

Dear Vendor,

Concordia Lutheran Church's Authentic Christmas Market is to combine traditional German holiday celebrations with Lutheran values, emphasizing a Christ-centered Christmas through religious and nonsecular events. It serves as a gathering place for the community, allowing people to buy seasonal goods like handicrafts and food, while also providing opportunities for spiritual reflection and celebrating the birth of Jesus. Our market includes activities like singing carols, telling Christmas stories, and featuring nativities. It is a religious, vibrant, and bustling time that brings together the community, food producers, artisans, and artists.

Similar to the German Christmas Markets in Europe, we strive to provide the same meaningful and memorable event.

The Market's site is located at Concordia Lutheran Church, 836 Park Avenue, Sikeston, MO.

Dates: December 18, 2026: 4:30-8:00 pm.

December 19, 2026: 10:30 am-3:00 pm

1. Setup begins 2 hours prior to Market opening. Vendors must be ready for business by Market opening time.
2. A 10 ft. by 10 ft. canopy, two 8-foot tables, white tablecloths, and 2 chairs will be provided.
3. Vendors are required to post a professional identification sign or banner
4. Individual name tags are required and must be always worn during Market hours. Vendors have the option to create and wear their own personalized name tags, or one will be provided.
5. Signage including product prices and vendor identification must be clear and visible. All items for sale must be clearly marked with the retail price. Prices may be posted on the product or posted as a list of prices on a large sign or board.
6. Vendors are responsible for all necessary materials, equipment, and components of their display. No cardboard boxes, plastic tubs or handwritten signs.
7. Vendors must display their products neatly and attractively, with consideration for the other vendors and the public. A well thought out display is a great strategy for increasing sales.
8. Vendors are responsible for keeping their space clean and attractive during Market hours.
9. Booth disassembly is not permitted until the Market closes.
10. Vendors must clean up their stall space after the Market closes, including sweeping up any debris and removing all trash. All trash generated by vendors must be removed at the end of the day.
11. No politics or political campaigning is permitted. All signs, clothing, stickers, symbols, etc. that could be deemed to be political or advancing one's ideology is prohibited. This zero-tolerance rule applies to vendors, products, and guest organizations.

- The flag of the United States of America is not political. It is the symbol of “We the People” and represents all Americans.
- The promotion of American liberty, independence, or freedom in general, are characteristics unique to the United States of America and are not viewed as political.
- Thin Blue Line and Thin Red Line pays homage to police and firefighters and are not considered political.
- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard related items and symbols are also not considered political.

12. Vendors are not permitted to play radios or use other sound-generating electronics during Market hours.

13. Vendors are not allowed to smoke within the Market area at any time.

14. Vendors must be neat and appropriately dressed.

Applications open July 1st. Vendors will be notified by August 1st if approved. Vendor fee for the entire event is \$60.00 payable to Concordia Lutheran Church with a memo stating “Christmas Market Vendor Fee” and mailed to 836 Park Ave, Sikeston, MO 63801 by August 15th.