

2024 LOCAL HEROES RAFFLE OFFICIAL RULES

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Local Heroes Raffle.

Net proceeds raised from this event will go 100% to the **LOCAL HEROES** (Sheriff, Police, EMS, Fire, and/or DNR Departments of LaPorte, Indiana) for their efforts to help with drug prevention and community safety through programs like the K9 program.

By entering this charity raffle, you are stating that you have read the raffle rules and understand them. If you have any questions about the rules below please call our office at 219-362-3312 and we will do our best to answer all of your questions. Bethany Lutheran Church of LaPorte Indiana thanks you for your support of this wonderful cause!

1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of entry and a legal resident of the United States to be eligible. Indiana Charity Gaming Single Activity License 014175
2. Grand Prize Winner will receive a 1972 Mustang Convertible. Online value estimate is \$25,000. Winner is responsible for pick up /delivery of vehicle as arranged through Bethany Church. Winner will be provided with the title, so that they may complete ownership documents and pay all applicable fees. Cash prize option is \$15,000 through Bethany Lutheran Church).
3. Winners need not be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased with cash, check, or debit purchase for \$20/ticket or 3/\$50. Online ticket purchase inquiries will be contacted for purchasing information (debit payment is acceptable). Just 3,500 raffle tickets are available. Any unsold tickets left at the time of the raffle (approximately 5:00pm CST on July 31, 2024) will be disposed of and not entered into the raffle.
4. Winners shall be responsible for any and all federal, state and local income or excise taxes, fees, assessments, licensing, registration, insurance and like charges associated with the prize. For IRS requirements and Government rules governing withholding of prizes won, check with a qualified financial adviser. The IRS has taken the position that amounts paid for chances to participate in raffles, lotteries or similar programs are not gifts and, therefore, the price of the entry does not qualify as a deductible charitable contribution. Income taxes and any state, local, or federal taxes must be paid to Bethany Lutheran Church before the car is transferred to the winner and no later than 30 days unless otherwise agreed upon. Winner must produce valid drivers license at time of acceptance.
5. Full-time employees of Bethany Lutheran Church, LaPorte, IN are not eligible to participate.
6. Raffle starts on November 20, 2023 and ends no later than 5:00 pm on July 31, 2024. Tickets will be sold through that time on July 31, 2024 or until tickets have been sold out, whichever occurs first. Phone/Mail/Email ticket sales made after July 24, 2024 will require personal pick up of original raffle ticket prior to July 31, 2024. Copy of numbered raffle tickets will be texted or emailed to ticket purchasers who have purchased via phone, mail or email after the payment for tickets has been received.
7. Winners will be drawn at random on July 31, 2024 at approximately 5:00pm. This drawing event is held at The LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W State Road 2, LaPorte, IN between 12pm and 7pm.

8. Tickets are \$20.00 each or 3/\$50.00. A total of 3,500 tickets will be sold. There is no limit of tickets that can be sold to an individual purchaser. Tickets can be paid for by cash, check, money order, or debit card. Checks are to be made payable to Bethany Church. Tickets purchased via phone, mail, or email will be texted or emailed to the purchaser within 6 days of order. Phone, mail or email order sales made after July 24, 2024 will require personal pick up of original raffle ticket prior to July 31, 2024.

9. If a cash equivalent prize is chosen for the Grand Prize in lieu of vehicle, terms for obtaining the cash equivalency prize shall be made with Bethany Lutheran Church, LaPorte, IN.

10. Prizes must be claimed within 30 days of notification. Prizes not claimed within the 30 days, will be forfeited to Bethany Church and sold to benefit "Local Heroes" fundraising efforts.

11. Upon issuance of a raffle ticket, all sales are final and non-refundable.

12. Bethany Lutheran Church assumes no responsibility for lost, late, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, illegible or non-delivered entries. Any mutilated, incomplete or illegible entries will be deemed invalid and shall be immediately disqualified.

13. Any unsold tickets become the property of Bethany Lutheran Church and are NOT entered in the drawing.

14. Net proceeds from this raffle benefit the LaPorte Indiana area Police, Fire, EMS, Sheriff, and/or DNR Departments.

15. Driver's license or other acceptable form of identification along with the winning ticket stub or photo of such must be presented before claiming any prize.

16. Purchasers, by participating (and the winner, by accepting the prize) release the employees of Bethany Lutheran Church and their respective partners, vendors, agents, representatives, board members, sponsors, service agencies and independent contractors, and each of their respective directors, officers, partners, employees and agents, including advertising and promotion agencies, from any and all liability with respect to participation in the raffle and possession or use of the prize awarded and also acknowledge that they did not receive any representations, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, relative to the prize, including but not limited to its quality, mechanical condition or fitness. In the case of any dispute, Bethany Lutheran Church's decision shall be final.

17. The Car, will be transferred to the Prize winner "as is, where is, and with all faults". Bethany Church does not make or provide any representation, guarantee or warranty, expressed or implied, in connection with the Car and accepts no liability or responsibility regarding the construction or condition of the Car. Bethany Church does not warrant that the Car is of mercantile quality or that it can be used for any particular purpose. No express warranties are given and no affirmation of Bethany by words and/or actions will constitute a warranty. Bethany Church makes no guarantee that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will accept that value of the car for the purpose of determining any income tax that may be due from the winner. Bethany Church takes no responsibility for any tax liabilities. Consult your tax advisor. Void where prohibited.