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Will you help grow our Pumpkin Patch of Support?

Dear Faith Lutheran Families,

In year's past, Faith Lutheran School has hosted the Annual Fall Festival; an event to bring together our community and school, in celebration of children and education. It has also served as the largest yearly fundraiser for our school. With consideration for the health and wellness of our community, we have had the opportunity to rethink how we conduct our largest fundraiser.

Something this pandemic has taught all of us is to never take receiving an education for granted. With greater reason we see the value of receiving in-person learning, in a Christian setting; something that Faith Lutheran School strives to achieve each and every day. Even though the world around us has changed, our mission of providing our students with a high quality education, in a safe, Christ-centered environment remains our top priority. We make every effort for our students to have the tools and resources they need to prepare them for where God leads them.

Of course, this would not be possible without the generous support from our school families, Faith Lutheran Church, and our community. With past donations we have been able to advance technology and provide infrastructure to give our students, teachers and administrators the support they need. Since the school's small beginning in 1972, Faith Lutheran School has expanded to provide a Christ-centered education from preschool through the 8th grade. With God's abundant blessings and a supportive community we were able to open the doors of our beautiful new middle school and gymnasium this fall!

To help us to continue offering our students a top-notch education, we would like to introduce you to our fresh and very exciting fundraising campaign: we are growing a pumpkin patch of support! Individual supporters and businesses can donate to Faith Lutheran School in a unique and inspiring way!

We are launching this campaign in two different formats.

Format 1: A wall of pumpkins will be on display in the Narthex. Each envelope will be numbered 1-250. Simply choose the envelope(s) whose number represents the value of your desired donation. If you choose the pumpkin labeled \$35, for example, you would put \$35 dollars in the envelope. If you wish to make a donation that is valued at a denomination not available, please select multiple envelopes that add up to your contribution amount. Only have \$8 to give? Your son wants to give the only \$1 he has? Perfect! We are grateful for every dollar given and we need every envelope filled! We will not limit anyone's creativity or generosity! Once you fill the envelope place it in the Faith in Motion wooden box, or turn it into the school office. Please include your name and mailing address if you would like a receipt for your taxes. Remember, this is 100% tax deductible! Finally, pray! Please pray for our school to continue to grow and thrive in our community! It is evident in the last year that God has big plans for our school and its impact on our community!

We kindly ask that when choosing your donation amount, consider that you **WILL NOT** be asked for classroom donations, silent auction basket contributions, food donations, raffle ticket sales, event tickets, auction purchases, and even your precious time plan, set-up, attend or take down as in years past for the fundraiser! We are asking that you put 100% of that donation directly towards an envelope(s) to fill. **Our goal is for every envelope to be filled raising \$31,375!!!**

Format 2: A patch of pumpkins will be displayed on the front lawn. We need YOUR HELP to grow our pumpkin patch of support by involving local businesses and community supporters! Each family is asked to contact at least 5 local businesses or community supporters on the provided list to share this exciting opportunity. Please see the link to the sign up sheet included with this email. If you haven't been receiving Parent Express emails, please notify the office of your preferred email address. **Personalized pumpkin signs will be placed along our Baltimore Street frontage from October 26th - November 29th** recognizing the supporters from the community! Four pumpkin sizes are available: 12"x18"- \$100, 18"x24"- \$250, 24"x36"- \$500 and a "Great Pumpkin" supporter in 36" x 48" for \$1,000. It will take many pumpkins of every size to meet our fundraising goal! Not only will these pumpkin donations go towards supporting our school, but the area businesses will be receiving the recognition they deserve for their generous support! In the end, these donations be used to take down remaining envelopes off the wall of pumpkins! We also encourage families to consider purchasing a pumpkin for our lawn to show their family's support of our school! This pumpkin patch will truly show the abundance of blessings from our school, Faith Lutheran Church, and our community! Some businesses may not want to donate \$100 to purchase a pumpkin, but we should make sure they realize any denomination, even \$10 will be greatly appreciated!

For this fundraiser to be a success we will need the help of the entire school. Please watch for an email with a list of local businesses who have historically supported the school. Please review this list, add anyone you think is missing, and add your name next to the ones you will be contacting. This prevents donors from being contacted by more than one person. We will have business flyers available in the Narthex for you to take with you to potential sponsors that explain the fundraiser and our mission. We need to have all businesses contacted with their donation in hand by Friday, October 16th to have pumpkins ready for display by Monday, October 26th. This means we all need to hit the ground running to make our front lawn a beautiful sight!!!

Counting our Blessings,

Janie Fouch
Principal

Marty Archer
Interim Principal

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