

ALTAR FLOWER POLICY
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

This policy addresses the display of flowers on the high altar in the Church Sanctuary.

The Lutheran guide, "Altar Guild Handbook" (S. Anita Stauffer, Fortress Press) states that "because flowers are used for their symbolism of life, joy, and human frailty, artificial flowers have no purpose and no place in the worship space." (Artificial flowers are not "alive", nor do they wilt.)

We shall continue the practice of only using fresh flowers on the altar.

We shall only place flowers on the altar when someone is sponsoring. If there are no sponsors, there will be no flowers placed on the altar. (Zion ELC will not pay for flowers that are not sponsored.)

This policy shall be communicated to members via newsletter and (initially) Sunday bulletin. This communication shall include an invitation for people to sponsor flowers, the cost of sponsoring, and reference to the sponsorship list in the Gathering Place.

This policy shall be administered by the Parish Administrator.

Policy approved by Church Council: