

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CEMETERY
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2022 Cemetery Update

Dear Plot Holders and Friends of Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery

Once again this year we have decided to forego the annual June cemetery service out of an abundance of caution. We may still decide to hold a service later in the year and you will be advised if we do that.

The Cemetery Board and its partners have been busy over the past year. During 2021 there were 27 plot sales and 15 burials. Section A in the newly surveyed area to the east is now completely sold out and section B has several burials in it already.

The Trustees in co-ordination with the Local Enhancement Appreciation of Forests (LEAF) program planted an additional 12 trees in the cemetery. We hope to be able to continue this program if it is available in 2022. Cathy Jefferies once again tended some of the gardens in the cemetery, especially the Beckett garden along the north fence, with plans to add a butterfly garden in 2022/23. Don Reesor and Lincoln Kerswell (DRX) provided grass cutting and other cemetery care services and we appreciate their good work.

The Board has determined that it is now time to hire out some of the work that is needed to be done at the cemetery. Over the years most of the work was completed by volunteers who had the time, tools, knowledge and good health to do this work. This is not the case any longer. Unfortunately this adds to the cost of the upkeep but we are hoping that future plot sales and wise investments will off-set this additional cost. If you wish to make a donation to the cemetery please forward to Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery, 8 Ash Green Lane, Uxbridge ON L9P 2A8. If you wish to make a donation of a tree, bench or other memorial please contact Lorne or Glenn.

The area around the cemetery is now fully developed and the opening of Settlers Hill Park next to the cemetery brings additional visitors to the area. When you visit the cemetery please take note whether the grounds are being used in a respectful manner. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you see any untoward behaviour. The Trustees do their best to maintain the cemetery as a respectful, peaceful and dignified site but we are not always there.

Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery is a Christian burial ground operated by Bethesda Lutheran Church by a volunteer Board of Executive Trustees appointed by Bethesda Lutheran Church. The 2022 Executive Trustees are Lorne Smith Chair, Glenn Schaeffer Secretary/Treasurer, Arthur Schickedanz, Birgit Siegel Allison, David Smith, John Keiper and Pastor Roy Thakurdial. The cemetery operates under the authority of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

We remind you that Pastor Roy Thakurdial at Bethesda Lutheran is available for you at any time for Spiritual matters. He can be reached at 905-477-1731. The Church website is www.bethesdalutheranchurch.ca and all information regarding the Church or Cemetery by-laws and pricing can be found there.

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