MAY I SELECT THE NICHE LOCATION I WANT ?
Niche locations will be chosen by each purchaser on a first-paid, first-to choose basis.

HOW MAY I PURCHASE A NICHE?
Contact the church office at 636-227-5432 and speak with Mike and/or Sandi.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I PURCHASE A NICHE AND LATER, FOR ANY REASON, DECIDE NOT TO USE IT ?
Trinity Lutheran Church will repurchase your niche for 50% of the purchase price. The niche cannot be sold to anyone other than the Trinity Lutheran Church.

WHERE IS THE COLUMBARIUM LOCATED?
It is located near the back of the cemetery and is clearly visible from the cemetery entrance.



Trinity Lutheran Church will be providing a place for interring the cremated remains of Church members and their loved ones, as well as members of the community outside Trinity.

You may call the church office at 636-227-5432 for more information.

Landscaping of the columbarium and cemetery will be enhanced in Fall 2026.



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WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

Columbarium in early Rome meant, simply, a nesting place for doves. But when Christians relegated to Rome's catacombs began using cliff-side niches to seal away ashes of the faithful who died, Columbarium took on its present meaning: a permanent structure designed to inter urns containing cremated human remains.

WHAT ABOUT THE "RESURRECTION OF THE BODY?"

In the Apostles' Creed we affirm our belief in the "*resurrection of the body*." Does cremation keep us from experiencing that triumph? No.

In I Corinthians 15:35-50 the Apostle Paul answers this question. In verses 36-38 he explains that the body disposed of is not the resurrection body we inherit: "*When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed...but God gives it a body as He has determined …*"

Continuing, Paul explains (verses 42-44): "*The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory...It is sown a natural body and it is raised a spiritual body.*"

After contrasting Adam, who was made of dust, with Jesus, who is "*from heaven*" (verses 45-48), Paul concludes: "*And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*" (verses 49-50).

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A COLUMBARIUM?

A Spiritual Site for Final Repose

- It affords the option to select a final resting place in the environs of an above ground structure in our cemetery, a site of beauty and dignity where loved ones can visit.

Substantial Financial Savings

- The combined cost of a columbarium niche and cremation are usually less than the cost of a casket, burial site and gravestone.

WHO MAY BE INURNED IN THE COLUMBARIUM?

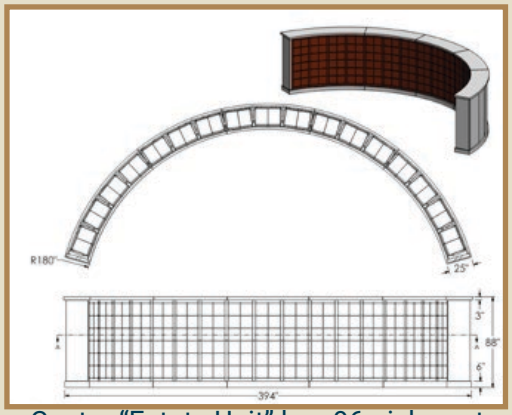
Inurnment (interment of cremated remains) in the Trinity Lutheran Church columbarium is open to members of Trinity Lutheran Church. A portion of the niches are available for purchase by non-members.

HOW MUCH WILL A NICHE COST?

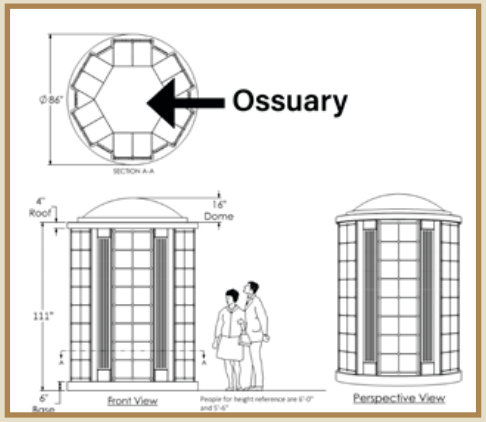
Each niche will cost $5,500 for Trinity members. Non-members may also purchase niches at the price of $6,500. This includes the inscription of the niche plate and perpetual care. It does not include the cost of cremation or the urn. Each niche can hold two urns.

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF EACH NICHE?

The Wall "Chinook Unit" has 204 niches at 11.5" x 11.5" x 15.5"



The Center "Estate Unit" has 96 niches at 11.5" x 11.5" x 15.5"



WHAT IS THE OSSUARY OPTION?

The Center Estate Unit comes with an aboveground center ossuary vault. The ossuary vault is accessed through one or more of the upper columbarium niches where ~300 soft urns can rest in the shared space.

Each Ossuary purchase for members and non-members will cost $1,000. This does not include the cost of cremation, the soft urn, or engraving.