



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Make Disciples, Live Faithfully, Serve Others

Dear Friends in Christ,

When one of our brothers or sisters in Christ dies, the Church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life. A funeral liturgy allows those who mourn to give voice to sorrow, thank God for their loved one, and entrust them into the hands of God. At the time of death, your family should notify and work with both the pastor and funeral director, ensuring your wishes are honored and Lutheran funeral practices are observed out of respect for your faith, your family, and the church family of which you are a part.

Because the whole of Christian life is shaped by our Baptism into the crucified and risen Christ, formed by the proclaimed Word of God, and nurtured through the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the best place for a funeral is in the church. It is within the church building that we see important signs that shape us as Christians; the baptismal font, the communion rail, the altar, and most importantly, the cross. Funeral services are public times of worship, open to all people.

For some, it is a comfort knowing that certain details of the funeral service have been prepared in advance. Still others prefer to have the pastor and loved ones plan the liturgy at the time of death. This worksheet gives you the opportunity to make some choices now regarding your death. If you would prefer to leave any of these decisions to the pastor or your family, simply leave the options blank. There is also an opportunity to communicate to the church your intended bequests and desired memorial gift recipients. This information will remain confidential and on file in the church office until the time of death. You may update any this form at any time.

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It is this promise of God’s love that we are able to celebrate life, even in the midst of death!

Go with God,

The Reverend Jonathan D. Bull
Senior Pastor, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Westerville, OH
Funeral Pre-Planning Worksheet

Personal Information:

(NAME)

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

Maiden: _____

DATE OF BIRTH

Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

MARITAL STATUS

Single: _____ Married: _____ Divorced: _____ Widow/Widower: _____

If married, name of spouse: _____

Year Married: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Children: _____

Name of Grandchildren: _____

Work History: _____

Church Involvement: _____

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Funeral Information:

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THOSE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS UPON YOUR DEATH:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - _____

PLACE OF SERVICE:

I would like my funeral to be at St. Paul Lutheran Church: _____ Yes _____ No

I would like for Holy Communion to be celebrated at my funeral: _____ Yes _____ No

SCRIPTURES, HYMNS & SONGS

The following Scripture passages have been meaningful to me during my life:

The following hymns/songs have been meaningful to me during my life:

If possible, I would like the following persons to participate in my funeral service:

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FUNERAL HOME AND VISITATION

Name of Funeral Home: _____ Location: _____

Have you done any pre-planning with the funeral home: _____ Yes _____ No

Visitation location (check one): _____ at St. Paul _____ at Funeral home

CEMETERY AND INTERMENT

Interment (Check all that apply) _____ Buried _____ Mausoleum _____ Cremation

If applicable, have you secured a cemetery plot? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Cemetery: _____ Location: _____

FUNERAL DINNER

Will there be a Funeral Luncheon? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Unsure

If you answered yes to the above:

Do you desire to have the luncheon at St. Paul? _____ Yes _____ No

Eulogies and speakers are normally invited to share their memories of you at the funeral luncheon rather than at the funeral service itself. This provides a comfortable atmosphere and plenty of time for your loved ones to speak. Do you desire to all for such a time at the luncheon?
_____ Yes _____ No

HONORARIUMS AND FEES

Often, St. Paul Lutheran is asked what are appropriate gifts for the pastor, organist, soloist and for the funeral luncheon. The following are minimum suggestions. Please feel free to contact Pastor Jonathan regarding these suggestions.

- Pastor's Honorarium: \$250
- Organist's Honorarium: \$150
- Soloist's Honorarium: \$75
- Custodian Fee: \$50
- Luncheon Fee: Funeral luncheons are one way in which St. Paul "Serves Others."
Any gifts are welcomed. Please see Pastor Jonathan if you have any questions.

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Bequests, Memorials & Planned Giving

BEQUESTS AND MEMORIALS:

I have shared with my family where financial gifts should be directed: Yes No

Recipients include:

St. Paul Lutheran Church: _____

St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund: _____

Other: _____

PLANNED GIVING

I/We have included St. Paul in my/our will Yes No

I/We have planned another type of deferred gift. Yes No

(Please list: Life Insurance, Gift-Annuity, Charitable Trust, etc.):

If you have answered yes to one of the above, please share the following:

St. Paul Lutheran Church is included in my/our estate plan for:

Percentage: _____% Estimated value of gift: \$_____ Fixed amount: \$_____

I would like a member of the St. Paul Endowment to contact me regarding estate planning and giving to the Endowment: Yes No

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES:

I have a living Will: Yes No

I have a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care: Yes No

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I would like a visit regarding Advance Directives: _____ Yes _____ No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please share any additional details or requests: _____

Person preparing this form (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Note: A funeral is for those who walk as yet by faith. Those who have entered the Church Triumphant already know first hand the promise of the resurrection. Because the funeral is for those still walking by faith, I understand that this form is to help share my faith. I understand that parts of the worship service may be changed to address the needs of the living.

Please return to:

Pastor Jonathan D. Bull
St. Paul Lutheran Church
4686 East Walnut Street
Westerville, OH 43081

Or email the completed form to jon.bull@stpaulwesterville.org

Upon receipt of this form, Pastor Jonathan will be in contact with you to confirm receipt and to discuss your plans. If appropriate and with your permission, the Endowment Committee will be informed of any estate plans that would involve the St. Paul Endowment.

If at anytime you have a question, please call Pastor Jonathan at (614) 882-7601