

The St. Luke's United Methodist Church family is here to support you before, during, and after the loss of a loved one. You are not alone. God loves you, knows the depths of your grief, and is with you – whether or not you feel His presence.

St. Luke's team of caring staff and volunteers compiled this guide to help you plan a meaningful service to celebrate the life of your loved one. You may also meet with the Care Team to pre-plan your service. If you have a particular question which is not addressed in this guide, St. Luke's pastors and Care Team staff can assist you. Above all, we are praying for you during this time.

Grace and Peace,

The Rev. Corey Jones  
St. Luke's Lead Pastor

## WHEN DEATH IS IMMINENT OR WHEN DEATH OCCURS

When a death is imminent our pastors are honored to come and pray with you and anoint your loved one. During regular business hours, please call the church and ask for the Care office (**407.876.4991 ext. 262**). After hours, please call the Emergency Hotline at **407.876.4991 ext. 316**. A pastor will respond as soon as possible.

## FUNERAL HOMES, CREMATION FACILITIES, AND CEMETERIES

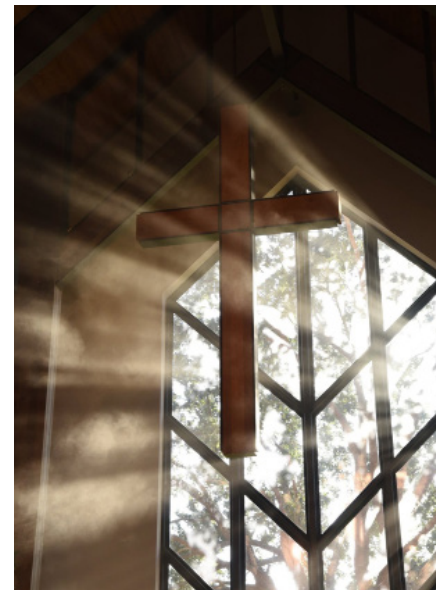
There are many excellent providers in the Central Florida area. The church does not endorse specific providers; however, we do work closely with Compass Pointe Funeral Services (**compasspointecremationservices.com or 407.797.6200**).

## DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF SERVICE

If you wish to schedule a memorial or funeral service at St. Luke's, please reach out to one of the pastors or contact Kim Paredes, Director of Care Ministries, at **407.876.4991 ext. 262** to discuss date, time, and location options. Services are typically scheduled Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Depending on venue availability, funerals and memorial services can be held in the prayer chapel in Building C, the main Sanctuary, or Founder's Hall.

## FEES

Fees vary depending on church membership status and various aspects of the service. The funeral coordinator can review all these details with you when you inquire about holding the service at the church. Call **407.876.4991 ext. 262** to inquire about funeral/memorial service and musician/technician fees.



“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

*John 11:25-26*

## TYPE OF SERVICE

Memorial, funeral, and graveside services are worship services and are intended to glorify God, affirm our belief in the resurrection to life everlasting, and to comfort the bereaved. With this in mind, all that takes place should be consistent with this principle.

St. Luke's offers a variety of options for services:

1. A traditional funeral where a casket is present, graveside to follow
  2. A memorial service (where there is no casket)
  3. A graveside service (service of committal) only
- Additionally, a visitation can be scheduled beforehand on the day of the service.

Interment in St. Luke's Memorial Garden is available to church members before or after a memorial service. For more information and fees associated with St. Luke's Memorial Garden, please visit [st.lukes.org/memorialgarden](http://st.lukes.org/memorialgarden).

## MAKING SERVICE PLANS

Following the selection of the date, time, and service location, the pastor will arrange to gather with the family and learn more about your loved one. This will be a time to share memories and other information about your loved one and how you would like your loved one to be honored.

St. Luke's Care team works with you behind the scenes to handle all logistics including scheduling musicians and soloists as well as coordinating audio/video and custodial services. The Care team will ask about the number of guests you expect and discuss all protocols.

