

## Let Me Count the Ways I Can Support PLC

1. **Sunday envelopes** – traditional way. Requires you to remember to write a check or have cash each week. Easy to forget if you are on vacation or miss a Sunday.



2. **Automatic withdrawal from you bank/checking** account – VANCO. Simple and easy way to tithe. Fill out a one-page form, indicated amount and when you want it withdrawn (weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, etc.) and it will happen automatically. Forms can be requested from Glenna or sent an e-mail to [Treasurer@plc.cc](mailto:Treasurer@plc.cc).



3. **Give Online** - [www.plc.cc/donate](http://www.plc.cc/donate) - via PayPal or credit card or checking/savings account. Make a one-time donation or set up ongoing donations.



4. **Thrivent Choice Dollars** – for those who have eligible financial accounts at Thrivent, Thrivent makes available “Choice Dollars” to you based on the balance in your accounts. The “Choice Dollars” can go to a non-profit organization of your choice. You may choose Palisades Lutheran



Church for you Choice Dollars. So far this year, PLC has received \$2,593 by way of Choice Dollars. The Choice Dollars are not meant to replace your normal tithing. Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program and a unique member benefit. Want to learn more -

[Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

5. **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** – Using a QCD is a tax-savvy strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity. It is only available to IRAs and individuals who have reached Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age of 70 ½. Any amount processed as a QCD counts toward your RMD requirement and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution. This lowers both your adjusted gross income and taxable income, resulting in a lower overall tax liability. For example, if a 70-year-old couple, who have an annual RMD between the two of them of \$24,000, can instead direct \$10,000 of it to charity as a QCD, it will reduce their taxable income by \$10,000 and they still get to claim the same \$26,550 standard deduction in 2018. In this case, if the couple is in the new 24% tax bracket, by using this strategy, they would have saved \$2,400 in federal taxes alone — and potentially more in state tax savings. This is good reason to perform a QCD if you plan to take the standard deduction in 2018, which is why this strategy will likely become commonplace in 2018. Please discuss this strategy with your accountant to make sure it works to your advantage.



6. **AmazonSmile** - When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates to your favorite charitable organization. **What is AmazonSmile?** It is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support. **How do I shop at AmazonSmile?** To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to



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7. **Ralphs** - Every year in September you must reregister your Ralph's card for PLC to continue to receive contributions. Just by purchasing your groceries at Ralphs, you are supporting PLC. Go to <https://www.ralphs.com/topic/community-contribution-2> and either create an account if you have never registered before, or if you have registered sign in using your e-mail address and password. Then link your card to PLC using our organization number 84360.

