

ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Policy for the Use of PEACE GARDEN

1. Cremains of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Members, Associate Members and their families, after approval by the Pastor, may be buried in Peace Garden. Ashes of others may be buried in Peace Garden with the approval of both the Pastor and Church Council.
2. Cremains, only, may be buried. The use of urns or any other encasements will not be permitted.
3. There shall be no reservations for a particular spot for burial in Peace Garden. Cremains shall be buried a minimum of 24 inches deep and the location of the actual spot will be determined by a church representative and will not be marked. No object or decoration of any kind shall be placed at such location, either at the time of burial or at some subsequent date.
4. A name plate, indicating the name and the years of birth and death, will be displayed on a Memorial Plaque located inside St. Peter Church.
5. Burials will be recorded in the St. Peter Church Record Book. A card, signed by the Pastor, will be given to the family of the deceased, reflecting the name, date and location of burial as being in Peace Garden.
6. There is no charge to St. Peter members for the use of the church sanctuary, for the interment of the cremains, or for the name plate on the Memorial Plaque. For all others there will be a small fee, set by the Church Council, to cover the cost of burial, inscription on the plaque and record-keeping.
7. The landscaping, design and upkeep shall be the responsibility of the church.
8. Cremains placed in Peace Garden are not to be removed.

With the above conditions, no cemetery is created, no rights or special privileges are granted to families of the deceased. It is understood that the full right and power is reserved by the congregation of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church to encumber, or sell the church grounds, or any portion, or to erect buildings on it or any portion, all without removing any ashes or providing for the continuation of the property used by Peace Garden.

The above policy was adopted by the St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Council on September 13, 1994.