

## Funeral Service Bulletin

The church office will prepare the service bulletin after you plan the service with the Pastor. If you choose to include a biography of your loved one in the bulletin, please provide the text (and photo if desired) to the church office at least two weekdays prior to the visitation.

## Slideshow

Some families find it meaningful to create a slideshow of pictures to show during the visitation prior to the funeral ceremony. We have the set up to play these through our televisions in the narthex and our screens in the sanctuary. Families can provide these pictures at least two weekdays prior to the funeral in one of three formats:

- Scanned jpegs of all the pictures provided on a flash drive.
- A PowerPoint slide show with all of the pictures. Please do not add music to the slide show.
- A video created by someone in the family. Do not add music to the video. Please note: videos produced on an Apple computer have given us trouble in the past. If possible, create it on a PC.

We play subdued music as a background. If you have something specific you would like played during the visitation time, please bring it to the church office on a thumb drive or a CD at least two weekdays prior to the funeral.

## Ongoing Grief Support

### Grief Share

Grief Share is a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Grief Share is a course that provides valuable biblical resources to help you work through your loss and provide hope for rebuilding your life. Sessions are offered seasonally at no charge. Contact Parish Nurse and Stephen Minister, Mary Lou Temple at 248-626-4076 or mltemple7@yahoo.com for more information.

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one caring ministry to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Contact Mary Lou Temple at 248-626-4076 or mltemple7@yahoo.com for more information.



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## CROSS OF CHRIST



*The LORD will be  
with you; He will  
never leave you  
nor forsake you.  
Do not be afraid.*

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

## Funeral Services

## FUNERAL PLANNING

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### Date and Time

Dates and times for visitations and funerals at Cross of Christ are to be arranged in consultation with a Pastor of Cross of Christ.

We will work with you and the funeral home to secure the best possible day to have the funeral and reception, if applicable.

In order to better serve your needs, please estimate the number people you anticipate attending.

### Visitation at Church

If you wish, the sanctuary narthex will be available for visitation from 6:00-8:00PM the evening prior to the service and an hour before the service. You may arrive at 5:00PM the evening of the visitation to set up. The Keurig individual cup coffee makers and ice water will be set up for visitors. A Cross of Christ volunteer will be available to assist the family and/or the funeral home.

### Flowers

Flowers will be received at the northernmost glass door (Chapel/Church Office entrance). The office phone number is 248-646-5886. Please share this information with the florist.

**Flower Delivery Hours:** Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-4:00PM and Friday 9:00-12:00PM

**Flower Delivery by Appointment:** Additionally, flowers can be delivered on Friday 2:00-5:00PM and on Saturday by appointment. A different phone number will be provided to you.

### Funeral Receptions

If you desire a reception, the Pastor will discuss the time of the funeral reception when you plan the funeral. The Pastor will also connect you with the Cross of Christ reception coordinator. The congregation provides table setup, decorations, plates, flatware, and beverages (coffee, tea, water). The family will reimburse the church for the cost of food, or pay the caterer directly.

Luncheon locations can be held in the following areas depending on the number of people expected: sanctuary narthex and coffee area; or, chapel and chapel lobby; or, the gymnasium.

❑ **Cold lunch option** is coordinated by the church reception coordinator and typically includes your choice of sandwiches (croissants or rolls), salad(s), fruit tray, chips, veggie tray, pickles, olives, and/or dessert. Approximately a week after the funeral, the designated family member will be sent an invoice for the cost of the food in order to reimburse the church.

❑ **Hot-meal luncheon** is coordinated by the family with the caterer of your choice. The Cross of Christ reception coordinator assists the family and caterer with the setup and cleanup. The reception coordinator can provide, if needed, a caterer for very large luncheons. The designated family member will pay the caterer directly.

### Fees and Honorariums

Please note the following fees and honorariums. Checks should be made payable to the individual and given to them directly. The Pastor will communicate the names to you. If working with a funeral director, you must communicate with them that you will be providing the fees and honorarium personally, and do not desire these expenses to be included in their bill for services.

#### **The Church Building – No Fee**

There is no fee for use of the church building for visitation, a funeral service and reception. There is no fee for janitorial service, bulletin preparation, or photo slide show.

#### **Musician – \$300**

The fee applies to each organist, soloist, and/or worship leader you choose to be part of the service.

#### **A/V Technician(s) – \$80 (during visitation and funeral)**

Each technician necessary to provide the services you choose receives a fee.

#### **Officiating Pastor – \$300**

It is appropriate to give the officiating Pastor an honorarium. If the honorarium presents a financial challenge, discuss this with the Business Administrator in the Church Office.

#### **Memorials**

Cross of Christ has a Memorial Fund which exists to recognize and honor a person's life. If you would like more information, speak with the Business Administrator to receive a copy of the memorial fund policy.