

# Faith Lutheran Church Community Garden Application Form

1320 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067

## 2014 Gardener Rules, Terms, and Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established for this garden. Please read the guidelines and direct any questions or comments to the garden leaders.

1. All gardeners are required to complete and submit a Gardener's Application Form each year through ECKAN.
2. Garden plots will be assigned first come first serve, one plot per family. Second and continuous year gardeners will have the opportunity to keep their prior year plot.
3. As this is a community service project, 25% of each gardener's yield will be donated to local food pantries. This will be on the honor system with each individual gardener responsible for delivering their own produce or joining with a group of gardeners making deliveries.
- 4. Start date for planting for the 2014 growing season will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.**
5. Nothing grown in the community garden is to be sold.
6. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
7. Herbicides and Pesticides are NOT allowed in the garden.
8. Smoking and chewing tobacco are not allowed in the garden area. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are filled with toxins.
9. Pets, alcohol, drugs, radios, boom boxes, fireworks, weapons, and fires are not allowed in the garden.
10. Garden meetings and work parties may be scheduled. Attendance is encouraged as this is an opportunity to get to know your fellow gardeners and assist with garden upkeep and special projects.
11. Keep your plot, adjoining pathways, and surrounding area tended. This includes weeding, trash removal, and harvesting of your plot.
12. Put weeds and dead plants into the compost bins provided. Do not leave them in the pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be put in the trash so as not to contaminate the compost or gardens.
13. Do not pick anything or take plants from another person's plot without their expressed permission. Do not take anything from the garden that does not belong to you.
14. Water for your garden plot will be provided by the City of Ottawa. The amount of water allotted will be based on your plot size. Please do not leave the water on unattended. When finished watering for the day, please roll up the hose at the garden hydrant and turn off the hydrant.
15. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned up by December 1<sup>st</sup>, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season or be reassigned a new smaller plot.
16. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours
17. Please supervise children in the garden.
18. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activity to a garden leader and the police.
19. Respect other gardeners and use common courtesy.
20. Call ECKAN (785-242-7515) or a garden leader if you need help or will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, Please let ECKAN or a garden leader know as soon as possible so that your plot may be assigned to another gardener.

### Primary Gardener and person making application for a garden plot:

Gardener's Name (printed) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Additional Gardeners gardening with you \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate the size of garden plot that you would prefer ( rank 1 through 4).** If you will accept only a certain size plot, check only that size.

- 4 feet x 6.25 feet**
- 4 feet x 11.5 feet**

- 4 feet x 14 feet**
- 4 feet x 16 feet**

You must provide your own gardening tools, plants, seeds, and whatever else you may need to maintain your garden. We have no storage and will not be responsible for lost or stolen equipment.

***Parking for the garden will be south of the garden on Willow Lane street***

In connection with my voluntary involvement in activities undertaken for, and with the participation and support of Faith Lutheran Church, ECKAN, and The City of Ottawa, Kansas, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release and discharge Faith Lutheran Church, ECKAN, and The City of Ottawa, Kansas, its officers and directors, employees, agents, and volunteers from all claims, demands, and actions for injuries sustained to my person and/or property as a result of my involvement in such activities, whether or not resulting from negligence, and I agree to release and hold Faith Lutheran Church, ECKAN, and The City of Ottawa, Kansas, its officers and directors, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any cause or action, claim, or suit arising there from. I hereby attest that my attendance and involvement in such activities is voluntary, that I am participating at my own risk, and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions of this release. I also agree to allow Faith Lutheran Church, ECKAN, and The City of Ottawa, Kansas to use any photographic images of me/my child taken while participating in this volunteer project. These images may be used on websites, in brochures, annual reports, and other related fund raising materials.

**By signing below, I indicate that I have thoroughly read and fully understand the Rules, Terms, and Guidelines for Faith Lutheran Church Community Garden and I, and those gardening with me, agree to abide by these rules.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deliver or mail this form to:**

**Jake Howard  
ECKAN  
517 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067**

**Date & time received at ECKAN: \_\_\_\_\_**

A garden leader will contact you regarding your garden application. Final date for submitting an application for a garden plot for the 2014 gardening season is May 31, 2014.

**Garden Leaders for the 2014 garden season will be:**

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