



December 22, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the spring of 2016 the Columbarium at St. Philip's was completed after two years of work by the Columbarium Committee. It was a great accomplishment for the ministry of the church that will benefit our church community for years to come.

We are glad that you are interested in learning more about purchasing a niche in the St. Philip's Lutheran Church Columbarium. The materials in this packet should help answer some of your questions. As an overview:

- Niches are available in two sizes, 8" x 8" and 12" x 12". The 8" x 8" background niches (black granite fronts) are \$2,500 each; those within the cross (mahogany granite fronts) are \$3,000 each; and the 12" x 12" are \$2,700.
- Each niche can hold the remains of two people as long as the urns are small enough to fit in the size niche purchased. Please refer to the Columbarium Inurnment General Information document for maximum urn size.
- Cremation and urns are NOT included and are the responsibility of the family. Niche inscription costs vary and a Columbarium Committee member will assist you with that process when needed.
- We do offer a bronze sheet urn for purchase for \$96 each. Two bronze sheet urns will fit in both the 8" x 8" and 12" x 12" niches. A bronze sheet urn is on display in the office and may be purchased at the church office.

The Columbarium purchase packet includes: an informational brochure with a photo of the Columbarium, a niche schematic, the Columbarium governance document, rules and regulations document, and an application for purchasing a niche.

If you wish to purchase a niche, you can complete and send in the purchase form with your payment or a \$500 down payment with intent to purchase timeline to Neal Anderson, Columbarium Committee Treasurer, St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Hwy. 65 NE, Fridley, MN 55432-5106. Once full payment is received, you will be able to choose the location of your niche or a niche will be assigned if you so choose. If you have additional questions please contact one of the Columbarium Committee members listed below

Sincerely,

Robert Becker, Chairperson

Jerry Jensen, Vice Chairperson; Neal Anderson, Treasurer; Renee Johnson, Secretary; Lynette Thompson and Doug Haugland; Committee Members