

## **Funeral Policy**

### **Bethany Lutheran Church, Deer River, MN**

Scheduling a funeral service at Bethany should be completed through the funeral home. Should a funeral home not be involved, please contact Pastor Lisa Buchanan at 218-246-8398 or 218-390-5489.

#### General

1. Non-members are welcome to invite their home pastor to preside over the service as long as the minister is within good standing in his or her congregation and agrees to the funeral policies as listed below.
2. If a funeral home is involved, all payments should come from the funeral home prior to the funeral. If the family is not working with a funeral home, please remit money or check made out to "Bethany Lutheran Church" to the church office or P.O. Box 218, Deer River, MN 55744.

	<u>Member Fees*</u>	<u>Non-Member Fees</u>
Use of Building	\$0	\$200
Minister	\$0	\$200
Organist	\$100	\$100

3. If a funeral home is not involved, an additional cleaning deposit of \$250 will be required by both members and non-members. The \$250 will be returned to the family after the funeral when the church is found to be tidy and in good order.
4. Please let Bethany know if you expect over 150 guests as soon as possible so the wall can be removed and more chairs added. This is a service Bethany will provide. Please DO NOT attempt to take down the wall on your own.
5. It is expected that the funeral home return the church building to its original condition prior to the funeral. This may include: moving furniture back, vacuuming, cleaning up spills, etc. Should a funeral home not be involved, the family will be responsible.
6. There is no smoking, alcohol use or drug use in the church building or on church property.
7. A projector is available for use to show slide shows or movies of the deceased. Please provide your own laptop or USB flash drive that can be connected to the projector.

*\*Bethany recognizes a member as someone who has an established record of giving and communing in the church for at least one year.*

## Funeral Coordinator

Dianne Sundquist is the funeral coordinator on hand to answer questions, organize the luncheon and point people in the right direction.

## Luncheons

If the family would like to use the fellowship hall for a luncheon, Bethany will provide the workers, servers and luncheon consisting of sandwiches, pickles, carrots, bars, coffee, and juice.

This service is usually available, but there are rare exceptions based on timing and availability.

The following prices account for food costs for the varied number of guests and should be paid when arranging the service:

50-75	\$225
75-100	\$300
100-125	\$375
125-150	\$450
150-200	\$600

If the family would like to cater the luncheon, the family will be responsible for providing the food and the workers/servers. Please know that any food and drink consumed will be at one's own risk.