

HOW TO PROCEED

If you are interested in having a funeral / memorial service at King of Glory, please visit our website at:

<https://kogaz.org/care-outreach/funerals/>

and fill out the **FUNERAL FORM** referenced at the bottom of the page which you should then email to the church office at info@kogaz.org. Upon receipt, you will be contacted by a KOG staff member.



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Funeral & Memorial Guidelines

COMPASSION, DIGNITY,
RESPECT



*Helping
Families Honor
The Lives Of Those
They Love*



Funeral Policies/Practices at King of Glory

Even for Christians, the death of a loved one can be a difficult experience. We grieve the loss of one who has been close, but we do not sorrow as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4: 13). It is our desire and privilege to minister to the families in their time of need. It is through the Word of God that we have hope at the time of the death of a loved one (Romans 15:4).

Although funeral services may be held in funeral homes, our sanctuary is available, depending upon other calendar needs. By having the service at King of Glory, all who attend will be reminded of our hope and assurance in Jesus Christ.

There can be alternative methods for the conducting of services at the time of death. These could include a private graveside service for family members as soon after death as possible and/or a public memorial conducted at the church later. The pastor(s) are available to go with the family to the funeral home to assist in making arrangements, if desired. The pastor(s) are happy to meet with the family to plan any funeral arrangements.

Compassion is the wish to see others free from suffering.

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WHO CAN OFFICIATE

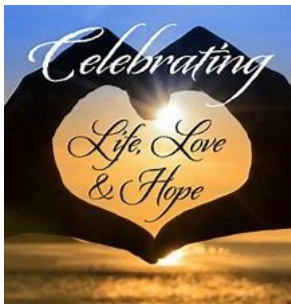
Pastoral ethics require that all funeral services held at King of Glory Lutheran Church (KOG) be officiated by a currently called KOG clergy, unless by agreement with another pastor, he/she is invited to share in the funeral or act on behalf of the pastor of KOG. Any requests for another pastor or lay person to officiate or assist in the services must be approved by the pastor(s).

STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE

A funeral service held in the church is a service of worship, celebrating the deceased's life and the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Consequently, all parts of the service are to be consistent with the present worship practices of KOG. Generally, the outline for the funeral will take on a traditional Christian form. The family may suggest other items to be included in the service, with the approval of the pastor.

FOR NON-MEMBERS/INACTIVE MEMBERS

It is our honor and privilege to walk with you as you mourn the loss of someone you loved dearly. However, it is up to the discretion of the pastor(s) to allow himself or the church to participate.



FUNERAL MUSIC

Only music appropriate to a worship service shall be used. As with weddings, a funeral is a service of Christian worship. Therefore, sacred or Christian music would be appropriate. Taped music and guest musicians must have the approval of the pastor. The use of congregational hymns is encouraged and may be selected in consultation with the family during the service planning process. In cases where outside musical participants (pianist, vocalist, other musicians) are desired, permission must be secured from the pastor(s).



VIDEOS

Videos of the deceased and family may be used before/during/after the service. If a video is to be used, it must be submitted to the church office at least 24 hours prior to the funeral service for review. We recommend that videos not exceed five minutes in length.

The services of a KOG Audio Tech is required. The use of an outside A/V person requires the permission of the pastor(s).

CLOSED CASKETS

All caskets must be closed (and remain closed) for the service, but may be open during the viewing (or preceding the viewing, for the family only), if desired. When closed, the flower blanket, flag, or coverlet covers the casket.

FLOWERS

KOG will receive flower deliveries 1 hour prior to the service.

DECORATIONS

Families may wish to display the deceased's remains, as well as, certain mementos or photographs. Any displays or pictures must be appropriate to a worship setting.

FUNERAL FEES

If the deceased or a member of their immediate family (spouse, parents, children, siblings) is an active member of KOG, there is no fee for the use of the facilities. Donations are appreciated. For all other individuals, additional fees will be assessed. Fees are payable to King of Glory Lutheran Church on or prior to the day of the funeral. Honorariums/fees for the pastor, pianist, or musicians are paid following the service or through the funeral director.

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| Use of Sanctuary | \$250 |
| Use of Fellowship Hall | \$150-\$300 |
| Pastor | Honorarium* |
| Organist/Pianist/Soloist | \$200** |
| Additional Soloist | \$50** |
| A/V Tech..... | \$50** |

*There is no fixed fee for the services of the pastor; however, it is customary to give an honorarium to the officiating minister. Typical honorariums range from \$200-\$300. Checks should be made payable to the individual minister.

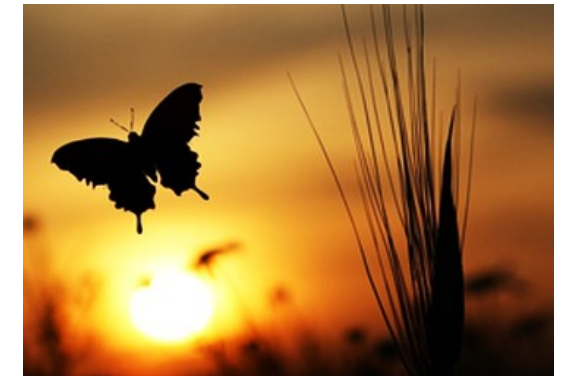
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FUNERAL RECEPTION

The church will do everything reasonably possible to accommodate a member's request for a reception following the funeral service. Arrangements for a reception are coordinated with a KOG staff member. This team provides this service as a ministry in the spirit of Christian love. Their mission is to serve willingly and pleasingly, inspired and led by God.

Use of Fellowship Hall

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| For 50 Guests | \$150 |
| For 75 Guests..... | \$200 |
| For 100 Guests..... | \$250 |
| For 150 Guests | \$300 |



NURSERY

KOG does have a nursery in the sanctuary building, but it will be unattended. If needed, the family is responsible for securing an attendant.