

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Funeral Pre-Planning for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

It is often difficult for families to make decisions regarding funeral arrangements at the time of the death of a loved one. In the midst of grieving, families must make many important decisions. They frequently wish that they knew the desires of the one who died. This is an opportunity for you to think about your own funeral plans or talk with your family members about their wishes, as well as do some reflecting on your life. Use this as a guide for conversation and planning in whatever ways are helpful. If you chose to return a copy of some or all of this information to the church it will be kept in a file available to the pastors. Pastors are happy to meet with you individually to help you with any preplanning you would like to tend to or to talk through any questions you might have. Thanks for doing this important work and engaging in these conversations.

Glossary:

A **Funeral Service** is a service held to memorialize a deceased person with their body present. This happens less than one week from death. A **Memorial Service** is a service held to memorialize a deceased person with their body not present or with cremains present. This can happen anytime after death and works well with cremation or when family has to come from long distances or when the service needs to be delayed for any reason. Either type of service can be held at a place of worship, a funeral home, or another gathering place. A **committal, interment, or graveside service** all refer to the actual burial of either the body or cremains. **Cremation** is the process that reduces the body to ashes. Ashes can be interred at cemeteries, kept at home, or scattered (depending on local rules). There are **niches**, which are cubbies in cemeteries where cremains are put called **columbariums**, or **plots**, where caskets are placed into the ground. These can be purchased ahead of time and both are considered property with deeds. Prince of Peace has a columbarium on site. **Funeral directors** coordinate the care of the body (embalming, cremation), burial, and funeral/memorial service. The **visitation/viewing/wake** is the time for family and friends to come and see the deceased and pay respects to the family. This often happens the evening before a service and/or one hour prior to the service.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

Spouse/Partner's Phone: _____

Spouse/Partner's Email: _____

Date this plan was filled out: _____

Family Information

Parents' names:

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Sibling:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Sibling:

Name: _____

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Organ donation

_____ Yes _____ No

Organ donation on your driver's license does not authorize the hospital/doctor to remove any organs or tissue. Signed authorization by next of kin must be secured. Talk this over with your spouse and/or children.

Legal & Financial Information

Have you made a will?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, where is it located? _____

Who is your attorney?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Names of banks where you have deposits:

Name: _____

Savings: _____ Checking: _____

Name: _____

Savings: _____ Checking: _____

Safe deposit box

Location: _____

Who has a key? _____

Real Property/Real Estate

Where are the deeds?

House: _____

Other property: _____

Stock/Bonds/Mutual Funds

Who is your broker/brokerage house?

Name: _____

Location: _____

Location of stock certificates if not with your broker:

Life Insurance

Name of Company: _____

Policy number(s): _____

Name of Company: _____

Policy number(s): _____

Estate Planning

Have you worked with a Certified Financial Planner, Attorney, Banker or Insurance Agent to plan your estate?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Do you wish to have memorials directed in a particular way?

_____ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

_____ Charitable Organization

_____ Other: _____

Do you have a Living Will?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, where is it located? _____

Does the person who may be making medical decisions on your behalf have a copy?
It is important that your doctor have a copy of your Living Will with your medical
chart/records.

_____ Yes _____ No

Do you have a Durable Power of Attorney that enables someone else to make decisions
about your health care or other listed and limited authorizations in case you are incapacitated
temporarily or permanently?

_____ Yes _____ No

Location of the document: _____

Person named/designated to have durable Power of Attorney:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Funeral | Memorial Service | Burial Arrangements

Have you selected a funeral home or cremation society to handle the arrangements for your funeral or do you have a preference?

If yes: Name of home: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If no: My preference is: _____

Have you made advance arrangements?

_____ Yes _____ No

Have you prepaid for your funeral?

_____ Yes _____ No

Do you want the service conducted at:

_____ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

_____ Funeral Home Chapel

_____ Other (please indicate) _____

Do you want a visitation one hour (or more) prior to a service?

