

Guide to Faith Rutz Lake Cemetery

Rutz Lake Road & 74th Street
Mayer, Minnesota 55360



Faith Rutz Lake Cemetery is owned by Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of Waconia and operated as a non-denominational cemetery open to anyone desiring a peaceful place for themselves or their deceased loved ones regardless of religious affiliation.

Waconia Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA
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Cemetery History

The historic Rutz Lake Cemetery was established in 1862. Zion Evangelical Church of Mayer was the earliest church to use Rutz Lake Cemetery for burials, the first of which took place on August 6, 1863 when Theresa Volkenant, daughter of Jacob Volkenant, was buried. She was 2 years, 3 months, and 22 days old. As time passed, the church began burying its members in a newly established cemetery north of Mayer and the Rutz Lake cemetery was abandoned and neglected. In 1989 Waconia Township assumed ownership.



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of Waconia acquired the historic cemetery in 1991. Faith Lutheran has since expanded it to its current size and restored it to its present beauty.

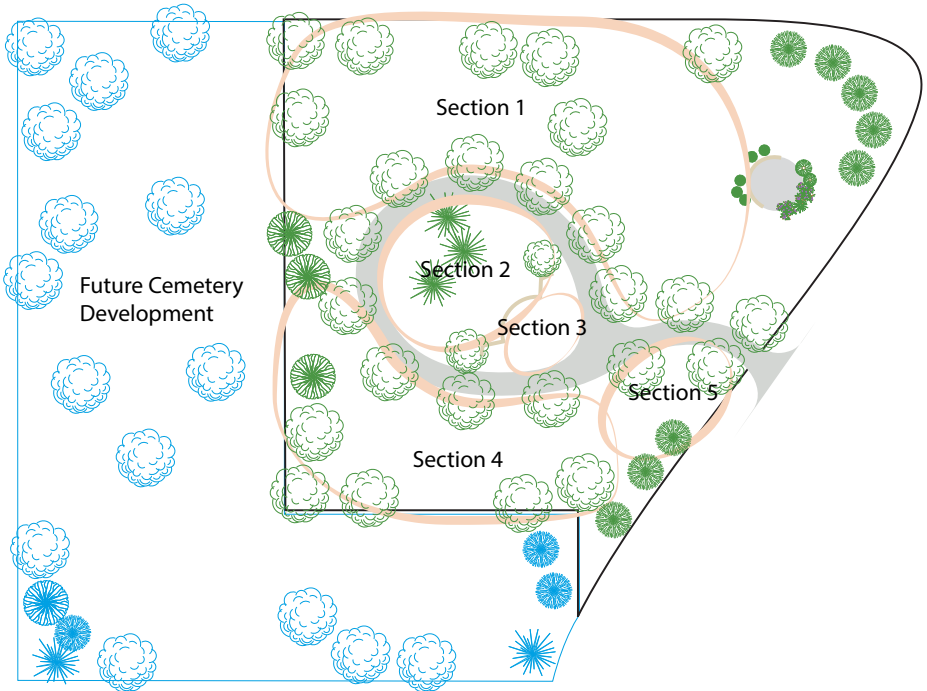


Faith Rutz Lake Cemetery is a peaceful final resting place, and a beautiful and quiet place for reflection, thought, and meditation. Members of the Cemetery Ministry of Faith Lutheran Church of Waconia have established policies and rules that foster these goals, and continually maintain the cemetery's grounds to assure that it remains a comforting environment for all who visit.



Faith Rutz Lake Cemetery official policies and rules may be obtained by requesting a copy of the cemetery by-laws and regulations from the Waconia Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church office located at 800 Waconia Parkway North, Waconia, MN 55387.

Cemetery Plan



Sections 1 and 2: Reserved for traditional casket burials with above ground monuments or markers installed flush with the ground.

Section 3: Provides for burial of cremains.

Section 4: Allows for casket burials with flush markers.

Section 5: Is a special place for the cremains of infants and children.

Sections 1 and 2: Traditional Burial Monument Lots

- Traditional monument burial lots are sized for casket burials. Alternatively, a single cremains container may be buried in a traditional lot instead of a casket. Only one casket or one cremains container may be buried in a single lot.
- An above ground monument or marker mounted flush with the ground must be installed on traditional burial lots to identify the grave.



Section 3: Cremains Burial Lots

- Each cremains burial lot can accept one (1) or two (2) standard sized cremains burial containers.
- A single 18 by 24 inch granite slab will be installed on each cremains lot following the first burial in that lot. One bronze memorial plaque for a single burial or two bronze memorial plaques for two burials can be mounted on each granite slab. A second 3 by 8 inch plaque will be installed on the memory wall for each burial.

Section 4: Traditional Burial Flush Marker Lots

- Flush marker lots are sized for casket burials. Alternatively, a single cremains container may be buried in a traditional lot instead of a casket. Only one casket or one cremains container may be buried in a single lot.



- A horizontal marker mounted flush with the ground must be installed on flush marker burial lots to identify the grave.

Section 5: Infant and Child Cremains Lots

- Burial lots set aside for infants and children are 12 x 12 inches to accommodate the interment of cremains.
- The Infants and Childrens Section is marked with a common memorial monument. The name and dates of each child buried will be engraved on the common memorial.



Burial at Faith Rutz Lake Cemetery Cemetery

Burial Rights Defined

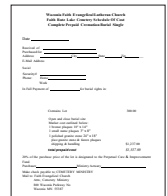
- Purchasing burial rights in a cemetery is not like the traditional ownership associated with purchasing a piece of land. Ownership of burial rights indicates that you have perpetual use of space in the cemetery for the sole purpose of the burial of human remains. The title to all cemetery land remains in the name of the cemetery.

Buy from Cemetery Ministry

- Burial rights in Faith Rutz Lake Cemetery can be purchased through the Cemetery Ministry of Faith Lutheran Church. You can contact the ministry through your funeral director, by calling the Faith Lutheran Church office, or by speaking with one of the Faith Lutheran Church pastors.

Burial Rights Purchase Form

- Purchasing burial rights is accomplished by submitting a completed *Burial Rights Purchase Form* along with payment to the Cemetery Ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.



The image shows a form titled "Burial Rights Purchase Form" with various fields for personal information and cemetery details. The form includes sections for "Personal Information" (Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone) and "Cemetery Information" (Cemetery Name, Plot Number, Section, etc.). There is also a section for "Signature" and "Date". The form is a standard document used for purchasing burial rights.

Owner Control of Burials

- The owner of burial rights can authorize burials in their lot. If the owner is deceased, the burial rights become part of their estate and pass to the deceased owner's legal heirs in accordance with Minnesota law.

Ownership Transfer

- Burial rights can be freely transferred to a new owner, however Faith Lutheran Church has the right of first refusal to buy burial rights at their original purchase price.