



Clergy Fee

Clergy fee for non-members is \$200.00. There is no set clergy fee for members, however it is traditional to give the officiant an honorarium as a special thank you.

Organist / Keyboardist Fee

The following are available by request:
Jane Cannon (Piano & Vocal)..... 372-8391
Nathan Johnson (Piano & Organ)649-2015
Keith Eiser (Piano & Organ)(513)813-1653

A fee of \$200 is requested. Additional instrumentalists, soloists and other musicians are available upon request and for a fee of \$100.

Maintenance Fee

Because of special set up, clean up and sound technician services a fee of \$50 is requested for all funerals.

Worship Slide Preparation Fee

If requested or required is \$100

As a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, St. Michael Lutheran Church is consistent with the Synod's beliefs about funeral worship. Funerals are a time to speak clearly about what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutheran Christians. It is a time to proclaim what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. It can give a clear confession of our Christian hope in the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting (1 Cor. 15:51–52). It can show that not even death can separate us from God (Rom. 8:38–39). It brings out the peace we have with God because of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Rom. 5:1–6). And it can state how in death, through Christ, we gain everything (Phil. 1:21–23). Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

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Funeral Policy

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-37

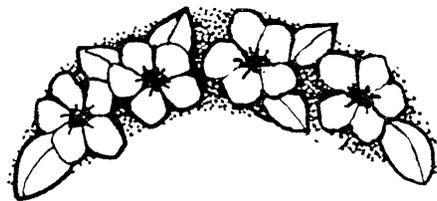
**Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann
Rev. Jason Toman**



A funeral in the church is a time to mourn yet also a celebration of earthly life and thanksgiving for the eternal life we have through faith in Christ. It is both a service of worship and a time to remember the death of a loved one. We must remember that God is to be the center of worship at any service. Any eulogy, memorial gift, musical rendition, or any other part of the service must be Christ honoring in line with God's word.

If a family has experienced the death of a loved one, the pastor should be notified immediately. The pastor, in consultation with the family, shall determine order of service, length of service, and must be notified of any other planned accommodations. The pastor has the right to refuse any request for performing the funeral or any functions associated with it. In addition, the following should be observed:

☞ Visitation (with or without a casket or cremains) may take place prior to the service in the Communications Center. A computer slideshow may be shown on the television mounted there and on the screens in the sanctuary during the visitation. If there is a casket, it may be open or closed for the visitation, but it shall be closed prior to processing it into the sanctuary. We have a purple pall which ordinarily will be draped over the casket after it is closed, unless an American flag is used as a pall (as is the case with military veterans). An urn of cremains shall ordinarily be set on the baptismal font and in the front of the sanctuary both for any time of visitation and for the service. A picture of the deceased may also be displayed near the cremains, as well as flowers.



☞ In consultation with the family, the pastor shall arrange for the organist or church musician and select music from material appropriate for worship. If there are special musicians, they shall do the same.

☞ Additional ornamentations and decorations of the chancel beyond the unity candle are discouraged since the chancel is already appropriate for worship. However, bouquets of flowers are permitted and can be placed on the many stands that we have available for them. The color of the altar paraments shall be that season in which the funeral occurs. Ordinarily nothing shall be placed upon the altar beyond what is there already.

☞ A luncheon may take place after the service in the gym or in Allan Hall. If the family would like the church to cater the luncheon, we would be happy to work out the details with you. We request a donation of \$150 to cover our costs (assuming the anticipated number of guests is between 50 and a 100).

☞ If the family desires that memorial contributions be directed to St. Michael, they will go into our Undesignated Memorial Fund unless a particular fund of the congregation is specified.



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