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**About Kathleen Longo**

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**Thanksgiving Reader  
from Seth Godin**

As a reflection of our efforts to emphasize generosity and appreciation within the spirit of Thanksgiving, please use this link to a "Thanksgiving Reader" that could be an interesting new family tradition. We were drawn to this Reader which highlights many interesting ways you could share your appreciation during the Thanksgiving feast, at your home or anywhere.

**->Click here**

**Flourish Updates**

Happy Thanksgiving! It is hard to believe with the warm weather in Minnesota that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving next week. I look forward to this time of year as we gather with family and friends along with wonderful food and appreciation. I am especially looking forward to my oldest daughter, Maddy, coming back home for the first time since she started college. Maddy and I have a tradition of spending a lot of time together in the kitchen while cooking the Thanksgiving meal and desserts together.

Two of the Core Values at Flourish are to Grow and Share our experience and insights, along with Making a difference. The team members at Flourish Wealth Management are encouraged to find ways to both engage and make a difference in our community. Involvement in local organizations helps our team develop a greater connection with the people and causes that can make a difference in the lives of people, including our own team along with the beneficiaries of these charities. We recently created a page on our website to highlight our community involvement, and welcome your feedback on worthy causes to get involved with.

We sincerely appreciate being a part of your lives and working together on your financial future. This is an exciting time of year and we wish you the best of health and happiness during the Holiday Season!

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**Flourish Blog**

Here is our recent blog that discusses the potential for added complexity with blended families and money decisions.

**Blended Finances and Family Values**

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Money conversations with one couple can be complex as each individual brings their unique family history around money, values, financial resources and obligations. Financial conversations take on a whole new meaning when kids are involved as parents wrestle with spending decisions on allowances, education funding, and eventually inheritances.

[-> Read blog](#)

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## What You Need to Know About Recent Changes to Social Security

### Social Security Changes Could Affect Your Filing Strategy

Establishing a well-crafted plan that incorporates Social Security retirement benefits in your financial future has never been more important, especially in light of recent changes to how Social Security benefits are administered. [-> Read blog](#)

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