Grace Lutheran Church Funeral Committee


# Funeral Luncheon

A service of the Funeral Committee of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

In this time of sorrow and mourning, we offer you our deepest Christian sympathies. May our Lord Jesus comfort you with His love and uphold you with his strength.

The Funeral Committee of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church would like to offer our services to prepare a funeral luncheon for you and your family at this difficult time.

We will set up the social hall, prepare and serve the luncheon and clean up afterwards.

All left over food will be packed for the family to take home.

We offer this service to provide some comfort and support to the bereaved families of our church.

Words of Comfort

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.

John 11:25,26

Heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to conquer over the grave and to pay the penalty of all sin, my grief this day is great, but I thank You for the even greater promise that all who die trusting in You are with You in heaven and that on the last day You will raise their bodies from their graves so that with body and soul united together again, but now glorified and whole, they will rejoice eternally in the bliss of that wonderful, coming heavenly glory.  Help me to always believe this promise and the pledge You give me now that You will never forsake me, but will always keep me and my loved ones safe in You.  Yes, Father, do not leave me alone in this sad time. Make me strong to accept what You send.

In Jesus’ name I ask it.

Amen

**Option 2: Cold Buffet**

Sandwich Tray

Potato Salad

Jell-O Salad OR Pasta Salad

Veggie Tray with Dip

Fruit Salad

OR

Choice of Two Soups

(Wedding, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Cream of Broccoli, Cream of Potato)

**Option 3: Brunch Buffet**

French Toast or Waffles

Breakfast Casserole

Fresh Fruit

Breakfast Breads (in lieu of desserts)

Fried Chicken

Potato Salad

OR

Choice of Two Soups

(Wedding, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Cream of Broccoli, Cream of Potato)

**Option 1: Hot Buffet**

Fried Chicken

Rigatoni with Marinara Sauce

Tossed Salad

Ranch and Italian Dressing

Cheesy Potatoes

Green Beans

Rolls and Butter

Menu Options

Each option will include the following:
coffee, tea, ice tea and lemonade and a choice of homemade desserts or a scored decorated sheet cake.

Cost

Unfortunately the church is not able to financially support these luncheons.

We have found that with the generous help of our members' time and preparation of these meals, and some food donations, we are able to keep the cost at a very reasonable rate. As a result, your cost is $5.00 times the estimated number of persons you have told us will attend.

For example, if you have estimated that 40 people will attend, your total cost would be:

$5.00 X 40 persons = $200 dollars.

Unfortunately this cost is yours regardless of how many people actually attend the luncheon, as we must purchase food and supplies based on your estimated number. Please be assured, however, that all leftover food is yours to take home with you.

Questions to Consider

These are the types of questions that will need answered:

* How many people are you anticipating attending, including children over age 5?

 While determining the exact number is difficult, it is essential that you give us as accurate an estimate as possible. We will be purchasing and preparing food based on the number you give us.

* What date and time will the luncheon be held?
* Will neighbors, friends or family be donating any food/drink items for the luncheon?

If you would like us to provide the funeral luncheon or if you have any questions, please contact Brigid Polliard.

Please note that we need as much advance notice as possible to be able to get volunteers and purchase and prepare the food.

Thank You,

Funeral Committee Chairman

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