



St. John's Columbarium— Ossuarium and Memorial Garden

Provides a sacred resting place for those with a connection to our church.

With a beautifully landscaped setting, the columbarium and memorial garden is a place for peaceful meditation and prayer among those we have loved and whose lives and faith we wish to remember.



MEMORIAL GARDEN



Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live...."

John 11:25

For more information



20165 Heath Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044
www.sjlcl.org
952-469-4916



Columbarium Ossuarium



MEMORIAL GARDEN



The Columbarium-Ossuarium is a church ministry.

The events of a Christian life are celebrated in churches.

A columbarium-ossuarium is part of the church's mission to oversee the spiritual life of its members and their families close by the church where they had faithfully served and worshiped.

People want an alternative to in-ground burials.

A columbarium-ossuarium offers beauty, simplicity, and economy. It provides:

Spiritual site for final resting: A columbarium-ossuarium affords those with a connection to St. John's the opportunity to select a final resting place in the shadow of the church that has been central to their lives. This space is holy ground, a place of dignity and beauty where loved ones can visit for remembrance, prayer, and mediation any time they visit St. John's Lutheran Church.

Simplicity of planning: A niche in the columbarium or space in the interior ossuarium eliminates the pressure of choosing a burial site, casket, vault, and monument.

Faithful stewardship: With the columbarium-ossuarium, costs are significantly reduced. Cremation and inurnment ceremony are typically at least 50% less than traditional in-ground burials.

Eco-Friendly Alternative: Many are looking for environmentally-friendly options for all aspects of life. Cremation uses fewer resources than burial and does not tie up land forever.

The Columbarium-Ossuarium and Memorial Garden have been thoughtfully designed.

The columbarium-ossuarium is a dedicated monument structure that houses both brass and soft velvet urns containing the cremated remains of the deceased. A niche is a single independent space in the columbarium in which up to two brass urns can be placed. The ossuarium is the inner space within this many-sided monument where "soft urns" holding cremated remains are held in a communal setting.

Each niche has a granite face, which will have identifying inscriptions etched on it. The inscriptions will include the name(s) of the decedents, date(s) of birth, and date(s) of death.

When the current columbarium-ossuarium nears capacity, a second complementary structure will be built on the adjacent foundation.

The memorial garden allows for remembering loved ones not inurned there. This garden is a place where anyone can come to meditate, pray, and seek God's peace and presence.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the columbarium-ossuarium and memorial garden located?

Just outside the northwest doors of the St. John's sanctuary. The memorial garden will be just a short walk for anyone coming either from the sanctuary or the parking lot.

Who may use the columbarium-ossuarium?

Those with a connection to St. John's are invited to purchase a niche or ossuarium space. Anyone is welcome to visit a loved one inurned in the columbarium-ossuarium and to remember and pray.

What are the costs? A single niche for one urn costs \$2000, a single niche for two urns costs \$2500, and ossuarium space costs \$1000. All costs include the appropriate urn and exterior engraving.

How can one purchase a niche? Request a columbarium-ossuarium packet from the church office. A reservation form is available in the packet. Upon acceptance of your reservation, you will receive your *Certificate of Inurnment Rights*.

How many niches and ossuarium spaces in the monument? There are 96 niches, each of which can hold up to two urns, for a total of 192 potential spaces. The interior ossuarium space can hold up to 325 soft urns, for a total capacity in the columbarium-ossuarium of 517.

More questions? You are invited to call or visit Candy in the church office at 952-469-4916. You can also visit our website at www.sjlcl.org and find Columbarium-Ossuarium and Memorial Garden there.