

AFTER THE FUNERAL ONGOING GRIEF SUPPORT AND CARE

Pastor Scott is available for basic grief counseling and prayer.

Care Ministries of LCHope

Care Ministers are members of LCHope who are specially trained to listen, care, encourage, and support people going through tough times. Contact Pastor Scott about this Ministry.

TRU Community Care



TRU Community Care is about helping people faithfully complete their earthly journey in the most fulfilling way possible. Being people of faith means we openly acknowledge the pain and sorrow of losing people we care about. TRU Community Care provides a wide variety of grief services from groups and counseling resources, to written material and grief education. As people who live with hope, we have the strength to "feel it to heal it."

Contact Pastor Scott about Hospice or contact TRU Community Care directly at (303) 442-0961.



FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Pastor Scott is available to accompany you and your family when making funeral arrangements with the funeral home. While there are many choices in funeral homes, please contact Pastor Scott before choosing a funeral home for arrangements or pre-planning. Pastor Scott can share with you his recommendations.

There are a number of options for final disposition including burial, cremation, spreading of ashes, crypts, and others. Lutheran theology and tradition do not favor any particular form of burial or disposition. The concern of the church is that after death, the deceased are to be commended to God in the sure and steadfast hope of the resurrection.

PLANNING OF THE FUNERAL

In the immediate days after death, Pastor Scott will be in touch to plan and coordinate the liturgies of the church for the deceased. The funeral liturgy is planned by the family and the church. In some cases the liturgy or parts of, was planned by the deceased before death. Within the general funeral liturgy order, there are many options that can be planned with the Pastor. Pastor is always available and encourages pre-planning one's funeral.

Our Mission:

Lutheran Church of Hope proclaims
Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by

- worshipping together,
- making disciples of all,
- reaching out to spread God's Word,
- and providing loving support to all.



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*"For All the Saints
who from their labors rest..."*

*Life Passages
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We have this hope...a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.

-Hebrews 6:19

SOME COMMON QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

PASTORAL CARE THROUGHOUT LIFE'S PASSAGES

The church from its beginning has always taken care of the dying and the deceased. The church mourns with and comforts grieving families and friends.

As the moments of death approach and in the immediate moments after death, the church is prepared to minister to those in need. Two specific rites are available as well as pastoral presence and prayer:



Commendation of the Dying

This rite is available for those who are near death, and whose loved ones would like to gather in prayer and faith in the promise soon to be claimed. Scripture is read, prayers are said, and time is allowed for gratitude and reconciliation for the person approaching death and between families and friends. This rite ends with a commendation to God's keeping.

Comforting the Bereaved

This rite containing prayers and scriptures can be done as part of a visitation or viewing, or in the moments and days following a death. Time is given to those gathered to share stories and memories of the one who has died. Eulogies are most appropriate when shared here as part of this gathering. It could also be a time to play recorded music that the deceased enjoyed as well. It may take place in a home of family or friends, at the funeral home, at the church, or in some other location.

FLOWERS AND MEMORY TABLES

LCHope welcomes flowers for funerals and/or receptions, and the family may request one bouquet to be left for the next Sunday liturgy of LCHope in memory of their loved one. LCHope can also provide tables, easels, and electronic media for displays of photos and memories in the narthex and gathering area.



INFORMATION ON SERVICES AT LCHope

LCHope is available for memorial services and funeral liturgies. Scheduling will be coordinated between LCHope, the family of the deceased, and the Funeral Home. Services at LCHope will be accompanied by an LCHope musician. There is no recorded music during the funeral liturgy itself.

We request an honorarium to be given to our staff. Gifts can be given to pastor at the final meeting when finalizing service plans. The following are the suggested amounts:

Organist	\$200
Audio/Visual	\$50
Soloist(s)	\$50
Sexton	\$75
Clergy	At your discretion/contact your funeral director

RECEPTIONS AND GATHERINGS

Lutheran Church of Hope is willing and able to provide a variety of before and/or after receptions for families and friends to gather for sharing memories of the faithful departed and comforting one another. Following are the different types of receptions and their suggested offset costs that we offer:

Iced and Hot Beverage Reception	\$35
Light finger-food reception w/beverage service	\$75
Full meal reception w/finger-foods and beverages	\$175

We ask that the reception offset costs are also paid at the final meeting with the pastor.

If personal financial circumstances mean that the above honorariums and suggested costs cause particular hardship, please contact Pastor Scott.

Visitation and Viewings

Usually held in the days before or immediately preceding the funeral liturgy. This is a chance for families and friends to gather, greet others, and share stories and eulogies of the deceased. The coffin may or may not be open for viewing, and will be closed for the funeral liturgy itself. Visitation and Viewings can take place at the funeral home, at the church, or at the home of family or friends.

Funeral Liturgy Information

Centered on the resurrection promise given in baptism, the funeral liturgy is usually held before final disposition or burial of the person who has died, as the funeral and committal are seen as one service in different locations. However due to circumstances, this may not always be the case and LCHope will work with all involved in planning an appropriate liturgy.

Pastor, Family, and Friends

The pastor presides at the funeral liturgy. Family and friends are invited to participate in the reading of scripture, poetry, or special music when appropriate. Eulogies are not appropriate during the funeral liturgy itself, rather shared during the Comforting the Bereaved or reception time. LCHope will work with every family to ensure a God-centered liturgy focused on the resurrection promise claimed by the deceased.

The Pall

The Pall is a white garment that is draped over the coffin or urn, recalling the baptismal promise of being clothed and joined with Christ. Since the funeral liturgy is rooted in the promises of baptism fulfilled, the pall is used at all funeral liturgies at LCHope.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is appropriate during a funeral liturgy as it is the meal of the 'communion of saints' of all times and all places. All baptized Christians (of all denominations) are welcome to commune at Lutheran Church of Hope.

Military Honors

LCHope honors those who have served their country. While during the funeral liturgy the pall is used; before and after the liturgy the flag may drape the coffin as per tradition. At the place of committal, military rights and honors are honored and given.

Civil, Civic, and Fraternal Service Rites

Throughout their lives, many people join Civil, Civic, and Fraternal service organizations that have rites for the deceased. In respect of those Civic, Civil and Fraternal Organizations, LCH asks that all these rituals and rites be completed before visitation and funeral liturgy.