

FUNERAL PLANNING

Here are some basic funeral needs:

- Location of Funeral or Memorial Service
- Casket/body or Urn/cremation arrangement
- Funeral Home arrangements
- Cemetery arrangements

Funeral service details

- Photo display and/or photo video
- Easels for photos
- Zion projection during visitation
- Scripture, Music and Holy Communion
- Reception after service? Caterer?
Bring punch and ice for reception
Number of people anticipate _____
- Memorials designated for?
- Special Requests

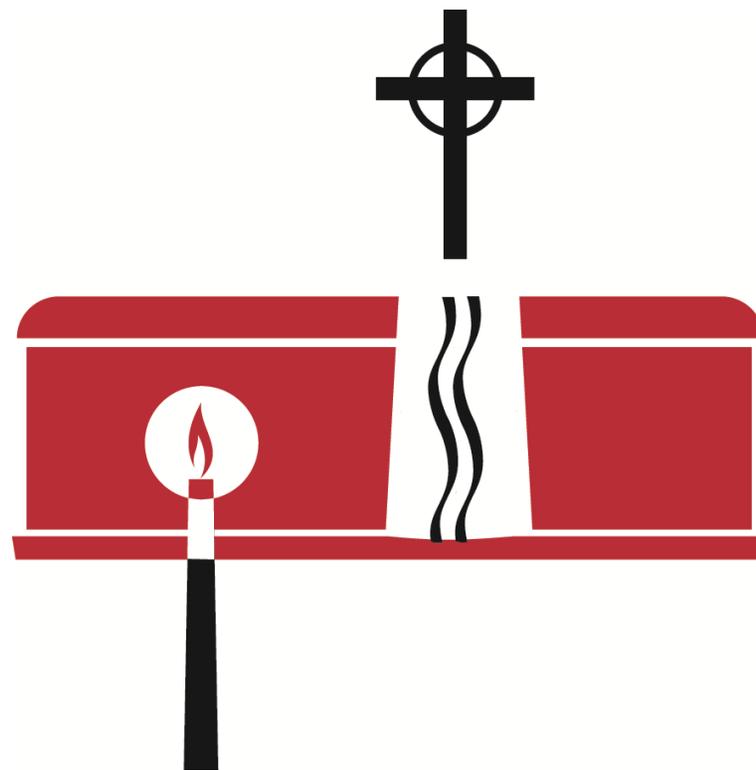
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In memory of our loved ones



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From the Pastor

The sadness of death should give way in our liturgy to the promise of resurrected life. Our celebration of a person’s life should reflect our conviction that in Jesus Christ we have life beyond life. The purpose of a Christian funeral is to accompany the family through a time of loss.

Zion Lutheran Church faith community gathers along that journey to share words of hope, songs of comfort, the water of baptismal promise, the meal of strength and the presence of Christ. A Funeral worship service is a time when the means of grace and consolation are shared for family and friends. This time of worship, for a funeral or memorial, are most properly celebrated in the church of the deceased, in the presence of their faith community, and around the word and meal. All remains are treated with honor; and the Church takes very seriously its responsibility to walk with people through this time of loss.

Funerals held at Zion Lutheran Church for non-members is left to the Pastor’s discretion. Funerals are normally held any day except Sunday at times depending on clergy and church availability. A visitation can be held the night before of just prior to the service; at the church or at the funeral home.

A “funeral” service is conducted with the body present or an urn, and is usually planned within days of death. A “memorial” (with or without an urn) service can be delayed as the family chooses to me the convenience of the family. Some hold memorials at the one year anniversary. Please call us at Zion to make arrangements.

Peace,
Pastor Michael E. Thomas

FEES	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Large Worship Space Fee	NA	\$200.00
Chapel (holds 70)	NA	\$100.00
Sound Technician - worship	NA	\$25.00
Video Projection - visitation	\$25.00	\$25.00
Organist	\$125.00	\$125.00
Soloist	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fellowship Hall	NA	\$100.00
Custodian (Fellowship Hall)	NA	\$25.00

In case of financial hardship, please speak openly and honestly with the Pastor during the initial planning meeting.

The meal needs to be catered but the Zion Women’s group will host and serve, as well as provide coffee. Zion can provide tablecloths, silverware, plates, cups, packets of sugar and creamer. A gift to Zion WELCA for serving the meal is encouraged. Please call the Church office to make arrangements.

Catering Suggestions

ABC Catering	815-316-3016
Schnuck’s	815-484-2463

MUSIC FOR FUNERAL

The most commonly requested hymns and songs:

- Amazing Grace
- A Mighty Fortress is our God
- Beautiful Savior
- Be Thou My Vision
- Children of the Heavenly Father
- For All the Saints
- How great thou art
- I am the bread of life
- I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry
- Just as I Am
- On eagle's wings
- O God our help in ages past
- Precious Lord
- Savior like A Shepherd Lead Us
- The Old Rugged Cross
- You Are Mine
- Other:
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PREPARATIONS

MUSIC

Music is discussed with Pastor for the visitation and the funeral. There are many songs that have sentimental value, but may not be appropriate for a worship.

FLOWERS

Flowers may be delivered to the church on the day of and up to one hour before the service. There are two flower tables next to the altar available for flowers.

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Zion may record the funeral service. When available, we can burn a CD for the family after the service is completed.

FUNERAL HOME/CEMETERY

As you make preparations for a funeral service, please contact Pastor to make sure of the availability of the worship space for a funeral/memorial.

VISITATION

The funeral visitation is held in the atrium on the side of the worship space. When it is time for the service, the casket is closed and the start of the worship will start.

BULLETINS

If a bulletin is desired, the church office can help arrange this with the guidance of the pastor.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

The Pastor and Zion Pastoral Intern will lead funerals or memorials at Zion. As for others who participate in the service, this should be a request communicated in the planning process with the Zion Pastor.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

When gifts are received at Zion in the name of the one who has died, the immediate family is notified afterwards.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preservice music

Congregational Song

Invocation

Prayer

Words of Remembrance

Bible Lessons (up to three, please refer to page)

Sermon

Congregational Song or Special Music

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Communion (optional)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Commendation

Benediction

Congregational Song

The family is welcome to help with planning:

- Placement of the Pall and Pall Bearers
- Bible Lessons to pick and/or read
- Holy Communion; help serve bread or wine/juice
- Organist; soloist; special music during visitation
- Opening Song; sermon song; communion songs and closing song

SCRIPTURE FOR FUNERAL

The most commonly requested scripture:

- Psalm 23, 46, 90, 118, 121, or 130
- Isaiah 40:28-31
- Isaiah 61:1-3
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
- Lamentations 3:22-26; 31-33
- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Matthew 11:25-30
- Matthew 5:1-12
- Matthew 6:25-34
- Luke 2:25-32
- John 1:1-5; 9-14
- John 5: 24-29
- John 6: 37-40
- John 6:67-69
- John 11: 21-27
- John 14:1-6
- Romans 5:1-11
- Romans 8:31-35; 37-39
- Romans 14: 7-9
- 2 Corinthians 15:12-26
- Philippians 2: 5-11
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- Revelation 7:9-12
- Revelation 21:1-7
- Other: