

Policy on Weddings and Funerals
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sister Bay, WI

Officiants: The rector or the rector's designee will officiate at weddings and funerals at St. Luke's.

Funeral planning: The clergy and people of St. Luke's are available to assist individuals and families in coping with the death of a person close to them and in planning a funeral or memorial service to celebrate the life of the person who has died. It is important that the rector be contacted as soon as possible after a death and before making decisions about the time and date of the service.

St. Luke's is most willing to assist people who are not parish members in planning and celebrating a funeral. All services held at St. Luke's follow the forms in the Book of Common Prayer.

Bulletins/Orders of Service: St. Luke's is happy to provide printed bulletins/orders of service for funerals and weddings if requested. If an event requires printed materials, the officiant must be notified at least one month prior to the service. It is appropriate for the family to cover associated expenses for printing. A total amount can be provided before ordering.

Remuneration: In general, St. Luke's clergy believe that officiating at parishioners' weddings and funerals falls within their pastoral responsibilities. Couples married at St. Luke's and families of those memorialized at St. Luke's may wish to express their appreciation to the clergy with a donation. The donation and the amount are at the donor's discretion.

Music at weddings and funerals: There is no requirement that an organist play at weddings or funerals. If the parish organist is asked but declines to play, she/he should recommend alternative organists. The organist shall be asked as soon as possible so she/he may practice the music chosen. She/he may assist the family in choosing appropriate music.

If a soloist or ensemble is required, the family should discuss these arrangements with the parish organist.

The compensation schedule for St. Luke's organist is as follows:

Weddings: Music selection, rehearsal, and service – \$200.00

Funerals: Music selection and service – \$100.00

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