

# Burke Lutheran Church

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## Funeral Policy 2026

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# **BURKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **FUNERAL POLICY 2026**

### **The Funeral: A Service Of Witness To The Resurrection**

When death occurs, the pastor and other officers of the congregation should be informed as soon as possible, in order that they might provide appropriate consolation and support to the family and friends, and assist them in making arrangements for the funeral.

Services will be held in the sanctuary unless otherwise approved by the pastor. Anyone can have a service at Burke Lutheran as long as the pastor approves. Those wishing to have a service here who are not of the Christian faith should meet with the pastor and discuss how they would like to adapt the service to their beliefs. Final approval for all services and changes is done through the pastor.

### **Who can be buried at Burke Lutheran?**

Church members or anyone who holds a deed for burial rights may be buried at Burke Lutheran. Approval by the Cemetery Association Board is required for nonmember burials.

### **Who officiates at funerals at Burke Lutheran?**

The pastor of Burke Lutheran will officiate at funerals. Exceptions to this policy will be at the invitation of the Burke pastor, in consultation with a member of the executive committee. Family members, friends, or members of the congregation may be invited by the minister to share in the service.

### **Who officiates in the absence of the pastor of Burke Lutheran?**

The council president and vice-president will arrange for an ordained ELCA pastor to officiate in the absence of Burke Lutheran Pastor. If the pastor is on vacation, the pastor-on-call will be asked to officiate. Exceptions to this policy will be decided by the pastor and the executive committee of the congregational council. In the event that the pastor is unavailable, the executive committee of the congregational council will make the decisions.

## **Scheduling of the Funeral**

The family, the funeral home and the pastor will confer to schedule the funeral.

## **Order of Worship**

The order of worship in Evangelical Lutheran Worship will be the basis for the funeral worship. The service includes:

- Prayers
- Scripture Readings
- Apostles' Creed
- Commendation

Options that may be included:

- Hymns
- Musical Solo/choir anthems
- Pastoral Homily
- Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Words of Remembrance

## **Music and Musicians**

Sacred music will be the norm. All music will be chosen by the family in consultation with the pastor and the organist. Hymns may be sung by the congregation. Solos and/or choral music may also be used. An organist of Burke Lutheran will normally be the organist for the funeral.

## **Funeral Pall**

Burke Lutheran has a white funeral pall which may be placed on the casket prior to the very beginning of the service. This pall is a visual reminder of baptism into Christ.

### **Suggested Scripture Readings** (this list is not exclusive):

Psalm 121	Psalm 23	Psalm 46:1-7
John 14:1-6	John 10:11-16	John 6:37-40
Hebrews 12:1-2	Revelation 21:2-7	Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

### **Paraments**

The paraments of the current season of the church will be used.

### **Refreshments for the funeral**

The funeral home or the pastor will contact the Burke Lutheran Church Women (BLCW) to make arrangements for a lunch following the funeral, if requested. See page 6 for further information.

### **Burial**

Arrangements for burial will be made by the family and/or friends of the deceased and is a separate issue from the details of a funeral worship service. Alternate arrangements for ceremonies or tributes of military or fraternal societies may be made apart from the Christian worship service.

### **Burke Cemetery Arrangements Contacts:**

Barb Hennings  
(608) 445-0566

Sharon Hughes  
(608) 225-6172

## Burke Lutheran Funeral Fees

### **Members:**

No building use fees for members

Pastor*	\$200
Organist/Pianist**	\$150
Custodian***	\$200
Food	Varies
BLCW (for serving)****	Varies (see page 6)

### **Non-Members:**

Sanctuary Use	\$300
Fellowship Hall and Kitchen	\$300
Pastor*	\$200
Organist/Pianist**	\$150
Custodian***	\$200
Food	Varies
BLCW (for serving)****	Varies (see page 6)

*NOTE: All fees are subject to change. Any exceptions to fee policies will be made by the pastor and/or a member of the Church Council.*

*\*Please make check payable to Bryan Lagerstam*

*\*\*Please contact church office*

*\*\*\*Please make check payable to Burke Lutheran Church*

*\*\*\*\*Please make check payable to BLCW*

## Burke Lutheran Church Women (BLCW) Funeral Serving Price List

Family pays food costs for lunch. BLCW serving committees supply casseroles, salads and desserts. Funeral luncheons are served by the BLCW.

You may choose to have a catered lunch in which a few members from the Burke Lutheran Church Women will be present to meet the caterer and insure that things are setup properly as well as cleanup after the luncheon.

<b><u>Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Serving</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Serving</u></b>
Under 50 people.....	\$250	Under 50 people.....	\$300
51-75 people.....	\$375	51-75 people.....	\$475
76-100 people.....	\$500	76-100 people.....	\$600
101-150.....	\$750	101-150.....	\$850
Food .....	Varies	Food.....	Varies
Catered.....	\$200	Catered.....	\$200

### **Contact Persons:**

Linda Klinger... 608-241-0445

Deb Brown..... 608-622-6012

## **BULLETINS**

### **Members:**

Black & White (<100)..... \$25

Color (<50)..... \$35

Color (<100)..... \$50

### **Non-Members:**

Black & White (<100)..... \$35

Color (<50)..... \$40

Color (<100)..... \$60

## Gravesites

### To purchase a deed for burial rights:

Members.....	\$500
Non-Members.....	\$1,000

### Contact Persons:

Diane Moore.....608-335-2241     Barb Hennings.....608-445-0566

## Burial Services

### Payable to Burke Lutheran Church Cemetery Association

Marking Fee.....	\$150
Marking for stone placement.....	\$65

### Payable to Meitners Land Service, LLC

Grave opening must be paid prior to burial unless paying through a funeral home.

Standard opening and closing.....	\$850
Cremations.....	\$525
Double cremation.....	\$100 (extra)
Grave closure begins after 3:00pm.....	\$200 (extra)
Saturdays.....	\$200 (extra)
Sundays and Holidays.....	\$300 (extra)

## Monuments

Pechmann Memorials Inc.....(608) 249-8178

## Madison Area Funeral Homes

Cress, Madison

3325 E. Washington Avenue ..... 608-249-6666

Cress, Sun Prairie

1310 Emerald Terrace..... 608-837-9054

Gunderson, Monona

5203 Monona Drive..... 608-221-5420

Ryan, Windsor/DeForest

6924 Lake Road..... 608-846-4250

Tuschen-Newcomer, Sun Prairie

302 Columbus St..... 608-837-5400



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