

BURIAL POLICY
OF
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We, as members of Trinity congregation, recognize the sanctity of life. We rejoice in this gift of life. We rejoice in this gift of life on this earth and in eternity with our Lord.

We recognize the history of the Church, especially in the United States, of providing burial sites on or near the church grounds. We find this symbolism to be very meaningful.

We also recognize the increasing difficulty of setting apart large tracts of land for burials in a world with expanding population and shrinking spaces.

While we do not sit in judgment on or recommend any form of disposal of earthly flesh, we offer the following in love as an alternate form and place for burial for those who so desire.

As Ash Wednesday reminds us clearly, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return." May we ever rejoice in the Resurrection that is for all God's children in Jesus Christ.

1. All members of the church may share in the privilege of being buried on the church grounds. Non-members may share in this privilege, if they are a spouse, child, or parent of a communing member of the church, and if sponsored by such communing member.
2. The body must be cremated and only the ashes will be buried.
3. The location of the burial site shall be at the sole discretion of the Pastor or designated representative.
4. There shall be no grave markers of any type.
5. There shall be no restriction as to the future use of the burial site by the church.
6. The church makes no representation as to the continued use of the grounds for burial purposes, it being the sole discretion of the church to discontinue this privilege at any time, upon approval of the church membership.
7. The church makes no representation that the grounds will continue under the ownership or control of the church in the future.
8. All burials shall be under the direction of the Pastor or designated representative.
9. The church may provide a plaque in the church building listing those persons buried on the church grounds, if requested by the deceased or the deceased's immediate family.
10. The church may set aside a special site on the church grounds as an appropriate memorial.

Pastor's Signature

Date

Member or Sponsor's Signature