

These Articles, which the Congregation adopted at its Annual Meeting, on **April 17, 2016** shall supersede and take the place of any heretofore existing Cemetery regulations. They may be amended or altered, upon the recommendation of the Cemetery Board, by a simple majority vote of the Congregation at any Annual Meeting.

SECTION 1. Purchasers

Burial Rights may be purchased by:

1. Baptized and Communicant members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Lebanon, Wisconsin, or someone acting in their behalf;
2. Associate members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Lebanon, Wisconsin, or someone acting in their behalf;
3. Called workers who retired from active service while serving at St. Peter's – even if they are no longer members of the congregation.

In situations where spiritual care to family members is a concern, the Cemetery Board may, at the request of the pastor or the Board of Lay Ministry, extend Burial Rights to a former member of the congregation. Extension of this extraordinary privilege must be approved by a majority vote of the Cemetery Board.

Owners of Burial Rights must agree to comply with the regulations of the Cemetery Association and the decisions of its elected Board.

If a lot is purchased in advance and purchaser requests a specific lot location,

the purchaser must erect a stone or monument on that lot within one year of the lot purchase in order to reserve that specific lot.

The Cemetery Board reserves the right to restrict the sale of lots to certain locations within the cemetery.

SECTION 2. Perpetual Care Fund

This Fund represents the monies paid to the Association under agreements for the perpetual care of lots, which funds shall be managed according to statutory provisions of law.

Perpetual Care is required for every grave. The fee schedule for purchasing lots is the same whether lots are purchased for traditional burial or interment of cremated remains.

The following fee schedule applies:

- Three Hundred Dollars (\$500) per grave for Baptized and Communicant members;
- Three Hundred Dollars (\$500) per grave for retired Called Workers;
- Six Hundred Dollars (\$800) per grave for Associate members;
- Six Hundred Dollars (\$800) per grave for exceptions described in SECTION ONE.

These fees are payable in advance at any time prior to burial.

SECTION 3. Grave Opening

Graves must be at least nine (9) inches from the lot boundary line. The minimum depth of a grave shall be fifty-four (54) inches. The Association is not liable for the cost of opening a grave.

SECTION 4. Monuments and Markers

Burial Rights owners may erect a permanent monument or marker at any time, except that after a burial has occurred, there is a one-year time limit. The monument/marker must be of stone or bronze and must be kept in repair by the owner. Only one monument/marker is allowed for each grave. It should be in line with existing monuments/markers.

SECTION 5. Foundation

The foundation for monuments/markers must be of concrete, deep enough to insure trouble-free support, and at least five (5) inches wider on all sides than the monument/marker. The top of the foundation should be level with existing grade.

SECTION 6. Inscriptions

Only Christian Burial Services may be read at a committal. No anti-Christian symbol

and/or wording, nor Lodge emblem, may be inscribed on a monument/marker.

SECTION 7. Flowers

Flowers, plants, and wreaths may be placed near the monument/marker only.

SECTION 8. Above-Ground Structures

No tree, shrub, enclosure, bench, or above-ground structure is permitted on any grave. If this is done, the Association has the right to remove same.

SECTION 9. Removal of Litter

It shall be the duty of Burial Rights owners to remove withered floral pieces and liter from their lot, placing the refuse in containers provided for this purpose.

If decorative pieces have not been removed by the time of spring clean-up, the Cemetery Board, at their discretion, may remove and discard pieces that have become wilted, weathered, or are determined to be unsightly to the overall appearance of the cemetery.

SECTION 10. Transfer of Burial Rights

Burial Rights may never be sold:

- (1) By an owner directly to another; nor
- (2) After a burial has occurred in the lot; nor

- (3) While a body is resting in the lot.

Under these circumstances and only with the sanction of the Cemetery Board, a person named by the owner, or an heir if the owner has died, may claim the Burial Rights, provided that the requirements in Section One are met.

SECTION 11. Liability

The Association is not liable for any damage that may have been caused by workmen who dig a grave or erect a monument.

SECTION 12. Disinterment

Should a grave become vacant by removal of the body for burial elsewhere, Burial Rights shall revert to the Association without a refund to the previous owner.

Cemetery Association Board

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Who may be buried on the St. Peter's Church Cemetery?

BY-LAWS OF ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

