Christiania Lutheran Church is home to two cemeteries – the West Cemetery, located two miles north of the church on 245th Street and Scott County 46, and the East Cemetery, located two miles to the east of the church on 267th Street and Dakota County 17.

This Policy outlines the criteria and cost for burial plots at either cemetery. The cemeteries are available for use by members, associate members and non-members (refer to Christiania’s succinct definition of “member” and “associate member”).

Due to limited space at the West Cemetery, attempts will be made to provide burial space for relatives of those buried there. All other burials will take place at the East Cemetery.

For details on conducting funerals at Christiania, please refer to the “Funeral Policy” that is posted on the Christiania Lutheran Church website.

The cost of a burial plot for all members and non-members are shown below. These costs do not reflect the opening and closing of the plot. This is collected by the mortuary at the time the funeral arrangements are made. A gravestone or marker must be installed within a year of burial at the family’s expense; if a gravestone or marker exists, engraving must complete within a year of burial.

Two cremains or one vault/casket and one cremains may be placed in one plot. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Senior Pastor (or his designee) or Christiania Lutheran Church Executive Council.

Fee changes to this policy include:

* After January 1, 2021, there is a charge of $400 for the first burial of a member in a plot; there is an additional charge of $400 for a second burial in that plot. If a plot is purchased by a member prior to January 1, 2021, the total cost for two (2) burials in a plot is capped at $400.
* After January 1, 2021, there is a charge of $1,500 for the first burial of a non-member in a plot; there is an additional charge of $400 for a second burial in that plot. If a plot is purchased by a non-member prior to January 1, 2021, the total cost for two (2) burials in a plot is capped at $1,500.

**Exception:** There will be no additional charges for those members who have an existing plot occupied by a spouse prior to January 1, 2017, in one of the cemeteries and a gravestone is installed.

Christiania Lutheran Church and the Cemetery Committee must be notified prior to any burial (casket or cremains) in Christiania’s cemeteries. Christiania Lutheran Church’s Senior Pastor (or his designee) must be present at all burials.

Effective January 1, 2021, fees for a burial plot at either the West or East Cemetery are:

Active and Associate Members (first burial) $ 400  
Active and Associate Members (second burial in the same plot) $ 400  
Non-members (first burial) $1,500  
Non-members (second burial in the same plot) $ 400

**Reserved plots not paid by January 1, 2023 will be released.**

If questions concerning the Cemetery Plot Fee Policy arise, they are best worked out between the Senior Pastor (or his/her designee) and members of the Cemetery Committee. Should further issues arise, it may be necessary to include the leadership of the Executive Council.

Funds derived from these fees shall be deposited into the Christiania Church Cemetery Maintenance Account for future upkeep of our cemeteries.

This policy was originally effective October 2016 and effective January 1, 2017. Revision 1 was approved by Council on July 10, 2018. Revision 2 was approved by Council on September 8, 2020 and effective January 1, 2021.

Members of the Cemetery Committees: Jack and Joan Eckdahl, Brad Smith, Bruce and Debbie Lundeen, Don Storlie, Jason Estrem.

This Plot Fee Policy was approved by Christiania Lutheran Church Council on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

This Plot Fee Policy is effective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_