

Definitions

Lot: A 16'x20' space which holds 8 plots. **Plot:** A 4'x10' burial space for one casket or up to two urns. **Fee:** Single plots in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery are \$350.00 for BLC members.

I. Suggestions

The purchase of a cemetery plot before the need arises is both wise and strongly urged. To purchase a burial plot, the prospective buyer must contact a member of the Cemetery Board of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and upon payment, a letter of ownership will be provided. The fee for the plot includes grounds maintenance, but does not include memorial maintenance, nor the cost of the grave opening at the time of burial. Please consult with the Cemetery Board about the locations of available plots.

II. Owner Rights

- A. The owner has the right to use his/her plot for burial of themselves or for any person the owner may choose. However, an owner may not charge for the use of a plot or sell it directly to an unrelated party.
- B. Plots may be transferred directly from the owners only to members of their immediate family. When lots or plots are transferred to members of the immediately family, the original letter of ownership is surrendered to the Cemetery Board and a new letter is issued by the Board to the new owner.

III. Interments

- A. All interments shall be made in a permanent type container.
- B. Two in-ground cremains burial urns may be placed in one burial space.
- C. All grave openings and closings shall be made under the direction of the Cemetery Board. Lot owners or their heirs desiring graves opened shall secure the necessary disinterment permit from the State and deliver the same to the Cemetery Board. All removals will be made by the Board under the supervision of a licensed embalmer. Persons ordering grave openings will be held responsible for the payment of the grave opening and closing. Costs shall be determined by the contractor doing the work.

IV. Memorials

- A. No one may dig or erect a foundation before first consulting with the Cemetery Board and obtaining approval.
- B. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to refuse permission to erect any memorials not in keeping with the standards of the cemetery grounds.
- C. Monuments and markers will not be permitted on a lot until the fee for the lot is fully paid.
- D. The owner of the plot is responsible for maintaining monuments.

V. Trees, Shrubs and Flowers

- A. Anyone wishing to provide a tree, shrub, bench or any other memorial shall contact the Cemetery Board.
- B. Landscaping, including the planting of trees and shrubs, shall be done in accordance with the Cemetery Board.
- C. Fresh cut flowers may be used at any time and will remain for two weeks after placement unless, in the judgment of the Cemetery Board, they become wilted or unsightly.

Containers for cut flowers shall be:

- a type level with the ground surface and one that does not hold water when NOT in use.
 - a disposable type which will be removed with the flowers.
 - a type placed upon the monuments or markers such as vases or saddles.
- D. Artificial decorations may be used and may remain on the grave for two weeks following their placement or until the Cemetery Board judges them to be unsightly.
 - E. DO NOT use glass or pottery containers, nor wire or wooden decorations. These all tend to be very dangerous and have caused injuries to the workers when mowing and trimming. These items will be subject to removal by the Cemetery Board.
 - F. The Bethlehem Lutheran Church shall not be liable for loss or damage to decorations.

VI. Decorating Dates

- A. April 1 – November 1
During the grass growing season, all decorations and containers must be placed directly next to or on the base of the monument or marker to assist with mowing and trimming.



- B. November 1 through Easter
Artificial flowers will be removed after two weeks from their placement or when they are out of keeping with seasonal observances.
- C. Decorations shall not be left on the grave sites longer than two weeks following their placement for a Holiday. If left, they will be removed by the Cemetery Board.

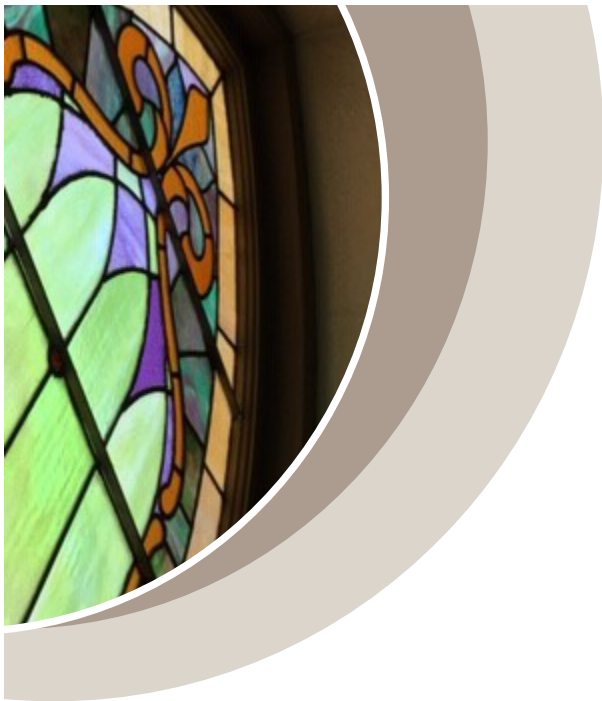
Thank You

With the growth of our cemetery each year, the work of tending, maintaining, and safekeeping these grounds grows as well. These terms of use exist for the benefit of all who enjoy Bethlehem Cemetery. These policies are intended to serve all who visit; preserving these grounds for generations to come.

We deeply appreciate your partnership in abiding by the covenants presented here. Your faithful observance of these terms enables us to uphold the interests of the common good. As mentioned already, Bethlehem Cemetery is the oldest on-going ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and it's a sacred mission we share. Thank you for accompanying us in that work, and please don't hesitate to contact the Cemetery Board anytime with your suggestions or concerns.

Our Board

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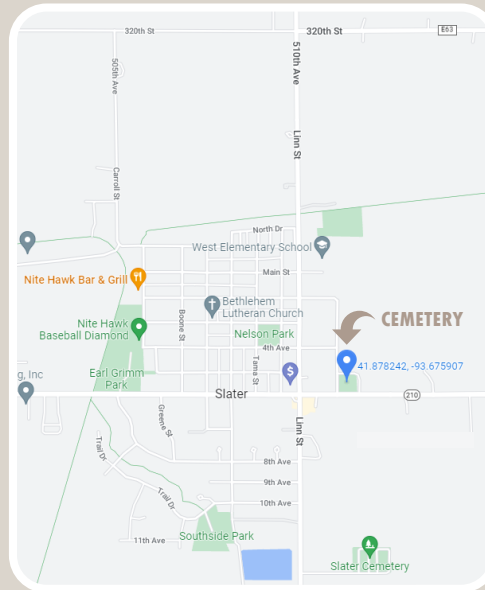


One in Mission.

With more than 140 years of history, the people of Bethlehem continue to welcome, worship, serve, and live in Jesus' name for the sake of God's world. Of the many ministries we support, Bethlehem Cemetery is the oldest on-going ministry of BLC. In communion with generations of saints, the people of Bethlehem continue to tend to this holy ground. It's more of a calling than a job. We thank you for your support of Bethlehem Cemetery, and for your help in stewarding this sacred space for all to enjoy.

Contact Us

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Bethlehem Cemetery sits on the corner of Hwy 210 and Cedar Street in Slater, Iowa. You'll find parking on Cedar street or on one of the small lanes within the cemetery itself.

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