

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. We are currently accepting pre-sale, with contracts becoming available the 1st of February 2025.

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 the same price at which you purchased it. The niche cannot be sold to anyone other than the Trinity Lutheran Church.

WHERE IS THE COLUMBARIUM LOCATED?

It will be located near the back of the new section of the cemetery.

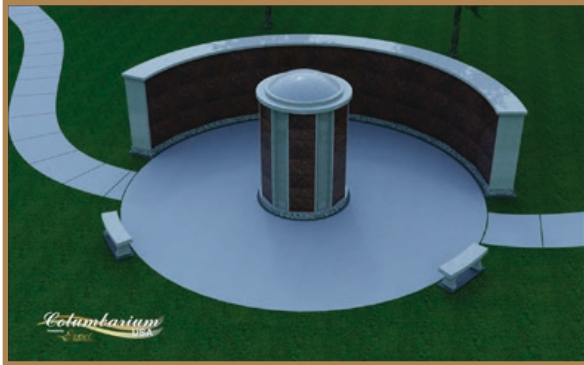


Trinity Lutheran Church will be providing a place for interring the cremated remains of Church members and their loved ones.

You may call the church office at 636-227-5432 for more information, or reach a member of the Columbarium committee:

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COLUMBARIUM**



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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).

HOW IS THE COLUMBARIUM BEING PAID FOR?

Through donations and pre-sales. Like the cemetery plots, the columbarium will be permanently maintained and self-perpetuating through the reserving of niches. It is expected that funds in excess from the pre-sales will be used for landscaping and beautification of our cemetery.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A COLUMBARIUM?

A Spiritual Site for Final Repose

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

Substantial Financial Savings

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

WHO MAY BE INURNED IN THE COLUMBARIUM?

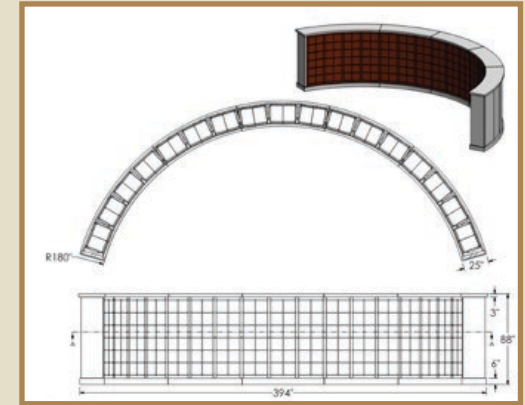
Inurnment (interment of cremation remains) in the TLC Columbarium will be limited to members.

HOW MUCH WILL A NICHE COST?

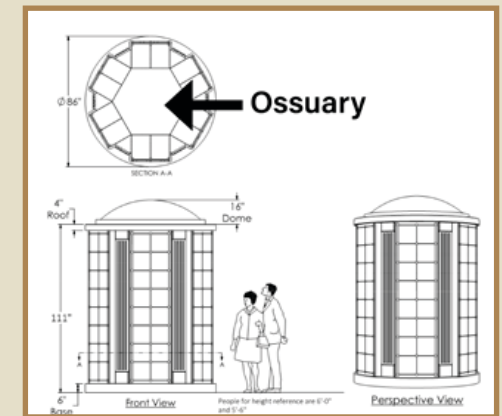
Each niche in the pre-sales phase will cost \$5,000. This includes the inscription of the niche plaque and perpetual care. It does not include the cost of cremation or the urn. Each niche can hold two urns.

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF EACH NICHE?

The Wall "Chinook Unit" has 204 Niche's at 11.7/8" x 11.7/8" x 15.5"



The Center "Estate Unit" has 96 Niche's at 12" x 12" x 16"



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 a shared space.

Each Ossuary purchase in the pre-sales phase will cost \$1,000. This includes the inscription and perpetual care. It does not include the cost of cremation or the soft urn.