



2026 SCARECROW CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Participation: Open to individuals of all ages, groups, families, and local businesses. Deadline for Entry: Oct. 7th.
2. Fees: There is NO FEE this year!!! You may have more than one scarecrow in your entry. (i.e. A Prince & Princess would be one entry).
3. Scarecrow Scene Sketch: You must submit a sketch or written description of the scarecrow scene with your entry form by the October 7th deadline. Restrictions: This is a family event. Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, non-Christian or political opinions or statements will not be accepted. The Zion Lutheran Church Scarecrow Committee reserves the right to deny any scarecrow scene which we feel may be offensive to the public.
4. Scarecrow Basics: Your scarecrow must be able to withstand weather, wind, and other natural elements. Perishable goods are not recommended for use in construction of your scarecrow scene. We reserve the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to the weather.
5. All scarecrows should be built in a manner that allows them to be left unattended. Zion Lutheran Church is **NOT** responsible for scarecrows on display.
6. Support Stakes: One 4 ft. stake will be provided in assigned locations to identify your group. At the end of the event, **the stake must be left behind**. If you need additional supports to hold up your scarecrow or scene, you must supply them.
7. Scarecrow Setup: You may set up your scarecrow scene in your assigned location on the Zion Lutheran Church lawn Oct 10th thru Oct. 13th. **(Your spot will be clearly marked)**. The scarecrows will be on display for the public through the day of the contest, October 17th. Contestants who remove their scarecrow before the event ends will be disqualified.
8. Judging: Judging will be done by the public, through ballot vote. Any person of any age can vote. Voting will be held at the event on October 17th between **10:00 am and 2:00 pm**.
9. Scarecrow Removal: Scarecrow must be removed by Sunday, October 18th. (Rain date Sunday, Oct. 25th.) Please do not leave any items behind. Any materials remaining after that time will be discarded.

Ribbons will be Awarded and Winners will be Notified at the Conclusion of the Event on October 17th, 2026.

QUESTIONS? Email ZLCscarecrow@gmail.com or contact the church office 203-269-6847.

How to enter:

Complete entry form and mail to:

Zion Lutheran Church, 235 Pond Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492 Attn: Scarecrow Contest