



FUNeral* Planning

*Ok, NOT SO FUN but
important to do



Why do it?

- We are all going to die.
- Our efforts are a gift to our grieving family.
- Such planning is an act of faith as a Christian.



Starting Questions



Question #1

Cremation or Casket Burial ?

Question #2

Who will care for your body?

Question #3

How will your final worship reflect your faith in God and celebrate your life?

Question #4

What legacy will you leave?





Question #1

Cremation or Casket Burial ?

Some things to ponder

- How will our choice honor the body God created?
- What is the long -term care/plan?
- Where will you rest till the day of resurrection?



More to ponder

From Pope Francis (2016)

Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation



Question #2

Who will care for your body?

Some things to ponder

- What family members/friends will handle the arrangements? Do they know what you want?
- Funeral Home or Cremation Society? What services does each provide?
- Local business or large corporation?



More to ponder

Take a tour

Ask your questions. Learn about not only the costs but of the care you will receive.



Question #3

How will your final worship reflect
your faith in God and celebrate
your life?

Two movements...

1. Celebrating Life of the One who
Died
2. Trusting in God's Promises

Some things to ponder

- What are your favorite hymns?
- What scripture has inspired you and has given you strength?
- What meaningful funerals have you attended? What made them meaningful?
- Have you spoken to your pastor?



A Resource for You

Funeral Planning Worksheet

This worksheet will help make choices for your funeral liturgy within the context of the traditional Christian liturgy. It comes from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book.



Question #4

What legacy will you leave?

Some things to ponder

- What are your core beliefs and values?
- What would you like for people to say at your funeral?
- What are your questions and doubts as a faithful person?
- What experiences have allowed you to grow most as a child of God?



Are we having fun
yet?

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