# Funeral Planning



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#### Introduction

"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living"

Romans 14:7-9

Giving a voice to both the sorrow and grief of death and to the hope and joy of the Lord is the primary task of funeral and memorial services. As we commend our companion in the journey of faith into the hands of God we express both sorrow and thanksgiving, we mourn and we rejoice. We gather together to lament, to mourn, to grieve, but also to hear anew the promises of Scripture and rejoice in the mercy, grace and love of God. Together we come together in worship to give voice to our pain and our hope, together we gather to begin to heal. This guide is designed to assist those who plan funerals at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon. The introduction to the order of worship for a funeral in Evangelical Lutheran Worship provides a summary of what takes place in this service:

At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At the funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection. When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing. (ELW, p. 279)

When planning a funeral there are many decision to be made. If you are using this guide to plan your own funeral, you will be giving your loved ones a precious gift in their time of grief and sorrow. In fact, the funeral you plan serves as a 'legacy of faith" to help them in their time of sorrow and need. If you are using this guide to plan the funeral of a beloved one, know that there is healing in this sacred task. Listen to what God is saying to you through the comfort of others, the words and music of hymns, the readings from the Bible and from the liturgy itself. Hear over and over again how our Lord Jesus Christ died and lived again, giving us hope beyond our sadness, for he is Lord of both the dead and the living.

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

#### **Basic Funeral Decisions**

- 1. With the advice and direction of an attorney, make and file your will. You will be asked to appoint an executor for your estate and to make decisions concerning the distribution of your estate. If you have minor children, you will be asked to appoint a guardian for them. All these are important decisions that demand much thought and consideration. If you need a reference for an attorney, please ask the Pastor. As you formulate your will, please remember to include the church in it. Be sure that your executor knows he or she has been asked to serve in this capacity and has accepted this important responsibility. Remember to give your executor your attorney's name and phone number and inform them where a copy of your will is located. Organizing important papers and taking steps to see that they are easily found after your death can be a true gift to family and friends.
- 2. Decide upon a Funeral Director. Sometimes people do not use the services of a director. If that is your choice, please know there will be an increase in the number of tasks you will need someone to do on your behalf. Once you decide upon a Director, contact them to ask if they do pre-arrangements. If so, you will be able to make some very helpful decisions for your family well ahead of time.
- 3. Ashes may be scattered in the Memorial Garden at Saint Luke or niches in the Columbarium Wall. If you would like to make arrangements to have your ashes spread in the Memorial Garden or placed within the Columbarium Wall please contact the church office.
- 4. Funeral services are generally used when the remains are present. Memorial services take place when the remains are not present and often happen weeks, if not months, after a death. The ELW Funeral service is easily adapted for use as a Memorial service.
- 5. You will have a choice between a service at the Funeral Home or in the Church. At St. Luke we highly encourage "church" funerals for in baptism we are made part of the body of Christ and are given the promise of life everlasting. Besides, in Church we can sing the songs of faith and hear the promises God gives us through their poetry and music. There is no charge for using the Church for a funeral. Local funeral directors have been informed as to the normal compensation for the sexton, parish administrator, organist and pastor. If there is any difficulty with this, please speak with the Pastor.
- 6. It will be necessary to make a decision about the time and date for the funeral. We do not hold funerals or memorial services on Sundays because that is very busy time in our congregation. Funeral services are also not held on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The

time and date of the funeral cannot be set until the funeral director and the pastor are consulted.

- 7. You will need to decide on a visitation time for the family. Often this takes place at the funeral home the night before the funeral and/or at the church in our Narthex for a hour or so just before the funeral. The Funeral Director will help you to make these decisions. If there is a casket it will be your choice to have it open or closed during the visitation. If there is a viewing the casket is generally placed in the Chapel next to the Sanctuary. During the worship service, the casket is closed and covered with a pall as a symbol of Baptism.
- 8. While flowers may be delivered from any florist to the Church, our Church Florist is Cowan's Flowers (610-688-5150). They have access to the building at all times. Cowan's also has containers that fit the flower holders that are located in front of the altar.
- 9. The Caregiving Team helps arrange and host Funeral Luncheons. The Caregiving Team will provide drinks and deserts for the luncheon and the coordinator and the church office have a list of local caterers that you may contact if you would like to serve a full lunch. Schlack Hall is available for both small and large groups. Contact the Church office for the current coordinator of the Funeral Luncheons.
- 10. Families are asked to meet with the Pastor or Pastors to plan the funeral or memorial service. During this meeting there will be time for prayer and consolation. Usually this meeting takes place at least two days before the service either in the church offices or at the family's home. At that time, the Pastor will have the church copy of any plans previously made. The Pastor will communicate hymn and music choices to the Organist and arrange for the production of a bulletin for the service. The Organist will make arrangements for soloists if one is requested. Guest soloists who do not regularly perform with our Organist will be asked to contact him so as to arrange rehearsal time.
- 11. At the conclusion of the service, families are to take any flowers with them to the grave-side or home.

