

**St. Andrew's Lutheran
End of Life Planning Series
Topic: Funeral – Memorial
Service**

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Services St. Andrew's Typically Provides

HELP Ministry Receptions

- Refreshments typically include sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and dip, cookies, lemonade, coffee, and water
- Hosts set up room with tablecloths, centerpieces, and food tables. Volunteers help with set up, serving, and cleanup for receptions
- Ministry Lead: Heidi Martinez

Services St. Andrew's Provides

- Free use of sanctuary for memorial service**
- Guest book and bulletins**
- Access to tables and other items to display pictures, personal items, flowers, etc.**



Services St. Andrew's Provides

- Coordination of music (we do recommend payment for musicians)**
- Support in planning service**
- Pastoral presence**

Decisions to make for the service

- **Who will be the family contact(s) for memorial service planning?**
- **Date, place, and time of service**
- **Will there be a reception following the service?**
- **What type of bulletin? (Pre-printed cover or custom cover with picture of loved one, etc)**

Decisions to make for the service, cont.

- **Congregational Hymns, pre-recorded music, soloists or special music**
- **Who will give eulogy or eulogies?**
- **What Bible verse or other readings would you like included? Who will read them?**
- **Will there be a time of remembrance?**

Eulogies

- **Brief 5-10 minutes**
- **It is important to have notes or have written what you are going to share.**
- **As if the loved one was applying for a job.**
- **Personal stories**

<https://ideas.ted.com/how-to-give-a-eulogy-that-truly-celebrates-the-person-youre-honoring/> (from Larry)



Memorial Gifts

- In lieu of flowers donations can be made to...
 - St. Andrew's Memorial Funds
 - Endowment Fund
 - Outside Organization important to the loved one

Mortuaries and other services

- **Featheringill**
- **Goodbody**
- **Neptune Society**
- **Burial sites- non-military**
- **Burial sites-Military**

Grief Support

- **Support Groups for those who are grieving**
 - **Bereavement support is often offered through local hospices and hospitals**
- **St. Andrew's Grief Group- offered at least once a year**
- **Therapeutic support**
- **Stephen Ministers**

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Thank You

for joining us for this presentation.

We hope you benefit from its information.

Please share this information with your family and friends.