

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Of

Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery

Mt. Sidney, Virginia 24467

Approved by the Congregation

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Effective January 1, 1988

There shall be a Cemetery Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to supervise and maintain the cemetery grounds and buildings. The Committee shall also be responsible for the sale of lots and for recording those sales. The Committee shall be composed of six members including:

1. A chairman appointed by the Church Council.
2. A council representative appointed by the Council.
3. The Treasurer of Cemetery Funds elected by the Congregation.
4. Three members of the Congregation selected by the Cemetery Committee Chairman.

The duties of the Committee shall include the following:

I. BURIAL LOTS

II.

A. Description

Each 10 ft. by 27 ft. lot shall consist of six (6) 4.5 ft. by 10 ft. plots.

B. SALE OF LOTS

Prices of lots and plots are subject to change without notice.

~~1. Section III~~

~~a. Lots located in Section III may be purchased only in quantities of three (3) or six (6) plots.~~

~~b. Cost of lots in this section shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per 4.5 ft. by 10 ft. burial plot, of which ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be deposited into the Cemetery Fund, and ten dollars (\$10.00) into the Cemetery Trust Fund. (rev 2004)~~

1. Section IV

a. Lots located in Section III and IV may be purchased only in quantities of two (2), three (3), four (4), or six (6) plots.

b. Cost of lots in Section III and IV shall be as follows:

- i. Members of Salem Congregation may purchase plots in Section III and IV at a cost of one hundred fifty dollars

(\$150.00) per 4.5 ft. by 10 ft. plot, of which fifty dollars (\$100.00) shall be deposited in the Cemetery Trust Fund and fifty dollars (\$50.00) into the Cemetery Fund. (Rev 11/19/1995 and 2004)

ii. Non-members may purchase plots in Section III and IV at a cost of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per 4.5 ft. by 10 ft. plot of which fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be deposited into the Cemetery Fund and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be deposited into the Cemetery Trust Fund. (Rev 11/19/1995 and 2004)

1. One specific lot in which individual plots may be purchased will be designated by the Cemetery Committee Chairman. The cost of a plot in the designated lot shall be determined by the regulations for that section of the Cemetery.

A. RESALE OF LOTS

No lot or plot can be purchased and later sold for profit. Lots may be sold back to the Cemetery for the original purchase price. Not lot or plot may be re-sold and re-deeded without the consent of the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

B. OPENING AND CLOSING OF GRAVES

1. The person(s) opening and closing a grave will do so under the direct supervision of the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee or his designee.
2. Removal of excess dirt from the grave sites shall be the responsibility of the person digging the grave.
3. The repair of any damage to the cemetery grounds or stones incurred in the performance of any work in the cemetery shall be the responsibility of the person(s) performing the work.

A. STONES AND MARKERS

1. Headstones, regardless of size, will be required to have a cement base of eighteen inches (18 in.) below ground level. The dimensions of the base must exceed the dimensions of the headstone by three inches (3 in.) on each side. Headstones may be set prior to burial.
2. Footstones may not protrude above ground level. Footstones may not be set prior to burial.
3. Corner markers may not protrude above ground level.
4. All existing footstones and corner markers will be leveled with the ground.
5. Repair of stones and markers shall be the responsibility of the owners. When owners cannot be contacted, repairs will be made at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee.

A. STRUCTURES

1. No structures, walls, enclosures, or benches shall be placed on individual lots.
2. If so desired, a common structure for rest or meditation can be built by the Cemetery Committee subject to the approval of the Church Council.
3. All existing borders and lot enclosures will be removed so all lots will have the same general appearance.

I. MAINTAINENCE OF GROUNDS

A. Plantings

No bushes, trees, shrubs, or growing plants of any nature may be planted or removed within the cemetery grounds except those authorized by the Cemetery Committee.

B. FLOWERS

1. Funeral flowers and wreathes placed on a fresh grave will be removed after a period of two weeks. Family members may remove flowers any time before the end of the two-week period.
2. All flower arrangements must be removed or placed on top of the stone during the mowing season (May 1 through October 25)
3. All deteriorated flower arrangements will be removed by the Cemetery Committee if the owners fail to remove them.
4. NO GLASS CONTAINERS MAY BE PLACED IN THE CEMETERY.
5. During the mowing season (May 1 through October 15), no wire or metal of any nature may be used at ground level to secure flowers to the gravesite.
6. The Cemetery Committee will not be responsible for flower arrangements blown away from gravesites by the wind. When flowers cannot be identified, they will be placed at the maintenance building for identification by the owners.

A. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Mowing, fertilization, weed control, and general upkeep will be done at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee.