Q: Are there processing fees?	A: Thrivent covers the online processing fees for donations made through our giving platform, so 100% of your donation goes to support the organization you care about.
Q: Can I give by check, donor-advised fund, qualified charitable distribution or another method?	A: No. To be eligible for the Giving Tuesday boost, donations must be made online through Thrivent's giving platform during the campaign window.
Q. What payment methods are accepted on Thrivent's giving platform?	A: Credit/debit cards and Apple/Google Pay Note: Direct bank payments (ACH) will not be available on Giving Tuesday.
Q. What information is shared with the organization I donate to?	A. Thrivent shares your name, contact information, date and amount of donation with the charitable organization(s) you support. From Thrivent, St. Mark's will know how much you donated, but we won't know anything from Thrivent if you want to give to a dedicated fund.
Q. Can I designate my donation to St. Mark's for one of our dedicated accounts (such as Organ Renewal)?	A: In order for your Thrivent contribution to end up in one of our dedicated accounts, instead of a general offering, the Treasurer will need an e-mail (treasurer@stmarks-elca.org) from you the same week you make your donation – no later than December 8th. Otherwise, your donation via Thrivent will go to General Offerings.
Q. Will the Thrivent matching funds be applied to a St. Mark's dedicated account that I designate?	A. At present, there is no provision for the Thrivent matching funds to be split according to any individual member gifts to the dedicated accounts. St. Mark's will receive one lump sum for the overall matching funds. The Council will determine the distribution of the Thrivent matching funds. If there is any change to this prior to December 1st, the Congregation will be informed.

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Q. How will this transaction show up on my bank statement?	A. The transaction will display as **Thrivent Charitable**.
Q: How does Thrivent's boost work?	A: Thrivent will boost donations from a shared $3 million pool, up to a $1-for-$1 ratio. Because many organizations will receive donations, the final boost ratio and amount will be calculated after the campaign based on total donations.
Q: Will my donation receive a full $1-for-$1 boost?	A: It depends on the total amount donated across all organizations. If total donations are $3 million or less, donations will receive a $1-for-$1 boost. If total donations exceed $3 million, each donation will receive a proportional boost. Examples: • If up to $3 million is donated, a $1 boost for every $1 donated would be applied. • If $6 million is donated during the campaign window, a $1 boost for every $2 donated would be applied. If $9 million is donated, a $1 boost for every $3 donated would be applied.
Q: Do I need to do anything extra to receive the boost?	• A: No. If your donation is made online through Thrivent's giving platform during the campaign window, Thrivent will calculate and provide the applicable boost after the campaign.
Q: Will I receive a receipt for my donation?	A: Yes. Donors will receive an email receipt from **Thrivent Charitable** shortly after completing a donation through the giving platform.
Q: Is my donation tax deductible?	A: You will receive a tax receipt from **Thrivent Charitable** for your donation made through Thrivent's giving platform. Donors should consult their tax advisor for guidance about their individual situation. Thrivent does not provide tax advice. The tax receipt from Thrivent will be the official receipt you need for tax purposes. Your 4th quarter/end of year giving statement from St. Mark's will show that donation as "Thrivent Giving Tuesday" and will be marked NON-DEDUCTIBLE. Gifts for the Organ Renewal will be marked "Thrivent – Organ Renewal.
Q: When will the organization receive my donation and Thrivent's boost?	A: Donations received on Giving Tuesday through Thrivent's giving platform will be paid to organizations via EFT on December 9, 2026. Boost funds will be paid on or before December 16, 2026, as a separate EFT transaction. Please allow two to three business days after each EFT payment is sent for the funds to appear in the organization's bank account. **Note:** If the organization is newly enrolled in Thrivent Choice, they may receive a paper check in the mail for donations instead of an EFT payment.
Q: How will I know the total impact of the campaign?	A: Thrivent will share overall campaign results after Giving Tuesday, once total donations and boost amounts are finalized. You can also visit thrivent.com/give on Giving Tuesday to see our impact counter in real time.
Q: What if my donation is disputed, reversed or does not go through?	A: Disputed, reversed or otherwise ineligible transactions will not receive a boost.