

Memorial Garden and Church Grounds Policy Guidelines

Knife River Lutheran Church
Knife River, Minnesota

Knife River Lutheran Church's Memorial Garden was created to be a place of comfort, peace and inspiration. The plants and decorations have been thoughtfully and lovingly placed to try to achieve these intentions. For that reason, these guidelines have been created to try to ensure the garden continues to be a place of serenity and respect.

1. The plantings in the garden have been chosen as part as an overall intentional design plan. While donations of perennial plants are gratefully accepted, they must be planted according to that overall design plan and color schematic. Planting of anything new in the memorial garden must be approved by the Memorial Garden Committee and directed by someone from the committee.

2. In order to retain the serenity of the Knife River Lutheran Church Memorial Garden, it is necessary to limit the amount and size of memorial structures or decorations that can be added to the garden, beyond those already given to commemorate the establishment of the Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden Committee will evaluate potential donations of these type gifts on an individual basis and determine whether to accept or decline.

Approval will not normally be given for individual memorial structures (sculptures, benches, fountains, etc.) on Knife River Lutheran Church grounds, or in the Memorial Garden in particular because the intimate scale and reflective style of a Memorial Garden is rarely suitable for a steadily growing number of these type of items.

3. Memorials honoring the deceased are encouraged in the form of monetary donations to the congregation and can be designated for enhancement, maintenance and care of the Memorial Garden and/or church grounds.

4. Memorial plaques may be ordered through the Columbarium Committee for placement on the back wall of the Columbarium, per the Columbarium Policy and regulations.

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