

# WHAT IS TRUNK OR TREAT?



St. John's Lutheran is sponsoring this Halloween event for the families of the church and school and their friends. Children and adults come in costume to play some "carnival type" Halloween games and do crafts together. We also have a chance to hear the Gospel message in the *Pumpkin Story*.

People gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy or other treats from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters. You should plan on having enough treats for at least 100-150 children.

**Please no extremely scary, witchy or devilish costumes as this event is attended by mostly young children. The same holds true for decorating your vehicles.**

The best way to plan your trunk is to pick a theme. Think of it like dressing yourself in a costume. Sometimes you pick a theme and throw things together. Here are some examples:

An SUV which was '70's themed. They threw down some shag, hung a disco ball and parked close to the church so they could run an extension cord to a light ball. The people wore 'fro wigs and tie dye. It was pretty funny. So you could do **50's, 60's or 80's** too.

You can dress as a **clown** and fill your trunk with balloons.

Another one was a **zookeeper** who had lots of stuffed animals set about.

One acted like their trunk was the back of a **boat**. They had fishing poles for hooking the candy. (I actually recommend against activities like this because they hold up the line pretty badly)

**Beach or Luau** theme. Open up the back of the vehicle, hang some towels and set up a boogie board against the door, set out beach chairs, use an umbrella. There are tons of things you could do with this. I told a friend she should wear her bathing suit over her clothes. I think the kids would think that's a riot. She doesn't want to, but someone should do it.

**NASCAR** Theme - Display all your souvenirs

**Harvest** Theme

**Sports** Theme (pick a sport) - Team displays are popular

Popular Kid's Themes: **Sesame Street**, **Dora the Explorer**, **Veggie Tales**, **Backyardigans** (If you have kids and they're into a particular character you can use their stuff. Other kids will love it)

**Animal** Themes - Stuffed animals count.

**Movie** Themes (Keep the kids in mind though)

**Western** Theme

**Camping Out** theme

**Christmas (or other holiday)** Theme

**Gone Fishing** Theme

**Pirate** Theme

Don't forget about a costume for yourself. The best and most interesting trunks have their owners dressed to match the theme

# TRUNK OR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018

5:00-6:45PM

In the Parish Hall & then the big parking lot!



## How can YOU help?

- Set up at 3:45pm/ Clean up the Parish Hall at 6:15pm
- Help the Youth make and serve pizza to families
- Help run a booth at Trunk or Treat (like pumpkin toss, pin the nose on the pumpkin, pumpkin bowling, crafts, food treats, and many more!)
- Clean up the Parish Hall at 6:15pm
- Decorate the trunk of your car and hand out treats to all the kids!
- Pray for this very special ministry! It's a chance to let our lights shine and share the Gospel!

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