

FUNERALS/MEMORIALS

Please be advised:

- Services cannot be held on Sundays, either on or off site.
- To protect the bandwidth of our pastoral staff, services will only be considered for those who call Life Church Buffalo their home church & have shown recent, active involvement.
- Any permanently attached church signage will not be moved for an outside event.
- 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?

Payment may be made in person or electronically via website or app. Please include a detailed description of the purpose of the payment so funds will be applied appropriately. Checks may be written to Life Church Buffalo. This is due as soon as the service has been approved. Should it be canceled 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.

ON-SITE: \$625

\$150 will be applied for the hosting pastor. \$475 will be applied for building use and to compensate others involved for their time (including but not limited to tech & janitorial persons).

OFF-SITE: \$150

If the service is off-site, only the \$150 hosting pastor fee is applied. If the service is further than 25 miles from Life Church Buffalo, there will be an additional fee to be determined based on time & mileage.

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. Details for this will be arranged with our production dept. Please be prepared with a list of song titles & artist in the order to be played.

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. Life Church Buffalo will not make the video/slideshow for you. You must make your own arrangements for its production. Any videos you wish to use will be verified with our production dept. to ensure compatibility.

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

Please understand that our weekend experiences & church sponsored events are the priority here at Life Church Buffalo. Our pastors will not be available for ceremonies on Sundays. Your service start and end time will be crucial in whether your service will be able to be held here.

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.

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

The occupancy capacity in the auditorium is 665 people. We typically have approximately 550 chairs set up.

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 auditorium?

- No open flame candles may be used. Electronic/battery powered ones are fine.
- Life Church Buffalo does not provide any decorations. Decorations are the couple's responsibility and may be done before the service, but please check the church availability with the office in advance. No decorations may be attached to the walls. No nails, staples, or glue may be used.
- No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium.
- 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 auditorium 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.

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