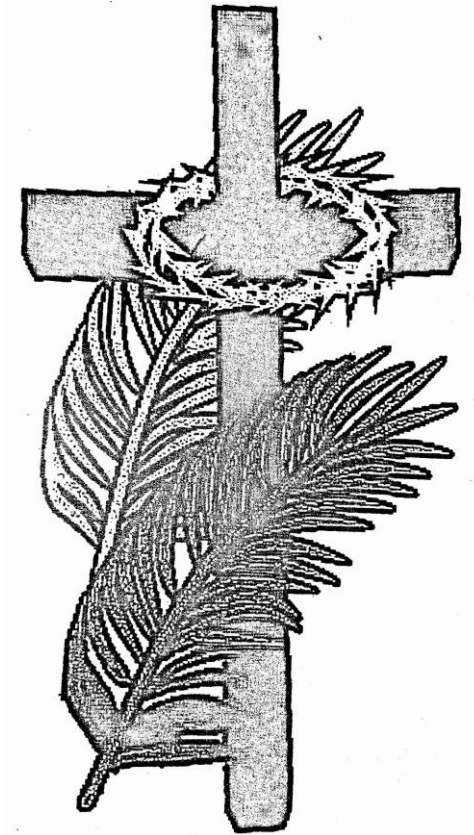


St. Luke's Cemetery

Condensed Version of Rules and Regulations



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PURCHASE OF CEMETERY LOTS/PLOTS

The purchase of lots/plots is in no way a transfer of real estate. Purchase of a burial lot/plot insures the owner of a permanently maintained burial site. Owners of burial lot/plots in this cemetery must follow the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Cemetery Board. Description of lots will be in accordance with the cemetery plats which are on file with the St. Luke Parish Cemetery Board.

INTERMENT PROCEDURES

Persons wishing to purchase a cemetery lot/plot or arrange for interment should contact a Board Member. The member will visit the cemetery with you if requested. Funeral Directors generally help with interment arrangements through the Cemetery Board, however, the charges are billed directly from the Board and not the Funeral Home. The St. Luke Parish Cemetery Board or Pastor may, for a valid reason, refuse interment in the St. Luke Parish Cemetery.

GRAVE SITE SALES & ASSIGNMENTS

Adult Graves – Size – 4' x 9' x 4 ½' deep.

Lots 91, 92 & 93 are set aside for single graves. Persons can purchase any number of lots. Location will be made at the discretion of the Cemetery Board. All payments for lots are to be made to the Board Secretary. The digging of all graves including babies and cremains must be done by a bonded grave digger approved by the Cemetery Board.

Baby Graves – Size – 2' x 4' x 3' deep.

Sections 103, 114, 115, 125 & 126 are set aside for the burial of infants, young children and still born infants. Grave spaces, in the designated sections, will be provided for St. Luke's Parishoners' infants, young children and still born infants at no cost except Perpetual Care and Interment Charges. Flat stones are required on these graves and there is a permit fee of \$35.00.

TRANSFERS OR ASSIGNMENTS

No transfer or assignment by grave site owners of any interest in the grave site will be valid without securing written consent of the St. Luke Parish Cemetery Board. Such consent shall be granted only in the cases permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota. The St. Luke Parish Cemetery Board may refuse consent to a transfer of ownership as long as there is any balance due from the grave site owner of record.

EASEMENT

No easement or right of interment is granted to any lot/plot owner to any road, drive, alley or walk within the cemetery, but such road, drive, alley or walk may be used as a means of access to the St. Luke Parish Cemetery or buildings, as long as it is assigned for that purpose.

DISINTERMENT OR REMOVAL AT FAMILY REQUEST

No disinterment or removal shall be allowed except with the permission of the Cemetery Board and with written authorization of lot/plot holder and nearest of kin and with proper legal procedure. Disinterment and removals shall be subject to the payment of such charges as may be fixed by the Cemetery Board.

BURIAL RESTRICTIONS

State law expressly forbids the burial of a person who at the time of death is not the owner of the lot or a relative of the owner by blood or marriage except by written permission of the Cemetery Board.

VAULTS

Burial vaults are required for all burials when the casket is over 3 feet long. For caskets under 3 feet, an outside container of non-decaying ridged plastic or styro-foam that will prevent the ground from caving in is required. There will be no stacking of burial vaults. No vault is required for cremains.

