

## What is the cost?

\$2,000	Double niche
\$1,400	Single niche
\$600	Memorial Garden

## What are the next steps if I am interested?

Contact a member of the Columbarium Team or inquire for further direction at the church office (507-288-6430).

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Listen, I tell you a mystery:  
We will not all sleep,  
but we will all be changed --  
in a flash, in the twinkling of an  
eye, at the last trumpet.  
For the trumpet will sound,  
the dead will be  
raised imperishable,  
and we will be changed.  
For the perishable must clothe  
itself with the imperishable,  
and the mortal with immortality.  
When the perishable has been  
clothed with the imperishable,  
and the mortal with immortality,  
then the saying that is written will  
come true:

“Death has been swallowed up  
in victory.”

Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?

**1 Corinthians 15:51-55**

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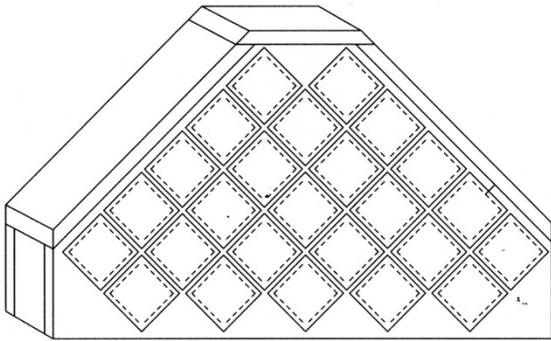
# The Columbarium and Memorial Garden at Bethel Lutheran Church



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**What is a columbarium?** Each unit of the columbarium is a group of 25 compartments or “niches” designed to hold cremated remains (cremains) of deceased loved ones. Each round niche is 8" in diameter and 16" deep and has the capacity **to hold up to two containers measuring 4 ½ inches tall, 6 ½ inches wide & 7 ¾ inches long.** Niches are covered with a granite plate which may be engraved.



**What is a memorial garden?** A memorial garden is a garden in which cremains are scattered and worked into the soil of a natural and landscaped space as a part of an interment service.

**When is the project happening?**  
The memorial garden is available.

All four Units of the columbarium are now complete.

**Location:**

The many activities and users of the church facilities were considered, and a distinctive design was created for a columbarium/memorial garden on the east lawn of the church under the beautiful large cross. The leaves and grapes on the fence are similar to those on the communion rail in the sanctuary symbolizing the sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Other Facts about the Columbarium and Memorial Garden:**

- More than 50% of the population is presently choosing cremation. This has increased the demand for a columbarium in cemeteries as well as inspired many congregations to plan to build a columbarium on their own site.
- It provides comfort to a family to have the final resting place of deceased loved ones within the church grounds.
- It affirms our faith that those who die in the Christian faith join with the

saints in light as well as the current worshipping faith community.

- It is a visible sign that the church cares for its members from birth and baptism through death and the promises of eternal life.
- It is theologically sound and environmentally friendly.

**Project Financing:** Funding for the columbarium/memorial garden is provided through the pre-sale of niches, memorial gifts, and any other donations specified for this project. The columbarium is self-supporting and not included in the Bethel general budget. There is a governing board (Columbarium Team) with bylaws and policies, to regulate, guide and communicate needs.

**Who is eligible?** Bethel members, their families, former members of the congregation, Bethel staff, and others approved by the Columbarium Team are eligible for inurnment in the columbarium or memorial garden.