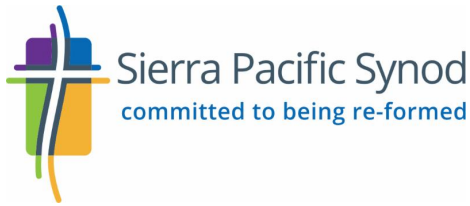


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The 250 Club at St. James, Redding

St. James Lutheran Church in Redding, CA has garnered thousands of dollars in financial support from Thrivent Financial's Action Team Program over the past two years.

Every member of Thrivent holding an insurance policy, annuity, investment portfolio, or other qualifying account is eligible to apply twice a year for a pre-paid \$250 gift card to support projects that will engage volunteers in serving their church and/or community.

For the past two years members at St. James have engaged in a number of projects and received over \$5000 in support from Thrivent. Projects have included fundraisers for youth mission trips, providing services to the homeless, supplying the Red Cross with educational equipment installed by church members, supplying the church's quilters with quilt batting, and providing raw materials for landscape projects on the church grounds.

In order to effectively utilize the Action Team program at Thrivent retired pastor Bob Grosch formed a "250 Club" at St. James. Membership in the club currently includes eighteen members of St. James. If a church member, member of the church staff, or even a member in Redding's broader community wishes to organize a volunteer project, a brief description of the project is written up and sent out to the 250 Club's members. Someone usually steps forward, offers to join the effort and applies for a \$250.00 prepaid visa card from Thrivent.

The program is a wonderful way to kick start volunteer projects large and small. It also gives us an opportunity to support and assist various community organizations.

For further information on the Thrivent Action Team program, go to thrivent.com and search for "Action Team".

Do you have a story that you would like to share? Send any Church Together story requests to mic@spselca.org.

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