



PUMPKIN PATCH

Hard to believe but it is almost time for the Pumpkin Patch again!!

This has been a very difficult year with all of the pandemic concerns and it has hit us hard as we have had to cancel most of our fundraising activities. Although it will be difficult and there will be some changes necessary, we would like to continue with the Pumpkin Patch. It is one of our largest fundraisers.

We need to make a decision on the Pumpkin Patch within the next couple of weeks so that we can confirm with the pumpkin vendor. Our ability to hold the event is solely in our hands and is based on the number of volunteers we can get to help on delivery day and selling pumpkins.

We are confident that we can make some minor changes to the selling process so that we can abide by social distancing and keep it safe, but the unloading process is a different story.

It is not possible to practice social distancing while unloading the truck so the wearing of masks will be mandatory for everyone both inside and outside the truck.

In order to continue with this event we need a commitment from members of the congregation and their friends that they will attend and help with the unloading process. We need about 12 – 15 people willing to work in the truck and then everyone else will be needed to help carry pumpkins from the church to their spot in the yard. For safety reasons, young children will not be permitted to work in the truck. As an additional safety measure, only people helping to unload pumpkins should attend this event. Spectators are discouraged as we continue to limit the risk.

Within the next couple of weeks we will be sending out an email blast asking you to confirm your willingness and ability to help and then we can determine if it is feasible for us to continue.

Please check with members of your family and anyone else you know who may be willing to help. We do not anticipate having help from the schools like we have had in past years, so we need help to get this accomplished.

We need to do whatever we can to have the Pumpkin Patch since we were forced to cancel many of our fundraising efforts this year.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cyndi and Bill Kline
Fundraising Committee Chair



In-person worship gatherings have resumed at **10:15am on Sunday mornings**. Services are also available on Holy Spirit's Facebook page using Facebook Live.

As we approach the end of summer we continue to deal with the effects of the pandemic but we are very much surviving. We continue to have Sunday services in the social hall and we diligently clean and sanitize to keep the worship environment safe. We have made masks mandatory, practice social distancing and we do our best to track attendees so that we can have a contact trail in the unlikely event of an outbreak. At the same time we realize and support those of you who do not feel comfortable or safe with worshipping in person. Worship services continue to be broadcast via Facebook Live so that we can continue to keep everyone involved. If you haven't done so already give us a try either in-person or online.

As we move into the fall we hope to gradually increase activities while continuing to practice social distancing and try to find our new normal. A big thank you to all of you who have stepped forward over the past few months and helped us to continue to operate successfully. Volunteerism has always been critical to the success of Holy Spirit and there will be no shortage of opportunities in the coming months as we continue to try to recover from the occurrences of 2020.

Please continue to pray for Holy Spirit and our future.

Peace.

Office Closed

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING - Monday, September 14th at 11:00 via Zoom.



- **BLOOD DRIVE – Monday, Sep 4th 2:00pm-7:00pm**
- **The American Red Cross is urging donors who are feeling healthy and well to give now to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. Save time by using RapidPass® to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment.**
- **Get started at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) or by using the Blood Donor App.**
- **For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org).**
- All donors will have their temperature taken before they enter the blood drive room. Will not be allowed in the room if temp is higher than 99.5. All staff will take their own temp before leaving the house each day.

- We are increasing the space required between chairs, tables, beds, etc. to create more social distance
- ALL equipment (tablets, computers, stethoscopes, thermometers, beds, etc) are being wiped with disinfectants after EACH use. Anything that a donor or staff person touches will be wiped down.
- There will be several areas of the blood drive that have hand sanitizers available for donors including the refreshment area.
- The refreshment table will be wiped down frequently throughout the drive.
- All staff members will be wearing masks.
- If the donor waiting area gets too crowded, donors are encouraged to wait outside or in their cars and we will contact them when they can come in.
- We are requiring appointments for all donors. In most cases, walk ins are not being accepted.

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, Sep 15th at 7:00pm.

HOMELESS MEAL: Wednesday, Sep 30th.



Jane A. Croghan 9/3
 Dawn Greenlaw-Scully 9/4
 Michelle Oaster 9/10
 Taylor Lynn Jones 9/23
 Madeline Gordon 9/27
 Kimberley Gregg 9/28

CONDOLENCES

Prayers for the family and friends of:

Joseph Pasquale who passed away on July 22, 2020

Daniel Walter who passed away on Aug 1, 2020

David Krouse who passed away on Aug 3, 2020



<i>Joe Monte</i>	<i>Jane Croghan</i>
<i>Jean Brown</i>	<i>Lisa McDonough</i>
<i>Frank Taddie</i>	<i>Carol Greenway</i>
<i>Lana Frye</i>	<i>Frank Sheetz</i>
<i>Carol Sheetz</i>	<i>Joy Heacock</i>
<i>Harry Collins</i>	<i>Irene Hunter</i>
<i>Rose Cunliffe</i>	<i>Lou Vallies</i>



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“Wireless communication is nothing new.
 I’ve been praying for 75 years!”

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND GOES VIRTUAL

Because of the coronavirus restrictions, the September 18-20, 2020 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will now be presented online using Zoom video conferencing. **SO YOU NOW CAN EXPERIENCE THE WEEKEND FROM YOUR OWN HOME WHEREVER THAT MIGHT BE.**

If the coronavirus has put stress on your marriage, you are not alone! Lutheran Marriage Encounter wants to help you renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have been married a year or 60+ years. And because there is no room and board expense, your total cost to experience this Weekend is only \$100 per couple. In addition, some scholarship funds are available if this creates a hardship for you--simply email or call us at the information below before you register. You only need to provide a quiet spot with minimal distractions, a good internet connection, and a computer or laptop or some such device suitable for video conferencing. (If you have children in the home, it is highly recommended that they stay with friends or relatives for the Weekend.) The Weekend begins at 8 PM on Friday night and ends at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. **REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED**, so sign up **NOW** while there are still openings. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, find the September 18-20 Virtual Weekend, fill out the form, and pay the \$100 with a credit card, or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions,

please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

SMILE.AMAZON.COM—Placing an order on Amazon? Enter Smile.amazon.com and select “Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit” as your charity. Holy Spirit will get ½ of 1% of your purchase.

ELECTRONIC GIVING— Holy Spirit relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and “Simply Giving” offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Call the office for an authorization form.

SWISS FARMS PROGRAM - We have discount cards available for Swiss Farms stores. Every time you make a qualifying purchase at Swiss Farms and use the card, you get a 3% discount and Holy Spirit receives a 3% donation.

If you don't already have a card they are available in on the table outside the office. Take one home for your friends too!!

