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Funeral Planning Worksheet

This worksheet is to make your wishes known to your pastor and your family. You may complete as much or as little of it as you desire. The first several pages are personal information, which may be used in an obituary or as a way to share more about who you are with the people planning your funeral. The last few pages allow you to share specific requests about the worship service. Once you are finished, please return this form to the church office where it will remain on file.

Complete Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Mother's name: _____

Father's name: _____

Preferred funeral home

- Gunderson
- Foster
- Other: _____
- Cress
- Ryan (Joyce Ryan)

Have pre-arrangements been made with the funeral home? Y N

Spouse(s) name(s) (if applicable):

_____ (divorced? deceased? year: _____)

_____ (divorced? deceased? year: _____)

Names of children (if applicable):

Names of siblings (if applicable):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Names of grandchildren (if applicable):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Family members or friends who may be involved with making arrangements:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Phone or Email</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Would you like to have a visitation? (check any/all that apply)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> at the funeral home | <input type="checkbox"/> at the church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the night before the funeral | <input type="checkbox"/> the day of the funeral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> with remains present | <input type="checkbox"/> with photos (posters or slideshow) |

Type of worship service:

- Funeral (with casket/urn present)
- Memorial Service (with no remains present)
- Graveside Service only

Cremation? Y N

Donation of body to science? Y N

If so, name & contact information for institution:

Interment at Lake Edge Lutheran Church Memorial Garden? Y N

If no, place of burial or interment (name and address):

Other instructions regarding your remains: _____

Meal following service? Y N

- At the church
- Another location _____

Would you like your burial/interment to be the same day as the funeral? Y N

Please list your preferred order for worship, meal, interment, and any other events:

Would you like to honor a particular organization with memorial donations? Y N

- Lake Edge Lutheran Church (specific ministry area? _____)
- Other: _____

Are you a veteran? Y N Branch of the military: _____

Would you like military honors at your service? Y N

Are you a member of a society or organization that offers honors you would like to have included at your funeral or graveside service? Y N

Name of society: _____

Description of honors: _____

Education:

<i>School</i>	<i>Graduation Year</i>	<i>Degree (if applicable)</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Career:

<i>Workplace</i>	<i>Job Title/Responsibilities</i>	<i>Dates</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Hobbies & other interests:

Planning the worship service (for a funeral or memorial service)

Would you like your service to be at the church or at the funeral home? _____

Would you like your casket or urn to be present during the worship service? Y N

Would you like your casket or urn to be present during a visitation prior to worship? Y N

Would you like to include the celebration of Holy Communion at your service? Y N

Readings

You may select up to four readings. At least one reading from Scripture will be used in worship. Poems or other inspirational readings may be used, at the discretion of the pastor. Some appropriate Bible passages are listed the following page. You may select from these, or choose other readings.

Lectors

Family members or friends who are comfortable speaking in public, who will be asked to read your selected passages during worship, or who may help lead the prayers.

Hymns or Special Music

Congregational singing allows your friends and family to participate in the worship service. If there is a soloist you would like to invite to sing one or more songs, please indicate that below. You may select up to four pieces of music (more if you choose to celebrate Communion). Instrumental special music may also be included in worship. A list of suggestions is included, but other hymns or songs may be used at the discretion of the pastor. Recorded music may be played if your family provides a CD or audio file.

Time of Remembrance

The word "eulogy" means "good word," and is an optional time for loved ones to share memories of the person who has died. This can be done during a visitation, over lunch, or in worship. You can have an open time of remembrance, with all present invited to share their memories, or a eulogy in which only a certain person or few people share memories. You may also skip this option altogether. Please consider the level of comfort your loved ones have for public speaking when making the following selections.

Would you like to have a time of remembrance? Y N

During the visitation

During worship

Over a meal

At the graveside

What type of eulogy would you prefer?

