

## *FAQs*

### ***Who may be interred in the Garden of the Resurrection?***

Parishioners, former parishioners, family members of parishioners who are (or are planning to be) interred in the Garden, and close friends of the parish are welcome to be interred in the Garden.

### ***Do I need an Urn or Other Vessel?***

While you may choose to have your “ashes” in an urn or other vessel for visitation times and/or the Rite of Christian Burial, only your ashes will be interred, directly into the earth, in the Garden. No vessels or urns will be interred.

### ***What Costs are Involved?***

A donation of \$500.00 to Trinity Lutheran Church is requested of those interred in the Garden of the Resurrection. This can be shared in advance (as end-of-life pre-arrangements are made) or at the time of the interment.

### ***What if the Cost is a Significant Hardship?***

As with many of the Church’s ministries, discretion is afforded our pastor(s) to provide for the needed flexibility as unique situations may arise. Please speak with the pastor should such a situation be present.

### ***How will Graves be Marked?***

A bronze plaque, including the Name, Date of Birth, and Date of Death of those interred in the Garden may be purchased by family members on behalf of the deceased (through the Church Office) and affixed to the Garden’s large bronze marker. As of August, 2014, the cost of these cast markers is \$110.00

### ***Who will Preside at the Interment of Ashes in the Garden?***

Customarily, a/the pastor of Trinity will provide and preside at the Rite of Christian Burial as ashes are interred. Other desires of the deceased or family members may be accommodated in consultation with the pastor. The church maintains complete discretion on these matters.

### ***How Will the Garden be Maintained?***

As the property of Trinity Lutheran Church, those responsible for the gardens and the grounds of Trinity will provide “perpetual care” of the Garden of the Resurrection.

### ***What about other tributes or decorations?***

Family members and friends are welcome to leave simple fresh-cut flower arrangements at the Garden as they remember their loved ones, which will be removed when they are no-longer attractive. No “permanent” items are permitted.

***What about the ashes of pets?***

The Garden of the Resurrection is intended for the interment of the cremated remains of humans. The ashes of pets will not be permitted in the Garden.

***Will the Garden ever become “full”?***

The Garden was designed in such a way that interred remains will have many, many years to decompose and return to the earth before any other remains are interred in the same vicinity.

***When may I visit the Garden?***

Family members and friends are invited to visit the Garden, for prayer and meditation, at any time. In fact, a comfortable bench is provided in the area, and the Garden is even illuminated for evening visitors.