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26



# Evangelical Lutheran Worship Funeral

# Gathering

The Holy Spirit, the comforter gathers us in worship.

Gathered by the Holy Spirit at a time of death, we proclaim Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. We begin in the name of the triune God and join in a prayer.

# Pick Option A or B

#### **OPTION A: Welcome in the name of Jesus**

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our *sister/brother name*, to give thanks for *her/his* life, to commend *her/him* to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

#### **OPTION B: Blessed be the God and Father**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.



#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A thanksgiving for baptism may follow. As a sign of being clothed with Christ in baptism, a pall may be placed on the coffin by family members, pallbearers, or other assisting ministers. The minister or a representative of the congregation may say:

#### Pick Option A or B

# **OPTION A:** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

#### OPTION B: All who are baptized into Christ

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In *her/his* baptism, *name* was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, *she/he* shall be clothed with glory.

# ACCLAMATION The presiding minister may lead this acclamation.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

# We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

# We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

# We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.** 

A procession may form and enter, the ministers leading. A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

HYMN See suggested hymns at the end of the service information.

GREETING The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Pick Option A, B or C

# **OPTION A: O God of grace and glory**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our *sister/brother*, *name*. We thank you for giving *her/him* to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# **OPTION B: Almighty God, source of all mercy**

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **OPTION C:** At the death of a child

Holy God, your beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to entrust *name* to your never-failing care and love. Comfort us as we bear the pain of *her/his* death, and receive us all into your everlasting arms, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

In the face of death, scripture readings and preaching witness to the resurrection and bring God's word of hope and comfort. We proclaim that word also as we sing and profess the Christian faith. Prayers for those who mourn and in thanksgiving for those who have died are followed by the prayer Jesus taught.

#### **READINGS**

The assembly is seated. Two or three scripture readings are proclaimed as well as a psalm. When the service includes communion, the last is a reading from the gospels.

# Some suggested readings

Old Testament	New Testament
Psalm 23	Matthew 11:25-30
Psalm 42:1-7	Matthew 25:1-13
Psalm 46:1-7	Mark 10:13-16
Psalm 90	Luke 12:35-40
Psalm 103	John 5:24-29
Psalm 118	John 6:37-40
Psalm 121	John 11:21-27
Psalm 130	John 14:1-6
Psalm 142	Romans 5:1-11
Job 19:23-27a	Romans 5:17-21
Isaiah 25:6-9	Romans 8:31-35, 37-39
Isaiah 40 27-31 Isaiah 43:1-5a	Romans 14:7-9
	I Corinthians 15:12-26
Isaiah 61:1-3	I Corinthians 15:51-57
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33	Philippians 3:20-21
Lamentations 3.22-20, 31-33	II Timothy 4:7-8
	I Peter 1:3-9
	I John 3:1-2
	Revelation 7:9-17
	Revelation 21:2-7

#### REMEMBRANCES - BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

Often family members and/or friends would like to speak at the death of a beloved one. It is recommended that any address be written out and limited to just a few minutes. The Pastor will assist in organizing this and will make suggestions as to where such remembrances are bested shared in the service.

#### MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Just as family members and friends are invited to speak, they are also invited to share musical remembrances. Again, the Pastor will assist in organization and placement in the service. Soloists will need to make arrangements to rehearse with the organist.

#### **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY See suggested hymns at the end of the service information.

CREED The Apostles' Creed may be spoken.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#### The prayers are led by the Pastor

A service with communion continues with the peace. Following the prayer after the communion, the service then continues with the commendation. If communion is not being celebrated, the service continues on page 13.

#### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### Meal

God gives a foretaste of the feast to come.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (May be spoken or sung)

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed, right, our duty and our joy....join their unending hymn:

#### **HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of you r glory. Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying,
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

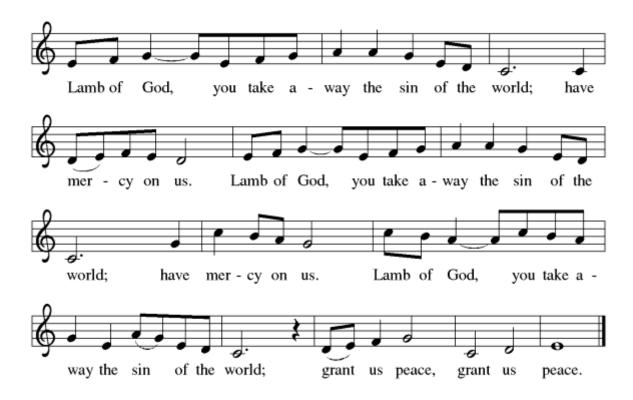
#### C: Amen.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

### LAMB OF GOD (may be included)



#### COMMUNION

All who wish to receive Jesus in the bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you need to receive communion in your pew, please alert an usher. Three communion stations will form outside the rail. Receive a wafer which may be dipped in the wine. (Those needing gluten-free wafers or grape juice, please go to the station at the far left of the altar.) You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer afterward. Return to your seat by side aisles. Anyone who is not communing but wishes to receive a blessing, please come forward as well.