An open time of remembrance

Memories shared by designated loved ones

Name(s): _____

Pallbearers (if desired)

The role of pallbearer is to escort the deceased to their final resting place, and assist as needed the day of the funeral. Pallbearers may be male or female, relatives or friends, of any age or physical ability. Usually pallbearers do not have to carry a casket any distance. If you choose to be cremated, you may still choose to name honorary pallbearers, if you wish. You may name 4-8 pallbearers.

Name

Relationship

Reading suggestions:

Old Testament *(Note: Psalms may be read responsively with the congregation, if you choose)*

Job 19:23-27a *(I know that my Redeemer lives)*
Psalm 23 *(The LORD is my shepherd)*
Psalm 46:1-7 *(God is our refuge and strength)*
Psalm 90 *(Our dwelling place in all generations)*
Psalm 118 *(God's steadfast love endures forever)*
Psalm 121 *(I lift up my eyes to the hills)*
Psalm 130 *(Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD)*
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *(For everything there is a season)*
Isaiah 25:6-9 *(God will swallow up death forever)*
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 *(Comfort my people, says your God)*
Isaiah 41:9b-10 *(Do not be afraid, for I am with you)*
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 *(Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters)*
Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25 *(A new heaven and a new earth)*
Jeremiah 31:8-13 *(I will turn their mourning into joy)*
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 *(The steadfast love of the LORD)*

New Testament

Matthew 5:1-10 *(Blessed are those who mourn)*
Matthew 11:28-29 *(I will give you rest)*
Mark 16:1-7 *(The resurrection of Christ)*
Luke 24:1-9 *(The resurrection of Christ)*
John 1:1-5, 9-14 *(The light shines in the darkness)*
John 6:37-40 *(I will raise them up on the last day)*
John 10:11-16 *(I am the good shepherd)*
John 11:25-26 *(I am the resurrection and the life)*
John 14:1-6 *(I prepare a place for you)*
John 14:25-27 *(Peace I leave with you)*
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *(Who will separate us from the love of Christ?)*
Romans 14:7-9 *(Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's)*
1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *(Christ, the first fruits, has been raised)*
2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18 *(Treasure in clay jars)*
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 *(Teaching about those who have died)*
Hebrews 12:1-2 *(Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses)*
Revelation 1:17-18 *(Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last)*
Revelation 7:9-17 *(God will wipe away every tear)*
Revelation 14:13 *(Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord)*
Revelation 21:2-7 *(I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem)*
Revelation 22:1-5 *(The Lord God will be their light)*

Hymn suggestions:

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal in the pews)

WOV = With One Voice (blue hymnal in the pews)

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal, available in the office or music room)

Abide with Me (LBW 272, ELW 629)

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (WOV 674, ELW 377)

Borning Cry (WOV 770, ELW 732)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (*"the Navy hymn"*) (LBW 467, ELW 756)

For All the Saints (LBW 174, ELW 422)

Give Me Jesus (WOV 777, ELW 770)

How Great Thou Art (LBW 532, ELW 856)

How Small Our Span of Life (ELW 636)

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (LBW 352, ELW 619)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (WOV 649, ELW 815)

In Our Day of Thanksgiving (ELW 429)

Jesus Loves Me! (ELW 595)

Lift High the Cross (LBW 377, ELW 660)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (LBW 315, ELW 631)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW 479, ELW 759)

Neither Death nor Life (ELW 622)

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant (LBW 339, ELW 313)

On Eagle's Wings (*best when sung as a solo*) (WOV 779, ELW 787)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (WOV 731, ELW 773)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (LBW 327, ELW 623)

Shall We Gather at the River (WOV 690, ELW 423)

Soon and Very Soon (WOV 744, ELW 439)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (LBW 456, ELW 502)

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (ELW 531)

Thine the Amen (WOV 801, ELW 826)

Thy Holy Wings (WOV 741, ELW 613)

What A Friend We Have In Jesus (LBW 439, ELW 742)

When We Are Living (ELW 639)