

Full Name: _____

PLANNING HELPS FOR FUNERAL SERVICE

1. Time and date: _____ Time and date of funeral to be mutually agreeable for family, pastors, and funeral directors. Morning or afternoon times may be considered.

Funeral Home: _____; Cemetery: _____

Will there be visitation at church? Yes _____ No _____

2. Luncheon: _____ St. Luke's would like to serve a luncheon for family and friends. The women of the church do the serving. The family provides the food or pays for the cost of it. The pastor will put someone in contact with you in regard to arrangements.

Funeral committee chairperson to be contacted: _____

3. Prayer Service: _____ The pastors are willing to arrange a brief prayer service for the family. Most often this is the evening before the funeral though it could be the morning of the service if preferred.

4. Worship Service: St. Luke's provides a printed funeral bulletin. We would like input from the family for possible hymns, lessons, etc. The pastors would make the final plans of how the service is to be arranged.

a. Estimate number of people at service. _____

b. Hymns that might be considered. _____

The pastors prefer that congregation singing be involved even if a soloist is part of the service.

c. Scripture readings that could be considered: Psalm: _____

d. Soloist: _____ (if family chooses and arranges this with pastors)

e. Assisting Pastor _____

f. Organist: _____ will be arranged by the pastors unless the family has a preference.

g. Elder: _____

h. Usher: _____

i. Names of Pallbearers:

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

5. Notes:

Both pastors generally participate at the service. The roles they fulfill are determined by the weekly preaching schedule, prior commitments, etc.

The pastors see funeral arrangements as part of their ministry as called pastors of the church and therefore do not accept gratuities for this ministry. If you choose to give a gift, please give it to St. Luke's Memorial Fund or a designated need in the church.

Organists and soloists are not full-time staff persons and should be compensated for the services they provide. The pastor can suggest appropriate amounts.

A donation of \$40.00 payable to St. Luke's requested for custodial care.

Possible Hymn Selections for the Funeral Service (from LSB)

- 537 Beautiful Savior
- 570 Just As I Am, Without One Plea
- 710 The Lord's My Shepherd
- 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
- 761 Rock of Ages
- 656-57 A Mighty Fortress is Our God
- 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- 480 He's Risen, He's Risen
- 878 Abide With Me
- 677 For All the Saints Who from Their Labors
- 748 I'm But a Stranger Here
- 811 Oh, That I had a Thousand Voices
- 649 Blest Be the Tie that Binds
- 575-76 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
- 528 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
All Praise to God Who Reigns Above
- 685 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
- 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word
- 464 The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done
- 801 How Great Thou Art
- 744 Amazing Grace

Suggested Psalms:

- 67
- 121
- 27
- 23
- 100
- 130
- 46