



Funeral Policy Bethany Lutheran Church Deer River, Minnesota

God's grace to you and your family during this time of loss. If you would like to schedule a service at Bethany, the funeral home can begin the process. The pastor will then call you to discuss and plan the service. Should a funeral home not be involved, please contact Pastor Lisa Buchanan at 218-246-8398 or 218-390-5489.

Fees

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.

Use of Sanctuary	\$150
Funeral Coordinator (<i>when needed</i>)	\$150
Minister	\$200
Organist	\$100
Use of Fellowship Hall/Kitchen	\$150*

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.

Guest Ministers

Guest ministers are welcome to preside over the service provided that the minister is within good standing in her/his congregation and agrees to the funeral policies as listed below.

Building Set-Up and Care

Please let Bethany know if you expect over 150 guests as soon as possible so the wall separating the sanctuary from the fellowship hall 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. Also, the furniture and rails on the altar can only be removed with the expressed permission from the pastor.

It is expected that the funeral home return the church building to its original condition following 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.

A projector is available for slide shows if desired. Please provide your own laptop or USB flash drive that can be connected to the projector.

*Should a luncheon exceed 150 people, then the charge would be \$150 plus \$1/person over 150.

Smoking and Alcohol Use

Smoking, alcohol use and drug use is not permitted in the church building or on church property.

Funeral Coordinator

Jody Anderson is the funeral coordinator on hand to open/close the building, answer questions and be a general point person, especially when a guest minister might need extra help working the sound system, locating certain items or troubleshooting.

Luncheons

Funeral luncheons may be held in the fellowship hall and must be provided by a caterer. All payment for luncheons is negotiated with the caterer.

The fellowship hall includes: 12 white, plastic, round tables
6 long, white, plastic, rectangular tables
96 white, plastic folding chairs.

Recommended, Licensed Caterers in the Area

Sheila Rae Maki 218-355-8307

Jim Michaud 218-256-8011

Food Trucks

Singing Chihuahua Tacos (fresh grilled tacos and quesadillas)	218-398-7975
Chad's Meat Wagon (BBQ, pulled chicken & pork, ribs, sides)	218-256-4628
Bobcats Lunchbox LLC (burgers, tenders, cheese curds)	218-301-7221
Wings-n-Things (wings, tenders, cheeseburgers)	218-398-7688