

FUNERAL POLICY

1. Funeral services for deceased **church members** are encouraged to be held in the church. Funeral services for deceased **non-members** may be held in the church at the discretion of the Pastor.
2. At the discretion of the Pastor, funeral services may be conducted in a funeral home, private home, nursing home, hospice, or other suitable location.
3. The casket may be displayed open in the narthex prior to the service.
4. In the funeral service, the casket is moved in place before the altar and is covered with a pall. The casket is always closed during a service in the church.
5. The funeral service is normally conducted in accordance with the rubrics in the "Lutheran Book of Worship" or the "Occasional Service Book".
6. Families of the deceased may suggest readings, lessons, or hymns.
7. Music should be coordinated with the Pastor and/or Music Director, who will assist with selecting musicians for the liturgy. (Please note: this is a non-regular service, and may or may not fit the schedule of the regular musicians). Organist fee: \$100-200. (Set by individual organist.)
8. Memorials may be suggested to the family by the Pastor. All gifts are to be acknowledged with cards sent to the donors. A cumulative list of donors and receipts is to be sent to the family.
9. Honorariums or gifts for the services of the Pastor are acceptable.
10. In cases where fraternal or other such organizations (Masonic, etc.) have certain rituals, the Church will have the last word.
11. St. Paul's Lutheran Church has a cemetery, for more information please reference the Cemetery Policy.

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