

Property Use Policy

Use of the church property for personal or family purposes and events (dinners, birthday celebrations, wedding anniversary open houses, baby showers, etc.) is normally restricted to members only. Requests for the use of the church property for such occasions should be directed to the chairman of the Board of Property, church office secretary, and/or the pastor who will verify availability, make provisions for the opening and closing of the church building, and provide them with a copy of this policy.

Exceptions may be made by the Church Council for not-for-profit groups and/or individuals whose goals and purposes are consistent with or not in conflict with those of our congregation (i.e., Al-Anon; Kiwanis Club; etc.). Since our church building was dedicated or consecrated for the sole purpose of *“the preaching of the saving Word of God in accordance with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, for the administration of the holy Sacraments according to the institution of Christ, and for offering to God the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving”* (Lutheran Service Book Agenda, Dedication Of A Church, p. 267); no group outside our synodical fellowship shall be permitted to use the church property for religious services and instruction.

The church property must be left in the manner in which it was found; i.e., kitchen cleaned; all dishes, cutlery, cups, etc. washed and put away; garbage taken away; lights turned off; tables and chairs returned to their original set-up; heat turned down; etc. Any items borrowed from the church for personal use (i.e., tables, chairs, coffee pot, etc.) are to be returned promptly and in the condition in which they were taken. The consumption of alcohol is prohibited on church property.

There is no charge for personal or group use of the church property; however, a monetary donation to the congregation may be made if so desired. Suggested donation for personal or family use: \$25 to \$75.

(adopted at the Voters Assembly meeting on June 25, 1530)