_____ Yes _____ No

Do you want:

_____ Funeral with the casket present (open or closed casket? Depending on circumstances?)

_____ Memorial service without the casket present

_____ Memorial with cremains

Pall bearers:

Burial

Preference for burial:

_____ Casket burial at _____ Cemetery

_____ Cremation remains placed _____

Have you purchased a cemetery lot(s) or columbarium niche?

_____ Yes _____ No

Location _____

Arrangement Preferences

Type and cost of casket:

Type and cost of vault:

Type and cost of urn:

Clothing:

Family flowers:

If you are a veteran, do you desire to be buried at Fort Snelling or another national cemetery?

_____ Fort Snelling

_____ Other (specify) _____

Veteran paperwork is located: _____

Obituary Information

Relatives listed:

Work History, Military, Union Membership, Organization memberships:

Life Information:

Number of certified death certificates needed: _____

Typical Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn/solo

Optional: Time for Remembrance: Do you want a family member or friend to speak? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, suggested speaker: _____

Hymn/solo

Scripture Readings

Message

Hymn/solo

Apostles' Creed

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn/solo

Commendation

Benediction

Recessional

Do you have a preference for music?

Congregational singing: ____ Yes ____ No

Soloist: ____ Yes ____ No

Suggestion: _____

Instrumentalist(s): ____ Yes ____ No

Suggestion: _____

Scripture Reading Suggestions

Psalms

_____ Psalm 23

_____ Psalm 27

_____ Psalm 46

_____ Psalm 90

_____ Psalm 103

_____ Psalm 116

_____ Psalm 121

_____ Psalm 130

_____ Psalm 118

_____ Psalm 25:1-10

Gospels

_____ John 14:1-7

_____ John 11:21-27

_____ John 12:23-26

_____ John 14:25-27

_____ John 10:11-16

_____ John 1:1-5, 9-14

_____ Mark 10:13-16

_____ Luke 2:25-32

_____ Matthew 11:25-30

_____ John 6:35-40

Music Suggestions

Hymn Title and ELW #'s

Abide with Me 629
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! 377
Amazing Grace 779
Be Thou My Vision 793
Beautiful Savior 838
Blessed Assurance 638
Borning Cry 732
Children of the Heavenly Father 781
Christ the Lord is Risen Today 373
Day by Day 790
For All the Saints 422
For the Beauty of the Earth 879
Give me Jesus 770
Great is Thy Faithfulness 733
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer 618
Holy, Holy, Holy 413
How Great Thou Art 856
I Am the Bread of Life 485
I Know that My Redeemer Lives 619
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 815
In the Morning When I Rise (Give Me Jesus) 770
It Is Well with My Soul 785
Jerusalem, My Happy Home 628
Jesus Shall Reign 434
Lord of All Hopefulness 765
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 631
My Faith Looks Up to Thee 759
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less 596
My Life Flows on in Endless Song 763
O Day Full of Grace 627
O God, Our Help in Ages Past 632

O Lord Now Let Your Servant 313
On Eagle's Wings 787
Precious Lord, Take My Hand 773
Rock of Ages 623
Shall We Gather at the River 423
Sing With All the Saints in Glory 426
Soon and Very Soon 439
The King of Love My Shepherd Is 502
The Lord is My Shepherd
Thine Is the Glory 376
Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise 826
Thy Holy Wings 613
We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus 451
What a Friend We Have in Jesus 742
What Wondrous Love Is This 666
Who Is This Host Arrayed in White 425
We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight 635
Other _____

Questions for Reflection

On a separate paper answer any of these that speak to you.

How do you want to be remembered?

What's something you've learned from your parents?

What have been challenges in your life?

What is your image of God and how has that shaped your faith?

Talk about a Scripture that has been important to you and why.

Talk about a hymn that has been important to you and why.

What about your faith gives you hope and joy?

What have been your doubts or fears?

Where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

What have you been proud of?

What do you regret?

What does a "good death" look like to you?

What do you want your legacy to be? What kind of words do you want used to describe you/your life?