CREMATION

Cremated remains are human remains and are to be treated with the same dignity and respect as a full body. Two (2) cremains are allowed per cemetery lot, or one (1) cremain and (1) normal burial. There will be inurnment (burial) charges for each Cremain. Memorial markers (monuments) must be approved by the Cemetery Board. No more than two (2) identifications can be placed on a single monument. If a Cremain is inurned in an existing grave, the cost will be ½ of the existing price of a cemetery lot, plus inurnment fees and Perpetual Care. If a lot is purchased with the intention of inurning 2 cremains, the cost will be 1 & ½ times the lot price, plus Perpetual Care for each. Cremains cannot precede a normal burial. In order to inurn cremated remains within an existing grave, it should be possible to include the name and birth and death years on the monument. If it is not possible to include these elements, a new monument will be required. When placing cremains within an existing grave, the inurnment should be as close as possible to the monument. If possible, the location should be noted on the records.

MONUMENTS

A written permit signed by the Board Secretary must be obtained and paid for prior to any work being started. Fees are \$50.00 for flat monuments and \$75.00 for raised monuments. Specific size and installation regulations for the concrete pad and stone will be noted on the permit. All work must be done according to the rules of the St. Luke Parish Cemetery Board and under the supervision of a representative of the Board. No permanent monument is allowed until interment fees and lots are paid in full. Monument maintenance remains the responsibility of the owner or the family. Should any monument become unsightly, dilapidated, or a menace to the safety of person within the cemetery, the Board shall have the right, after 30 days notice to the lot/plot holder of record, to correct the condition at the expense of the lot/plot holder. Only one headstone and one flat stone are permitted per grave.

DECORATING OF LOTS

No trees or plants may be planted in the ground. No more than two (2) planters will be allowed per monument. Planters must be attached to the base of the monument. During the period from the Friday before Memorial Day until June 15th, additional decorations are allowed. After June 15th, ground maintenance personnel will remove any additional items left. Additional decorations are acceptable for short periods of one week on your own personal special days. During the non-mowing season some other decorations, such as Christmas wreaths, will be allowed, provided they are cared for and removed in a timely manner.

PERPETUAL CARE

Canon and Civil laws require each cemetery to establish provisions for perpetual care of the grave sites in the event the parish ceases to exist. An investment account has been established for the perpetual care funds collected. These funds are collected by the following means:

A charge of \$50.00 per grave sold. This amount to collected at the time graves are sold. Memorials that are designated for the Perpetual Care Funds.

At the discretion of the Cemetery Board, any balance in the annual operating fund accumulated from cemetery affairs, that is not budgeted for immediate maintenance may be placed into the Perpetual Care Fund.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The St. Luke's Parish Cemetery Committee consists of five (5) members who shall be elected from among the parishioners of the Church of St. Luke. The officers of the committee consist of the Parish Priest, Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, chosen by the directors among themselves.

ANNUAL MEETING

An annual Meeting of the St. Luke Parish Cemetery Board shall be held on the second Monday of August as an open meeting reporting to the parish on cemetery affairs for the past year. The meeting agenda will include election of board members and officers of the board. Reports on financial, administrative and maintenance activities and new proposals.

Additional meetins of the board of directors may be called by the Chairman as found advisable by any board member, with sufficient notice to cemetery board members and St. Luke's pastor and parishioners.

CHARGES

GRAVE LOT COSTS – EFFECTIVE 11/22/2005

For St. Luke's Church Parishioners:

Single Grave	\$225.00
Perpetual Care	\$50.00
Total	\$275.00

Two Graves	\$400.00
Perpetual Care	\$100.00
Total	\$500.00

NOTE: Parishioners are considered to be those persons registered with St. Luke's Parish as of the current census.

For Non-Parishioners:

Single Grave	\$950.00
Perpetual Care	\$50.00
Total	\$1000.00

MONUMENT PERMITS

Raised	\$75.00
Flat	\$50.00

OPENING/CLOSING CHARGES – EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY, 2015

Summer Rates *:

Adult Space	\$600.00
Infant Space (up to 3 ft)	\$350.00
Cremain Space	\$375.00

Winter Rates *:

Adult Space	\$725.00
Infant Space	\$450.00
Cremain Space	\$500.00

*May be additional charges for snow removal at \$60.00/hr

*Additional charge for all Weekends or Holiday Services: \$75.00

Winter Storage is available at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Waite Park at a charge of \$50.00. Contact Cemetery Board Members for details.

LOSS OR DAMAGE

The Board disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, earthquakes, war, common enemy, air raids, invasions, riots, insurrections, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar or dissimilar beyond control of the Board, whether the damage is direct or collateral.

QUESTIONS ABOUT RULES

For any questions concerning purchase of Cemetery Lots, or any further information on these rules and regulations, call the St. Luke's Parish Office at 320-558-2124.

The Church of St. Luke Cemetery Board reserves the right to discard all Rules and Regulations in a case of unforeseen affairs occurrence and to act on the cause to the best of their ability.

Rules Revision Dates:

May, 1999

July, 2001

August, 2004

November, 2005

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