## SCRIPTURE

Your loved one may have already pre-selected Scripture verses to include in their service or you can visit [st.lukes.org/funerals](http://st.lukes.org/funerals) to view a selection of verses to be read during the service. A pastor can also assist.

## MUSIC

Music is another way to enhance the funeral/memorial experience and can have a profound impact on the grieving and healing process. St. Luke's has rich connection to incredibly talented musicians should you want live music as a portion of your service. Fees associated with booking musicians will vary based on the music/instrumentation you choose, the length of service and other considerations for the amount of preparation required by the singer or instrumentalist. You may also have family members or loved ones who want to honor your family by providing music for the memorial. Our tech team can help facilitate that option as well. Lastly, we have a non-fee-based option for some of the most familiar and appropriate hymns for your service that provide a beautiful moment of congregational singing if you would like that as part of the service order. All of this can be arranged with the funeral coordinator or pastor in partnership with our Sr. Director of Traditional Music.

## FLOWERS

Floral offerings are a beautiful and visual way to pay tribute to a loved one. Floral arrangements need to be delivered on the day of the service as the church does not have an area to keep the flowers cool if delivered earlier. Removal of flowers after the service is the responsibility of the family or funeral home. Many families choose not to have floral arrangements but request memorial gifts in lieu of flowers to be made in honor of their loved one.

## MEMORABILIA

Personal items can be a beautiful way to pay tribute to your loved one. If you have an item that you would like to be displayed on the altar during the service, please speak with the funeral coordinator.



## LEAN ON OTHERS

The planning of a loved one's funeral/memorial service can be very overwhelming. Friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members often want to help but do not know how to help during this difficult time. Lean on them when they offer help. Don't be afraid to ask them to assist by helping to order or pick up food for the funeral reception, decorate the funeral reception area, start a meal train for the family and your guests, or take care of younger family members during the service. A good support

system of people who come together to help in big and small ways is essential in helping you concentrate on the bigger tasks at hand as you plan to honor your loved one.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts provide a meaningful way for individuals, families, and groups to share their thanksgiving and express their love for the life of a loved one. To give a gift in another's memory is a faithful expression of respect and love that goes beyond death. If you plan to share memorial gifts in memory of your loved one with a charitable organization(s) please provide this information to the officiating pastor.

Memorial gifts may be designated to St. Luke's UMC or to a specific ministry at the church. Gifts may also be made to the Endowment Fund to advance St. Luke's ministry and mission activities. The Fund is built entirely upon the vision and generosity of St. Lukers and is totally separate from the church's annual operating budget and building funds. Available funds are distributed to support projects above and beyond normal budgeted items.

## AFTER CARE

You are not alone following the loss of your loved one. St. Luke's sends grief booklets throughout the first year which offer words of hope and encouragement and St. Luke's pastors are available to offer care and support.

“Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.”

*Matthew 5:4*

You will also receive information about our grief support groups – GriefShare offered each spring and fall. When you are ready, we encourage you to join a GriefShare support group led by lay leaders who have experienced loss themselves. This 13-week program provides a place where grieving people can find healing and hope for the future.

We also have trained Stephen Ministers (lay Christian listeners) available who can meet with you on a weekly basis to encourage, support, and pray with you during your grief journey. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, contact St. Luke's Care Office at [care@st.lukes.org](mailto:care@st.lukes.org) or **407.876.4991 ext. 262**.

St. Luke's Community Counseling Center also has licensed mental health counselors who provide grief counseling. St. Luke's counselors are both approved providers for many insurance companies and offer a sliding fee scale in addition to the standard fee. Call **407.876.8237** Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to make an appointment and visit [st.lukes.org/counseling](http://st.lukes.org/counseling) to meet St. Luke's counselors.

The hymns listed below are ones that are commonly sung at funeral/memorial services. St. Luke's can offer a virtual recording of any of the below hymns as a free option to enhance your loved one's service. If you prefer a hymn or specific song not listed below, our Sr. Director of Traditional Music can help find the right talent and price accordingly based on what musicians are needed and the prep time required.

