



FUNERAL POLICY AND GUIDE

Peace Lutheran Church
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The sadness of death should give way in our liturgy to the promise of resurrected life. Our celebration of a person's life reflects our conviction that in Jesus Christ we have life beyond death.

The first step to take when planning a funeral liturgy is to consult with one of our Pastors. This may be done by contacting the church's office. The pastor assists the family in planning of the service and selection of music. The Pastor will check the church calendar before finalizing any dates or arrangements.

One of the Pastors of the Peace Lutheran Church will conduct the Funeral Service. It is possible, however, with the consent of our pastor, for a pastor from another church to participate in the service. The procedure is for our pastor to extend the invitation.

The service is normally complete in itself, with fraternal, civic, or military rites conducted separately.

Bulletins for the funeral service can be prepared by the Pastor and church. Please provide the church with a copy of the obituary.

Visitation handouts are the responsibility of the funeral home or family.

OBITUARY

The obituary will be read by the Pastor following the sermon. Eulogies are optional. If a family member wishes to present a eulogy, remarks should be dignified and presented in a reasonable length of time.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Marlys Palmer, Director of Parish Services.

MUSIC

Music is normally led by Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, Director of Music Ministry. Soloists are optional. All music should be sacred or classical. Common hymn selections include:

Abide With Me	Amazing Grace	Beautiful Savior
Just As I Am	How Great Thou Art	Just a Closer Walk with Thee
The Old Rugged Cross	The Lord's My Shepherd	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	The Lord's Prayer (soloist)	On Eagle's Wings

KITCHEN

The Dorcas Club assists with a luncheon for the family and guests. There is a suggested gratuity of \$100 in addition to the cost of food. A suggested menu guide is available by contacting the church office.

VISITATION

If the visitation is at the church, custodial staff should be present. On some occasions, the casket may be locked in the church overnight. Urns should remain with the family or funeral home.

EQUIPMENT

The church has a limited number of easels and tables for photos. The custodian can assist with requests.

AUDIO – VIDEO RECORDING and LIVE STREAMING

Please contact Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon if you wish to have a recording, “live streaming”, audio, video or technical assistance (anything beyond the Pastor’s microphone and one soloist). \$100 fee paid directly to a member of Peace Lutheran’s AV teams (can also be paid through the funeral home).

FLOWERS

The church has stands for flowers. Please do not place flowers on the altar or the organ console.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY

For information, please contact Lonnie Kohls, 320-587-5203.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

When a funeral home is responsible for planning, the church’s fees are normally paid through the funeral home.

When a funeral is through the Cremation Society, the church’s fees are separate and in addition to the funeral expenses.

If gratuities are not covered by a funeral home, suggestions are below. If these present a hardship, please speak with the Pastor.

Pastor	\$175
Organist	\$150
Soloist (optional)	\$125
AV recording and live streaming (optional)	\$100
Custodian	\$ 50
Kitchen	Cost of food and a \$100 gratuity

There is no facility fee for funerals of Peace Lutheran members. For information on facility fees for non-members, please contact Marlys Palmer, Director of Parish Services.

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