

# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM



...but those who hope  
in the Lord will renew  
their strength.  
They will soar on wings  
like eagles:  
they will run  
and not grow weary,  
they will walk  
and not faint.  
Isaiah 40:31



### Christ The King Lutheran Church Memorial Garden & Columbarium

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- ☐ I would like to reserve a niche for my/our inurnment for \$1600.00  
☐ As a member of Christ The King Lutheran Church, I would like to purchase a memorial plaque for \$400.00.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year Of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to Christ The King Lutheran Church Columbarium Fund.

☐ Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***What is a columbarium?***

A columbarium is a group of small compartments, or “niches” designed to hold the cremated remains (“cremains”) of loved ones who have died.

### ***What are the benefits of a church columbarium?***

- It is a visible sign that the church cares for its members.
- Provides comfort to the family having a memorial to their deceased loved ones within the church.
- Provides a more favorable “inurnment” as compared to other methods-it is economical, theologically sounds and environmentally friendly.
- Offers an easy way to handle pre-need concerns, relieving the surviving family of difficult decisions.

### ***Who is eligible to subscribe to a niche, and what are the costs?***

Members of Christ The King Lutheran Church are eligible to subscribe. One niche, which holds two urns, may be purchased for \$1600. An urn and granite face plate (to cover the niche) engraved with the name of the deceased, plus year of birth and death are included in the cost.



### ***Our Religious Tradition***

From earliest times, people have been concerned about their final earthly resting place, especially that it be near the gathering place of their families so that each may be held in lasting, loving remembrance.

In early Christian times, preferred burial space was within the church itself, where the faithful gathered for a memorial service.

When space within the church was no longer available, the churchyard cemetery developed. Only in recent times burial grounds far removed from community centers of life and prayer have been used.

Most recently, there has been a growing interest in cremation and inurnment on the church property. The historic “churchyard” of past generations has been revived with the addition of a church columbarium.

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Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee with your questions.

### ***Available Plans***

A niche or niches may be purchased in the Garden. A niche may be paid for in full at time of purchase, or an “option payment plan” discussed. Niches have been reserved and additional ones are available for purchase.

When our current niches have all been subscribed, space has been provided for the addition of two more columbarium units...bringing the total to 150 niches with space for 300 urns.

Memorial plaques are also available in memory of a loved one buried elsewhere. Individual wall plaques are \$400 and can be inscribed with one name and date.

Donations for maintenance and additions that will enhance this sacred space as a quiet place of meditation and remembrance are gratefully accepted. For bookkeeping purposes, checks should be made out to “Christ The King Lutheran Church Columbarium Fund”.

For further information please contact the church office: (989) 426-1659.

