

Funeral Policies

St John's Lutheran Church, Shell Creek ELCA

Contacts

Funerals and memorial services are conducted at St John's for church members, extended family of church members, and non-members depending on building availability and the schedule of the Pastor. Services conducted at St. John's must be officiated by St. John's clergy or Interim Clergy. Other clergy may participate in a service only after they have spoken directly with St. John's clergy and requested to participate. The guest clergy must agree to terms of participation presented by St. John's Clergy. In the event of the death of a family member, contact the church office at 402.564.8707.

St John's Lutheran Church and its staff will make every effort to work with families to provide the service which your family requests. Please contact the church office or St John's Clergy with any additional questions.

Fees

Generally, the mortuary handling details for the family is responsible for including fees for ministers and musicians in their charges and then paying these charges to the appropriate party by check. However, sometimes mortuaries handling burials and cremations are out of the Columbus area, or there may be time delays between a death and the time of the service. If the fees for people providing services have not been charged by the mortuary, they should be paid, by separate checks, to those providing the services:

Organist: \$150

Vocal Soloist: \$150

Media Tech for Memorial slide show or Service Slides – \$100

Honorarium for the Pastor (meeting with family, service, and graveside): \$200

Custodian: \$60

Music

The fee schedule (above) includes ten minutes of pre-service music, up to ten minutes of post-service music, and three musical selections of any type (congregational singing, instrumental solo, vocal solo, etc.) during the service.

Refreshments

St John's WELCA community is available to serve a luncheon for funerals and memorial services. Food will be provided by the family according to the guidelines. The guidelines for the luncheon is attached. If you need more information, please contact the church office at 402.564.8707 and they will put you in contact with the WELCA coordinator.

Dear Christian Friends,

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA), of St. John's Lutheran Church Shell Creek extend their sympathy to your family.

We wish to offer our services to you, if you choose to serve lunch at St. John's following the funeral service of your loved one.

Listed below are the guidelines we follow:

Lunches are served cafeteria style.

We ask that the family purchase and bring the following items to St. John's:

1. Cheese and cold luncheon meat trays
2. Bread
3. Butter or other spread and condiments
4. Sturdy paper plates (about 9" size for meal and 7" size for desserts)
5. Disposable 8-ounce cups for **hot and cold** drinks
6. Napkins
7. Plastic eating utensils (forks, spoons, and knives)
8. Decaffeinated coffee, either iced tea or cold drink (example – lemonade) you wish to have prepared and served.

WELCA members provide desserts (cakes, bars, cookies, etc.) and salads and serve the food brought to the church. We do not cook any food at the church.

Please have all supplies and food at the church 1 ½ to 2 hours before the service. Thank you.

Your Friends in Christ,
St. John's Women of the ELCA

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