

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Funeral Protocol

As early as it is possible for you to do so, please meet with our pastor to discuss the details of the Funeral Service.

Planning the service: the family's input is needed.
Following is a typical Order of Service.

- Gathering
- At the baptismal font
- Thanksgiving for baptism
- * - Entrance hymn
- Grace/response
- * - Reading of the obituary
- * - Eulogy
- * - Hymn
- Prayer of the Day
- * - Scripture readings
- Homily/message
- * - Hymn
- Apostles' Creed
- Prayers of Intercession/response
- Lord's Prayer
- * - Communion
- Sending
- * - Closing Hymn

The family's input is invited on those items marked with an asterisk (*)

The presiding pastor will want to meet with the family as soon as possible, to learn more about your loved one, and to learn of your wishes. We are happy to make suggestions, if there are no preferences. Unless discussed prior to the service, our pastor will preside over the service.

Other questions that will need to be answered are:

- Are there friends/family members who would like to participate in the service?
- Is this a funeral service, or a memorial/cremation service?
- Will there be a graveside (Interment) service?
- Would you like to have a meal provided after the service (see below)?
- How many people should we expect to attend?
- What is your preferred time frame?
- Do you want to utilize Augustana's pianist? (See *Compensation* below)

Lastly, the Pastor may ask you to share some stories or to tell them about your loved one. This helps the Pastor to prepare a message that honors who they were.

COMPENSATION GUIDELINES: Typical stipends are as follows:

Pastor - \$200-\$300

Musician - \$75-\$150

Luncheon – see below

LUNCHEON:

Our church can provide a meal comfortably for up to 150 friends and family.

A typical menu is baked ham, potatoes, baked beans, dinner rolls, salad and dessert. The salads and desserts are normally provided by our members, but we welcome any food the family or friends may want to provide. We also are willing to accommodate any menu you may suggest.

We will handle all set up and clean up for your luncheon.

It is customary for the family to donate to the funeral luncheon fund for food and supplies purchased by the church. Amount will be determined by the number of people attending.