

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Columbarium Memorial Garden

Thank you for your interest in our Columbarium Facility. The Columbarium with its associated plaza and garden was dedicated September 8, 2019, becoming the newest ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

Our facility consists of a 72 niche Columbarium, each niche holding two urns. The Columbarium is equipped with four 24" by 12" Memorial Bands for the purpose of memorializing loved ones not interred in our facility.

For many people today, cremation is the modern, sensible choice. It is dignified, affordable and has less impact on our environment. Some consider it to be a more natural choice compared to traditional funerals, and many just prefer its simplicity. Having such a facility on church grounds can be a source of personal emotional support for members. It provides a dignified, yet serene place to pray and meditate. With an increase in awareness of the benefits of cremation, Grace Lutheran Church is providing, through a columbarium, a dignified, aesthetically pleasing vehicle to house cremains at a significant cost savings over traditional ground interment.

To help facilitate your decision making, enclosed is the Application to Purchase a Right of Interment, a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and a copy of the Columbarium Rules of Operation.

To purchase a subscription, please submit the "Application to Purchase a Right to Interment" to the Church office along with a check for \$3000. You will then be contacted by a member of the Columbarium committee to assist in the completion of the needed data forms and to answer any of your questions. This subscription price includes two bronze urns when needed,, etching of names and dates on the niche face plate, and the opening of the niche when required.

To add a name and dates to the Memorial Band, complete and submit the "Request for Memorial Engraving" form to the church office with your check for \$500.

Cremation is not in conflict with the beliefs of Grace Lutheran Church. When it is the choice of the deceased and/or family, the church supports this decision. A Columbarium is a natural extension of the church's role as home for the sacraments and ceremonies that members experience at different stages of their spiritual journeys. Combined costs of a Columbarium niche and cremation are significantly lower than the cost of in-ground burial. It eliminates the need to purchase a casket, vault, memorial and burial sites.

Please contact any member of the Columbarium committee or the church office with any questions or for assistance in purchasing a subscription.

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