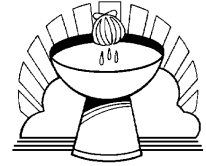


Zion Lutheran Church

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Funeral Planning

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (1Thessalonians 4:13-16)

Funerals are never easy. St. Paul tells us, “the wages of sin is death.” Death is painful and is one of our enemies as Christians. There is always grief that comes at death our last enemy, but as Christian’s we have a great hope to be comforted with. The hope that is ours through Christ, the hope of the resurrection from the dead! Christian funerals are a time to speak clearly about what we believe, teach, and confess that is, a time to proclaim what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

In many ways your funeral will be your last confession of faith in your Savior and so is focused on Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. The message of Christ’s victory over death is central to the readings, the preaching and even the hymns of any Christian funeral. The message of Christ’s death and resurrection that will be heard, sung and spoken enables us as Christians to grieve as those who have a great hope! If you have any questions feel free to discuss your plans with pastor.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth (City & State) _____

Place of Baptism _____ Date of Baptism _____

Place of Confirmation _____ Date of Confirmation _____

Confirmation Verse _____ Favorite Psalm _____

Spouse’s Name _____ (If Deceased, When _____)

Place of Marriage _____ Date of Marriage _____

Father _____ Mother (Maiden Name) _____

Names of Siblings (please include spouse’s name and town of residence)

Names of Children (please include spouse’s name and town of residence)

Names of Grandchildren _____

Names or number of great grand children _____

Church Membership _____

Membership in Organizations

Education (Where and Area of Study) _____

Military Service (Branch and Dates) _____

Employment _____

Hobbies/Past-Times _____

Funeral Home _____

Cemetery _____ Location _____

Pall Bearers _____

Honorary Pall Bearers _____

Readings for Service (See attached sheet for several recommendations)

Old Testament: _____

Epistle: _____

Gospel: _____

Hymns for Service (Please Select 3, see attached sheet several recommendations)

Other Notes
