

## My Funeral/Memorial Plans

*To be filled out and filed with your personal papers and, if you are willing, we will place it in a confidential file in the vault at church.*

It can be difficult for family to make decisions regarding funeral arrangements at the time of death of a loved one. In the midst of grieving, the family must make many important decisions and often wish that they had know the desires of the one who died. This is an opportunity for you to think about your funeral plans.

You may use this as a guide to make your personal desires known to your family or to the pastoral staff of Westwood Lutheran Church. You may wish to complete this by yourself or with your loved ones.

Your willingness to look at death honestly, talk about it, and fill in this information may ease the path for your loved ones at the time of your death.

We ask that you prayerfully and carefully consider the matters suggested here. If you desire to discuss any funeral plans, please call the church office to meet with a pastor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

### Notify:

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Executor of Will \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Preference for Disposition:

Advanced arrangements made with a funeral home or cremation society? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Funeral home/cremation society, if any, Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer: \_\_\_Body Burial \_\_\_Cremation

(To donate your body/organ to a medical school/hospital, you need proper legal documents signed by you.)

**Plans for funeral/memorial service:** \_\_\_ No urn or casket

\_\_\_ Urn present

\_\_\_ Casket present

I prefer:

\_\_\_ Ashes go with family

\_\_\_ Inurned in Westwood Columbarium:

Niche purchased in Westwood's Columbarium? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Cemetery burial:

Cemetery name, location, lot numbers, niche #:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I prefer a visitation:** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, Location: \_\_\_Westwood (prior to service) or \_\_\_Funeral home (day before service)

**I prefer to have my service conducted at:** (check one)

\_\_\_Westwood Lutheran Church \_\_\_Funeral Home Chapel

\_\_\_Other (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

**Hymns/music preferences:** (usually 2-3 music selections)

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**Scripture passages:** (usually 2-3 scriptures)

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**Remembrances:** Person(s) I would like to speak (if they are willing):

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**Other preferences for the service:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Memorials: organizations and institutions that are meaningful to me, such as:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Westwood Lutheran Church    \_\_\_\_\_ Westwood Lutheran Memorial Foundation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any other information or request?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Biographical Information:**

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother (maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized where: \_\_\_\_\_

If married, name of spouse, place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

List information that could be used in your obituary (education, work, etc.).

**Other items to consider, list separately, and keep in a private place for family use:**

1. Social Security Number
2. Veteran Records and Identification Number.
3. Insurance policies, policy numbers, agents, etc.
4. Pension benefits from employer. Who should be notified?
5. Location of safe deposit box.
6. Bank accounts.
7. Outstanding loans and credit obligations.
8. Cemetery, location, lot and deed number.

## Music

Westwood musicians are available to hire (organ, piano, soloists) and can help coordinate details. Musicians from outside of Westwood are welcome as well. Common hymn choices: (numbers refer to the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (“ELW” hymnal in Westwood’s Sanctuary).

Abide with Me.....	629	My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....	759
Amazing Grace .....	779	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.....	596
A Mighty Fortress.....	504	My Life Flows On in Endless Song.....	763
Beautiful Savior .....	838	O Day Full of Grace.....	627
Borning Cry.....	732	O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....	632
Children of the Heavenly Father.....	781	Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....	773
For All the Saints .....	422	Praise to the Lord the Almighty.....	858
Give Me Jesus.....	770	Softly and Tenderly.....	608
Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....	733	The King of Love My Shepherd Is .....	502
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer.....	618	The Lord’s My Shepherd.....	325
How Great Thou Art .....	856	This Is My Father’s World.....	824
I Know That My Redeemer Lives.....	619	What Wondrous Love Is This .....	666
Lift High The Cross.....	660	What a Friend We Have in Jesus .....	742
Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me.....	767	When Peace like a River .....	785
Love Divine All Loves Excelling.....	631		

## Scripture Texts

The list below includes common scriptures that you may choose from but are not limited too. Pastors often use the chosen scriptures in their sermon and can offer guidance. The scripture proclaims the Good News of new life and resurrection and brings comfort and assurance. It can be read by the pastor, a family member or friends.

### Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....	“a time for every purpose under heaven”
Isaiah 40:28-31.....	“Those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength”
Isaiah 43:1-4.....	“I have called you by name, you are mine”
Psalms 23.....	“The Lord is my shepherd”
Psalms 46.....	“God is our refuge and our strength”
Psalms 121.....	“I lift up my eyes to the hills”

### New Testament

John 11:21-27.....	“I am the resurrection and the life”
John 14:1-6.....	“I am going to prepare a place for you”
John 6:35-40.....	“I am the bread of life”
Luke 2:29-32.....	“Lord, now let your servant go in peace”
Romans 6:4-11 .....	“we will be united with him in a resurrection like his”
Romans 8:31-39 .....	“nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus”
Romans 14:7-9.....	“If we live we live to the Lord, if we die we die to the Lord”
I Corinthians 4:16-18 .....	“we look not to the
I Corinthians 15:51-57 .....	“the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised”
II Corinthians 5:1-9.....	“we walk by faith not by sight”
I Thessalonians 4:15-18 .....	“we shall be with the Lord forever”
Revelation 21:1-7.....	“there will be no more death...for I am making all things new”