

Richland Lutheran Cemetery Guidelines

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The property for Richland Lutheran Cemetery belongs to St. Peter Lutheran congregation. Burial in Richland Lutheran Cemetery was given to our sister congregation, Zion Lutheran Church (Iva), Hemlock around 1896. Zion shares equally with the cost of upkeep. The Board of Trustees of St. Peter Lutheran Church is responsible for the maintenance and record keeping of the cemetery. The Board of Trustees may appoint a sexton or designee for record keeping.

1. No lots are available for purchase at Richland Lutheran Cemetery.
2. Anyone who is a member of either congregation may be buried at the cemetery.
3. Anyone who has been a member and leaves the congregation may be buried here with the approval of the respective Board of Trustees. They will receive a letter upon leaving notifying them of this opportunity.
4. All will be buried in rotation, unless as specified in #5 and #6 below.
5. When a person is buried, the adjacent grave may be reserved for their spouse, even if the spouse leaves the congregation.
6. Upon the death of a member's child who is still living at home, the child will be buried in rotation. The adjacent grave(s) may be reserved for the parents of the child.
7. When graves are reserved as indicated in #5 and #6, the Board of Trustees or sexton must be notified. Approved tombstone foundations for these reserved graves must be installed within three months of the first burial.

These guidelines have been established to serve the members and past members. In the event a member or past member requests a burial that does not specifically meet these guidelines, the request must be submitted to and approved by the respective Board of Trustees before burial can occur.