

Guidelines for Calvary Lutheran Church Cemetery, Rapidan, MN as of May, 2018

1. **BURIAL INFORMATION:**

- A. Notify a Calvary Lutheran Church cemetery board member for information of plots available and the current costs.
- B. Burial plots can be sold to Calvary Lutheran Church's present or former members and their immediate family members upon approval of the Calvary Lutheran Church cemetery board.
 - a. Present members must be on Calvary's records that he/she either received communion at Calvary or gave a monetary offering at Calvary in the past five years.
 - b. Former members must have been a member of Calvary within the past ten years.
 - c. Immediate family member: spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent.
- C. Purchased plots cannot be resold without approval of the Cemetery Board. Plots cannot be resold for more than the original purchased price. Plots can only be sold according to the rules stipulated in the above guidelines of *Section 1. Burial Information, Section B*.
- D. The area of a burial plot is 4 feet x 10 feet. There will be no more than three burials to a plot:
 - a. One coffin with its required vault and up to two cremation urns without an urn vault (no space for urn vault)
Note: The coffin must be interred first before urns can be buried.
 - b. Three cremation urns with or without an urn vault. (Vaults for *cremation* urns are not required for burial.)

2. **COSTS:** All costs are subject to change.

Burial Plot Costs:

- a. \$300 charge for a burial plot.
- b. No extra charge for additional burial(s) in a plot.

Perpetual Care Costs: (for future grounds maintenance, lawn mowing, etc.)

\$150 - At the time of every burial (coffin or cremation)

Coffin/Vault Burial Additional Costs:

- a. \$40 charge to mark the grave site which is done by a cemetery board member.
- b. \$40 charge to mark for the grave stone which is done by a cemetery board member.
- c. The funeral home arranges and has additional charges for the grave site excavation.

Cremation Burial Additional Costs:

- a. \$125 charge for grave site excavation which must be done by a cemetery board member, no exceptions.
This price includes marking the grave site for a cremation burial.
- b. \$40 charge to mark for the grave stone which is done by a cemetery board member.

Winter Burial Additional Costs:

- a. Winter burials are under the discretion of the Calvary Lutheran Church cemetery board due to weather conflicts and frozen ground. The cemetery is not snow plowed in the winter months.
- b. If a family insists on a winter burial, the family will have additional charges for snow plowing of driveway, snow removal on plot, thawing ground of burial site, etc.

3. **MARKERS:**

- a. A conventional stone marker must be placed within six months after the burial.
No offensive language or symbols allowed on markers.
- b. All new stone markers placed must have cement borders for plants/flowers/decorations.

4. **FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND DECORATIONS:**

A. One week prior to Memorial Day and through Labor Day:

- a. Flower arrangements, plants, and/or decorations are permitted.
- b. For lawn mowing purposes and general ground maintenance of the cemetery, all plants, flowers, and/or decorations are to be as close as possible to the grave markers, preferably on the grave markers.
- c. In the summer months, any plants and/or flowers that have died and any loose decorations (artificial flowers, wreaths, etc.) will be discarded.
- d. After Labor Day, flower arrangements and decorations must be removed or they will be discarded.

B. November through March:

- a. Christmas wreaths and decorations are permitted.
- b. Christmas decorations must be removed by April first or they will be discarded.

C. Not allowed at any time:

- a. Trees, shrubs, and plants are not allowed to be planted within the burial plot area.
- b. Other items not allowed: Bird feeders, glass or other breakable containers, and electric solar decorations.

5. **MEMORIAL PLANTING:**

- A. Memorial planting of trees, shrubs, and/or plants are allowed around the boundaries of the cemetery property.
- B. Prior approval is required by the Calvary Lutheran Church cemetery board.