Continuing the Journey

The death of a loved one is part of life's journey. Grief is a natural part of the human experience, yet so often we try to ignore or hasten our grief work. The events surrounding the funeral and burial can be a good start for the journey, but rarely are they the final destination. Within King of Kings we have companions for this journey- bereavement facilitators from our Befrienders team who are trained to walk with you in your grief. One of them will be calling you in the months following a funeral to see how you are doing and to give you more information about Grief Support.

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Funerals & Memorial Services

King of Kings expresses its sincere sympathy to your family during this time of loss. May the light of Christ give you comfort and peace as you plan your loved one's service.

Scheduling and Planning the Service

- Membership at King of Kings is not required. Services are provided for all those seeking a Christian service/burial for their loved one. Our staff is experienced and compassionate and can guide you through the basics of planning a service.

- Before you begin to make commitments based on service time, location or pastoral staff, please contact us (or have the funeral director with whom you are working contact us) to ensure accurate arrangements and scheduling.

- The majority of services are held in the Sanctuary and can be scheduled Monday through Saturday with the exception of church holidays.

- Pastors are also available to officiate at services held offsite.

- We will work with the family to ensure details of the worship service and the accompanying gathering times (e.g., visitation, picture displays, and meals) are consistent with the standards and guidelines of King of Kings. Please think about and express your wishes for the service.

- Printed bulletins for the service will be provided by King of Kings. It will be personalized and all details should be discussed with the pastor.

- All funeral luncheons are held in the Fellowship hall.

Working with a Funeral/Memorial Home

When working with a funeral home, the funeral director will communicate directly with the pastor. King of Kings funeral coordinator will reserve dates, times and space for your loved ones service.

Services provided by a funeral home:

- Make arrangements for the transportation of the deceased, complete all necessary paperwork, and implement the choices made by the family regarding the funeral and final disposition of the deceased.
- Provide all service options during funeral arrangement meetings.
- Arrange for placement of obituary.
- Coordinate with pastor for payments to the church.
- Have funeral director and attendants present at funeral or memorial service to set up, greet family and guests, manage guest needs, gather family, attend to memorial gifts, transport flowers and photo displays between locations.

Honorarium:

Pastors	**$250***

*Pastors preside over a funeral as part of their call to serve at King of Kings. No fee is required. However, if a family would like to provide an honorarium, $250 is a typical amount.

Fees:

Funeral Coordinator	**$100/$250***
Organist/Pianist	**$150**
Soloist	**$100**
Sound Technician	**$100**

*due to the additional responsibilities when no funeral home staff is scheduled at the church service.

Additional fees:

$150 - If a funeral or memorial service is scheduled on a Saturday or evening (after 5:00), this will cover the expense of additional custodial and support services.

Columbarium

King of Kings Lutheran Church is re-establishing the tradition of early American churches by providing a final resting place. The special place that is becoming the modern churchyard cemetery is a columbarium. The columbarium is a place of solitude located on the west side of our Sanctuary where the ashes of a loved one are placed in an urn and set in a niche inside the columbarium. Cremation is consistent with the Christian view that the physical body disintegrates and a new body is given by God in Resurrection. For more information about purchasing the right of interment, contact the church.

Memorial Gifts

Special memorial gifts are a wonderful way to ensure your loved one's legacy lives on. Gifts given to King of Kings will be designated by the family to uplift a certain ministry that may be near and dear to the person's heart. Please talk to the pastor regarding possible designations. It is good to include the family's wishes regarding memorials in the obituary written for the newspaper.

Funeral Luncheon/Reception planning:

A reception after the service is a time to share memories. When a Funeral Luncheon/Reception is held at King of Kings, families are responsible for contacting a caterer to make arrangements for food as we do not have a licensed commercial kitchen.

King of Kings provides:

Plates, Silverware, Napkins, Cups, Coffee, Lemonade, Water
Volunteers to set-up, serve and clean up

What is done with leftover food?

Leftovers will be packaged and sent home with the families.

Possible Caterers:

Kowalski's, Tinuuci's, Angelina's, Hy-Vee, Cub Foods

****Please contact the church prior to the day of service to let us know who your caterer is and what time food will arrive.**

For non-members, a minimum of $100 is the suggested donation to the King of Kings Kitchen fund.