

Trunk-or-Treat Vehicle Guidelines

Immanuel Lutheran Church – East Dundee, IL

Thank you for volunteering to decorate your vehicle for Trunk-or-Treat! This year's event will be in coordination with our congregation's "Beyond Thank You" Event.

If you are new to Trunk-or-Treat, it is an event where volunteers decorate the trunks of their cars and fill them with individually wrapped candy or prizes from the children. The children will walk by the cars and receive a small treat at each decorated car. It's a great time for the children to enjoy the evening and not feel scared about trick-or-treating and it's a great opportunity to introduce families to our church and school. This is a rain or shine event. If the weather does not permit us to be outside, then you will decorate a table in the school gym.

There are lots of creative, family-friendly ways that you can decorate your vehicle. We recommend that you pick a theme for your vehicle and costume. The less your car looks like a car, the better. The best car will win a prize! Because so many of our trunk-or-treaters will be younger families, we ask that participants not use scary items or images like blood, skeletons, bats, witches, monsters, gore, occult symbols, etc.

Here are some suggested themes:

- Disney, Pixar, or other kid-friendly movies
- Circus
- Western
- Space, Sci-fi
- Medieval
- Race Car
- Decade theme: 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, etc.
- Bible Stories
- Sports
- Camping
- Zoo or Barnyard
- Pirate

We have some guidelines that must be adhered to for all our children's safety at trunk-or-treat:

- The cars will park on the grass around the school field. One space will be provided per vehicle.
- You may park your car early if you need more time to decorate in the field.
- You may arrive as early as 3:00pm and as late as 3:30pm. You will be directed to a parking place. The event begins at 4pm, so you must be in place and ready before that time.
- You may NOT leave the parking spot until the end of the event at 6pm. If the times do not work for you, we'd love to have you volunteer in some other capacity.
- Once the event has ended and families have left, you may move your vehicle to leave.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of these guidelines. We want everyone to have a wonderful time at the Trunk-or-Treat portion of our "Beyond Thank You" Event this fall!