HYMNS OR MUSIC DURING COMMUNION See suggested hymns at the end of the service information.

#### **BLESSING FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

HYMN #313 "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" or another Hymn appropriate for after Communion. may be sung

#### **PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is not death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fulness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen



#### A Service without communion continues here:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

#### Sending

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

#### COMMENDATION

Into the arms of mercy God receives our loved one, and we go out in the peace of Christ.

- P: Let us commend to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
- P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, *name* Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
- C: Amen
- P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us go forth in peace.

#### C: In the name of Christ. Amen

#### **HYMN**

#### At the graveside

#### **COMMITTAL**

With scripture and prayer we commit our loved one's body to its resting place and to God's love, then receive the blessing of God as we go forth.

The ministers precede the coffin to the place of interment. Words of comfort from the scriptures may accompany or conclude the procession.

P: Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our *sister/brother name*, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise *her/him* up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

A scripture reading may follow.

The coffin may be lowered into the grave or placed in its resting place.

P: Earth may be cast on the coffin as the presiding minister says:In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our *sister/brother name*, and we commit *her/his* body to *the ground / the deep / the elements / its resting place*; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless *her/him* and keep *her/him*.

The Lord's face shine on *her/him* with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon *her/him* with favor and + give *her/him* peace.

#### Amen.

The following response may be sung, or may be spoken by the minister.

P: Rest eternal grant her/him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her/him.

### **OPTION A: O Lord, support us**

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

#### **OPTION B:** Merciful God, you heal the broken

Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with our *sister/brother name*. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The assembly is blessed and sent forth.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

#### Amen.

Let us go in peace.

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#### **Some Suggested Hymns**

387 Awake My Heart with Gladness
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366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

422 For All the Saints

424 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

427 For All Your Saints, O Lord

539 Abide with Us, Our Savior

606 Out of the Depths I Cry to You

425 Who Is This Host Arrayed in White

631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

632 O God, Our help in Ages Past

636 In Heaven Above

638 Jerusalem, My Happy home

755 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

313 O Lord, Now Let your Servant

624 Jesus, Still Lead On

595 Jesus Loves Me

770 Give Me Jesus

613 Thy Holy Wings

790 Day By Day

719 Amazing Grace

732 I Was There To Hear Your Borning

Cry

785 When Peace Like A River

763 My Life Flows On In Endless Song

441 Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

589 All Depends on Our Possessing

728 The Lord's My Shepherd

769 If You But Trust in God to Guide You

502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

781 Children of the heavenly Father

759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

773 He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!

616 Jesus, Remember Me

543 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

613 Thy Holy Wings

737 He Comes To Us As One Unknown

773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

614 There Is A Balm In Gilead

782 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

423 Shall We Gather At The River?

638 Blessed Assurance

774 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

796 How Firm A Foundation

787 On Eagles' Wings

# PERSONAL PREFERENCES FOR A FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saint Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church Conestoga and Valley Forge Roads Devon Pennsylvania 19333

This information will be kept on file in the Church Office. You are welcome to make or to request a copy. Likewise you are welcome to pick up another form at any time in order to revise your preferences.

Name:	
Address:	-
Telephone (s):	
e-mail:	_
The following person (s) should have charge of the arrangen	
consultation with the Pastor.	
First Choice:	_
Address:	
Telephone:	
e-mail:	-
Second Choice:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
e-mail:	_

The following people should be notified:
Name:
Telephone:
Address:
e-mail:
Name:
Telephone:
Address:
e-mail:
(other names may be attached)
My preference (if any) for a funeral director:
Address:
Phone:
Preferences you have concerning what should be done with your
body may be listed below. These might include thoughts about a
viewing, about burial as opposed to cremation, or about donation of
organs.
Do you prefer an organization to receive "in lieu of flowers"
donations? Organization name & address

Details of specific plans you have could be very helpful. Please list
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Place:
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Occupation:
Full name of partner or spouse (including maiden name)
Father's Full Name
Mother's Full Name (including maiden name)
Children (names and ages as of this writing):
Special hobbies, talents, interests pursued:

Church involvement (s), offices held, etc.:
Organizations and any positions held:
Brief biographical sketch:

(other or additional information may be attached.)

While I may remain confident that my wishes will receive great respect, I know that the needs of those in grief and sorrow must also be considered in the final plan for a funeral or memorial service.

Signed:	 
Date:	

Keep this copy Keep this cords for your records

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Address:
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e-mail:
The following person (s) should have charge of the arrangements, in
consultation with the Pastor.
First Choice:
Address:
Telephone:
e-mail:
Second Choice:
Address:
Telephone:
e-mail:

The following people should be notified:
Name:
Telephone:
Address:
e-mail:
Name:
Telephone:
Address:
e-mail:
(other names may be attached)
My preference (if any) for a funeral director:
Address:
Phone:
Preferences you have concerning what should be done with your
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Children (names and ages as of this writing):
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