

FUNERALS/MEMORIALS

Please be advised:

- Services cannot be held on Sundays, either on or off site.
- The room used will be dependent on the size of the gathering.
- Any permanently attached church signage will not be moved for an outside event.
- Our pastors are only available to host for those who call Life Church Buffalo their home church.

If you have any specific questions that are not covered in this handout, please reach out to our office
716-675-5433.

What are the fees for having a funeral / memorial service at Life Church Buffalo?

There are two separate fees to have a service at Life Church Buffalo. The first fee is \$475, which is required to compensate the people involved for their time.

This check should be written to Life Church Buffalo and is due as soon as the service has been approved. Should it be canceled or postponed and Life Church Buffalo is notified within two weeks of the scheduled date, all but \$150.00 of the fees will be reimbursed within 30 days.

The second fee is \$150 for the hosting pastor. If the service is offsite & further than 25 miles from Life Church Buffalo, there will be an additional fee (to be determined) based on time & mileage. This check should be written directly to the pastor.

What are the fees if the memorial is off-site and only a pastor is needed?

If only a pastor is needed to host a funeral/memorial, only the \$150 hosting pastor fee is applied (and the additional mileage fee if applicable).

Can we have vocalists and musicians at the service?

Yes, however, you must make your own arrangements and use of Life Church Buffalo's equipment must be approved.

If we don't have live music, can we use pre-recorded digital music?

Yes, but all songs for the service must be on one CD, or a flash drive, in the order to be played and the titles must be listed. *We strongly suggest you have the completed CD or flash drive to us 2 weeks in advance* to ensure it works properly on our equipment.

Can we video the service?

Photographers and videographers are welcome, but you must make your own arrangements.

Can we show a video/slide show at the service?

Yes, they may be shown during the service. Please get that to us in advance to ensure it works properly on our equipment.



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Will Life Church Buffalo make the video/slideshow for us?

No, you must make your own arrangement for its production. All videos must be in DVD format. Slideshows must be in CD-R format. *We strongly suggest having the completed video to us 2 weeks in advance* so we can test it on our equipment, and there is time for you to correct any problems. We reserve the right to reject videos due to incompatibility, poor quality or inappropriate content.

Can we schedule our service on the same day as a weekend experience?

Please understand that our Weekend Experiences are the priority here at Life Church Buffalo. There will be no service ceremonies on campus on Sundays. Your service start and end time will be crucial in whether your service will be able to be held here. We ***must*** have the foyer returned to original set up no later than 5 pm on Saturdays. No, we will NOT cancel our church service(s) for your service.

Can outside pastors officiate the service at Life Church Buffalo?

Typically, we do not allow outside pastors to officiate services at Life Church Buffalo. However, some situations will be taken into consideration.

How far out can services be scheduled?

You can reserve Life Church Buffalo up to one year in advance.

What is the seating capacity of Life Church Buffalo's foyer?

New York State COVID-19 safety restrictions limit our occupancy capacity to 75%. With those restrictions, our foyer can host a max of 240 people.

When can services be held?

Check with the availability of our administration office – 716.675.5433. All times are subject to facility availability with regards to our ministries.

Can we have our reception at Life Church Buffalo?

At this time, we do not to allow receptions here at Life Church Buffalo.

Are there any restrictions for services in the foyer?

- Candles used in foyer must be enclosed in glass hurricanes or votives. Life Church Buffalo does not provide any decoration, however, should they be rented for the ceremony, we require hurricane glass on the candles. Please remember to extinguish candles following the service.
- Decorations are the couple's responsibility and may be done before the service, but please check the foyer's availability with the church office in advance. No decorations may be attached to the walls. No nails, staples, or glue may be used.

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- No food or drink is allowed in the foyer.
- No smoking is allowed in the building.
- No alcohol, controlled substances, or illicit drugs are permitted on the church property.
- Christian conduct is expected at all times.

We will temporarily reserve the foyer for your service and will hold it for two weeks, until you have met with a pastor or service representative from Life Church Buffalo. After you have met with him or her, and your service is approved, the foyer will be reserved for your service date.

If you have any questions not addressed in our FAQ or in your meeting with a Life Church Buffalo representative, please call the office. We look forward to serving you.