

# **CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **Funeral Pre-Planning Guide**

If you are the type of person who likes to plan ahead or if you know you have a life-limiting illness, planning your own funeral may be the right thing for you. Death is often a difficult subject to discuss with your loved ones, but necessary. It is not only important to discuss with your family, your medical plan for before you die, but also to have a plan in place for your funeral or memorial service. It is important to talk with your family about your wishes to make sure they know what you want. Having a verbal conversation about your wishes when you are still able to make decisions will help planning go smoothly later.

The purpose of a funeral is to give meaning to a person's life. It's an opportunity for family and friends to gather and remember the deceased while offering support and comfort to one another. Planning a funeral can be an emotional process. Often times, loved ones are unaware of your wishes for a funeral or memorial service. To help alleviate some of the stress in planning a funeral, you may complete the attached forms for Celebration to keep on file. The information is confidential and will only be read by the pastor and office administrator. It will be kept in a sealed envelope until the time of your death. The information will only be used in the planning of your funeral or memorial service to insure your wishes are carried out.

**FUNERAL PRE-ARRANGEMENTS**

**DETAILS FOR THE FUNERAL / MEMORIAL SERVICE OF:**

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First  Middle  Last

2. Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Are they still living? Yes No

3. Name of children and their spouses:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you wish to have a funeral or memorial service? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name of the funeral home you would like to use? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you going to be cremated or buried? \_\_\_\_\_

If buried, what cemetery? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Would you prefer to have the funeral director provide bearers or family? You need 4-6.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you wish to have flowers, no flowers, and/ or donations made in your name? If you would like donations, please state whom you would like donations made to.

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Which publications would you like your death and funeral announced in?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have a special picture you would like on the cover of the funeral bulletin? Yes No  
If yes, please provide us with a copy of this photo, if possible.

11. Often we put an obituary on the back of the bulletin, would you like to write this? Yes No  
If yes, please do so in the space provided. ( *Some things you might want to include: birthdate, birthplace, parents, spouse, siblings, children, grandchildren, occupation, interesting facts.*)

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12. Would you like to have communion: Yes No

13. Do you wish to have a luncheon provided by the church? Yes No

If no, would you like to have a luncheon somewhere else, if yes, where?

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**MUSIC**

Opening Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn of the Day: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sending Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymns: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other special songs/ solos you would like sung? Please include the full name of the song, singer, and song writer. Do you have soloist in mind, if so who?

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**READINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other readings you would like read? (poem, etc...) If yes, please include either a copy of the poem and/or the name and author of the reading.

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Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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