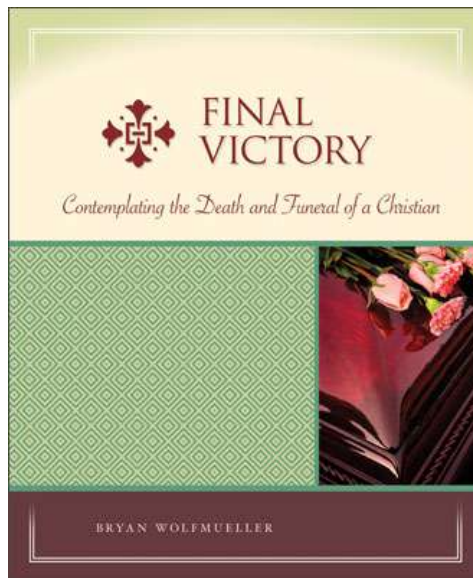


Funeral Planning Worksheet

Overview

My Full Name _____

This worksheet is intended to help you and your loved ones pre-plan your funeral service and arrangements. Our pastor is happy to sit down and discuss these things with you, answer your questions, and provide helpful suggestions. Divine Shepherd recommends the following resource (available by order through our church office) to assist you in understanding the Scriptural view of life, death, and resurrection, the Lutheran funeral rite, and planning ahead for your own death and funeral:



Final Victory: Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian

by Bryan Wolfmüller

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Please complete this worksheet and return it to the church office (make one or more copies for your own records). You are welcome to update this worksheet or complete a new worksheet at any time. Only the most recently dated worksheet will be kept on file.

I understand that the information and instructions provided here are for the guidance of my congregation, my family, and my friends for making arrangements necessary at the time of my death. Although this information is being left for safekeeping, it is not legally binding or enforceable. I understand that this worksheet does not make the congregation or my family obliged or responsible for the execution of these instructions.

Signature _____

Date _____

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My Birth and Religious Background

Birth

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Location _____

City _____ State _____

I was born: in a hospital at home

Baptism

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Location _____

City _____ State _____

I was baptized: in a church in a hospital at home

Denomination: Lutheran (LCMS) other: _____

Sponsor/Godparent _____

Sponsor/Godparent _____

Sponsor/Godparent _____

Sponsor/Godparent _____

Lutheran Confirmation

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Church Name _____

City _____ State _____

I was confirmed: as a youth as an adult

Confirmation Verse Reference (i.e. Psalm 23:1) _____

Confirmation Verse Text (i.e. "The Lord is my shepherd...") _____

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My Family and Loved Ones

Spouse

List your spouse's full name, including maiden name.

Name _____ Living Deceased

Wedding Date ____ / ____ / ____

Location _____

City _____ State _____

I was married: in a church other: _____

Denomination: Lutheran (LCMS) other: _____

Children

List oldest to youngest. Include married names. Additional names may be listed on the opposite side.

Name _____ Living Deceased

Name _____ Living Deceased

Name _____ Living Deceased

Name _____ Living Deceased

Name _____ Living Deceased

Name _____ Living Deceased

Name _____ Living Deceased

Grandchildren

Group by age or family unit. Include married names. Additional names may be listed on the opposite side.

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

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Great-Grandchildren

Group by age or family unit. Include married names. Additional names may be listed on the opposite side.

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Great-Great-Grandchildren

Group by age or family unit. Include married names. Additional names may be listed on the opposite side.

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Parents

List full names, including your mother's maiden name.

Father's Name _____

Living Deceased

Mother's Name _____

Living Deceased

These are my: biological parents adoptive parents

I was adopted at the age of _____

Siblings

List oldest to youngest (include yourself). Include married names. Additional names may be listed on the opposite side.

Name _____

Living Deceased

Name _____

Living Deceased

Name _____

Living Deceased

Name _____

Living Deceased

Name _____

Living Deceased

Name _____

Living Deceased

Name _____

Living Deceased

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Confessing Christ with My Funeral Service

Divine Shepherd is the ideal location for a member's funeral service. Our pastor is happy to proclaim the Gospel to your family and friends, pointing them to Jesus Christ for their forgiveness, salvation, comfort, and hope. Our organist is skilled in Lutheran hymnody, as well as appropriate pre- and post-service music. You may also wish to utilize vocal and/or instrumental music. During the funeral service the closed casket is draped with a funeral pall as a remembrance of Holy Baptism and in celebration of the perfect righteousness that is ours in Jesus Christ. The Paschal candle is lighted and stands at the casket. The color of the paraments corresponds to the liturgical season. Flowers are arranged according to their number, size, etc. Bulletin covers may be pre-ordered to reinforce chosen Scripture readings. We also have a variety of bulletin covers on hand. In either case, the entire funeral rite will be printed in the bulletin for those in attendance.

Jesus says, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:23). The Christian delights in confessing the saving name of Jesus before all the world, because it through the Lord Jesus' death on the cross that we have life and hope and peace. Because of Jesus' death for us, when our last hour comes, we will pass from death to life. Our funeral service is a worship service of the Holy Trinity, who brought us from death to life by the death of Jesus and who has now delivered us from this veil of tears to Himself in heaven. In thanks to God for His gift of eternal life, in planning our funeral we have one final opportunity to make the good confession of our Lord Jesus to men.

What I Would Like My Funeral Service to Confess

Scriptures to Confess

Psalm(s) _____

Old Testament Reading(s) _____

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My Funeral Arrangements

Preferred Funeral Home

Name _____

City _____ State _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Website _____

I have already made prearrangements with this funeral home

Preferred Cemetery

Name _____

City _____ State _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Website _____

I have already purchased a plot

I have already purchased a tombstone

Preferred Pallbearers

Six pallbearers are traditionally used. More may be listed below or on the opposite side if desired.

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

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Additional Information Helpful for an Obituary

Work

List job titles, employers, year worked, accomplishments, year retired, etc.

Church Leadership and Participation

List church groups in which you participated or served (i.e. altar guild, choir, council member, etc.).

Organizational Leadership and Participation

List organizations in which you participated or served (i.e. baseball coach, Scout leader, soup kitchen volunteer, etc.).

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Major Life Events

List some of the major events in your life (i.e. met President _____, was honored for _____, etc.).

Hobbies and Other Interests

List your favorite hobbies and other things that interest you.

Additional Notes
