

**St. John Nottingham Lutheran Church and School** organized a first-ever real Pumpkin Patch to help raise funds for its school. Over 1,000 pumpkins were on display for sale over a 3-Saturday, two-week period. Without any experience with this type of event planning was challenging, but with the support of SJN members, staff, students and the Nottingham Parent's League (NPL) it all came together. Tied into the "Patch" event were Saturday Special Events to help draw people to SJN. There was Fall Fest, Trunk or Treat, Food Trucks, hayrides, vendors, and games. The Patch was decorated with bales of hay and a balloon arch, decorative lighting and several special spots for taking pictures. Much was posted on the SJN Social Media platforms and numerous patrons posted onto their which created even more awareness. The weather was great as was the turnout. It was a great community event!