Abide With Me	UMH 700
Amazing Grace	UMH 378
Be Thou My Vision	UMH 451
Because He Lives	UMH 364
Blessed Assurance	UMH 369
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	UMH 140
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty	UMH 64
How Great Thou Art	UMH 77
In the Garden	UMH 314
It Is Well With My Soul	UMH 377
Near to the Heart of God	UMH 472
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	UMH 474
On Eagle's Wings	

**Scriptures**

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 40:28-31  
 Psalm 19  
 Psalm 23  
 Psalm 46  
 Psalm 100  
 Psalm 121  
 Psalm 150  
 Proverbs 31:10-12, 20, 25-28  
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**New Testament**

Matthew 6:25-33  
 Mark 9:35-37, 10:13-16  
 John 3:16-17  
 John 10:3-4, 11-18  
 John 10:11, 14, 15, 27-28  
 John 14:1-7, 26-27  
 John 15:4-5, 7, 12, 26  
 Romans 8:24-26, 35-39  
 1 Corinthians 13  
 1 Corinthians 15:19-22, 50-56  
 2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
 2 Corinthians 12:9-10  
 Ephesians 3:14-21, 6:13-17  
 Philippians 4:11-13  
 Colossians 3:12-17  
 2 Timothy 4:6-8  
 1 Peter 1:3-9, 21-25  
 Revelation 21:2-7

The pastors and staff at St. Luke's United Methodist Church are honored to provide a memorial/funeral service for your loved one at the church. Below is a current list of costs associated with having a memorial/funeral service. There is separate pricing for St. Luke's current/active members and non-members.

SERVICE	MEMBERS' PRICES	NON-MEMBERS' PRICES
<b>Sanctuary</b> (seats up to 600 people)	<b>FREE</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>Founder's Hall</b> (seats up to 400 people)	<b>FREE</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>Chapel</b> (seats 25 – 30 people)	<b>FREE</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Santos Welcome Hall</b> (for reception)	<b>FREE</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Pianist</b>	<b>Minimum of \$250</b>	<b>Minimum of \$250</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Minimum of \$250</b>	<b>Minimum of \$250</b>
<b>Instrumentalist</b>	<b>Minimum of \$200</b>	<b>Minimum of \$200</b>
<b>Soloist</b>	<b>Minimum of \$200</b>	<b>Minimum of \$200</b>
<b>Virtual Congregational Hymn Video</b>	<b>FREE</b> <i>(choose video with soloist plus piano or organ)</i>	<b>FREE</b> <i>(choose video with soloist plus piano or organ)</i>
<b>Audio Tech</b> (required for the Sanctuary and Founder's Hall)	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Media Operator</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Livestream/Video Recording</b> (includes all techs involved in service)	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Funeral Bulletins</b> (includes standard layout, design, and printing)	<b>FREE</b>	<b>\$50</b>

We accept payments by cash, check, or credit card (instructions listed below for online payments). Kindly remit payment to St. Luke's UMC 48 hours prior to the service. Thank you.

Visit <https://ppay.co/Y4A8cc6jlZc> to make an online credit card payment for the funeral/memorial service.

When you land on the page, please follow the steps below:

- Fill in the amount.
- Enter text in the "Leave a Note" field describing the reason for payment and click "Next."
- Pushpay asks for a mobile phone number to detect previous registration in our system. Simply click "Need Help" and choose "Give as Guest."
- Leave the Fund as "Operating Budget."
- Fill in your name and email, mobile number is optional, click "Next."
- Fill in your credit/debit card information and check "I'm not a robot."
- Click "Give" to finalize the transaction.

### FLOWERS

Flowers to be provided and removed from premises after the service by the family.

### PASTOR

If you would like to leave the officiating pastor a monetary gift, you may provide an honorarium to him/her at your discretion.