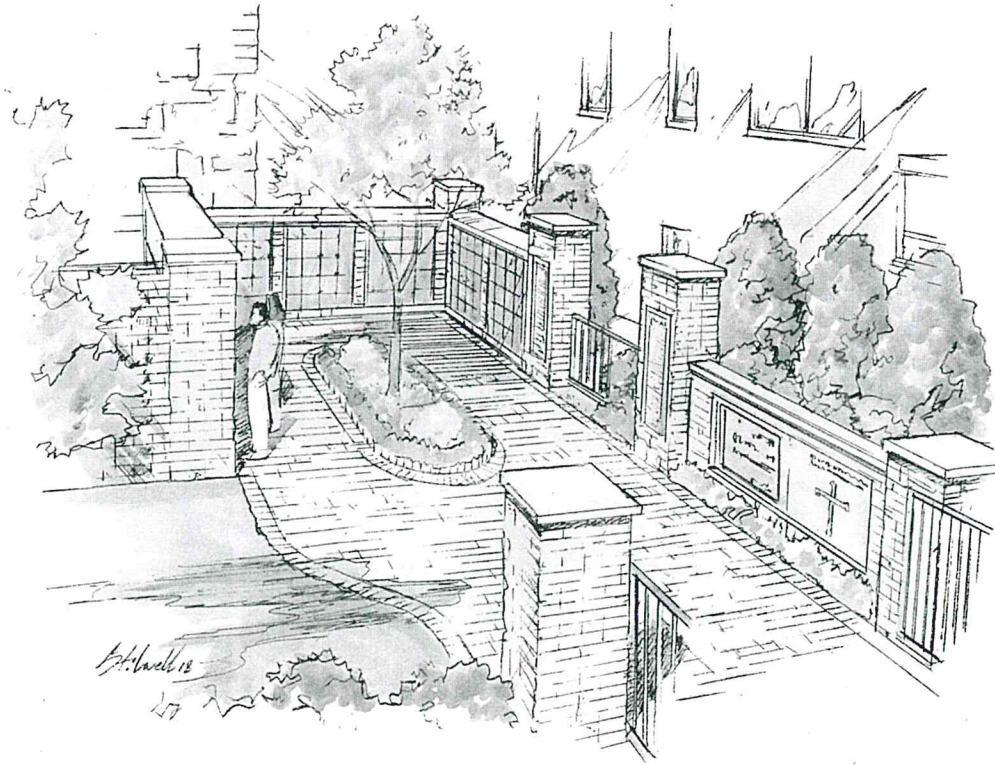


Trinity Lutheran Church Columbarium



For years, many members of Trinity Lutheran Church have envisioned building a columbarium on our church campus. With that thought in mind, a columbarium committee was appointed to study our options and to make recommendations to the Church Council.

What is a columbarium? A columbarium is a permanent structure made up of spaces where family members can place urns containing the ashes of cremated loved ones. The word "columbarium" is derived from the Latin term *columba*, meaning "dwelling place of a dove." The dove, of course, has long symbolized in Christian tradition the embodiment of the Holy

Spirit. Also, for many congregations, a columbarium is a natural extension of the church's role as home for the sacraments and ceremonies members experience at different stages of their spiritual journeys - baptism, confirmation, communion, weddings and funerals.

After visiting several columbariums in the Greenville area and interviews with area churches, we chose *Columbarium Planners* of Pinehurst, NC to design and construct our columbarium. If you would like to visit a columbarium that was designed and constructed by *Columbarium Planners*, you are welcome to visit the one at First Baptist Church on Cleveland Street.

The following are typical questions that you may have:

Where will the columbarium be located?

The location will be in the area adjacent to the upper parking lot and handicapped-accessible via the breezeway. A conceptual plan is attached which shows the location of the cabinets and the proposed landscaping.

What will the columbarium look like?

The columbarium will be a quiet space for loved ones to reflect and pray, landscaped appropriately. (See artist rendering of the columbarium included in this brochure or on display in the breezeway.) There will be eight cabinets with 20 double niches in each cabinet. One niche will house two urns. The dimensions of each urn cannot exceed 9 3/4" X 9 3/4".

How will the columbarium be financed?

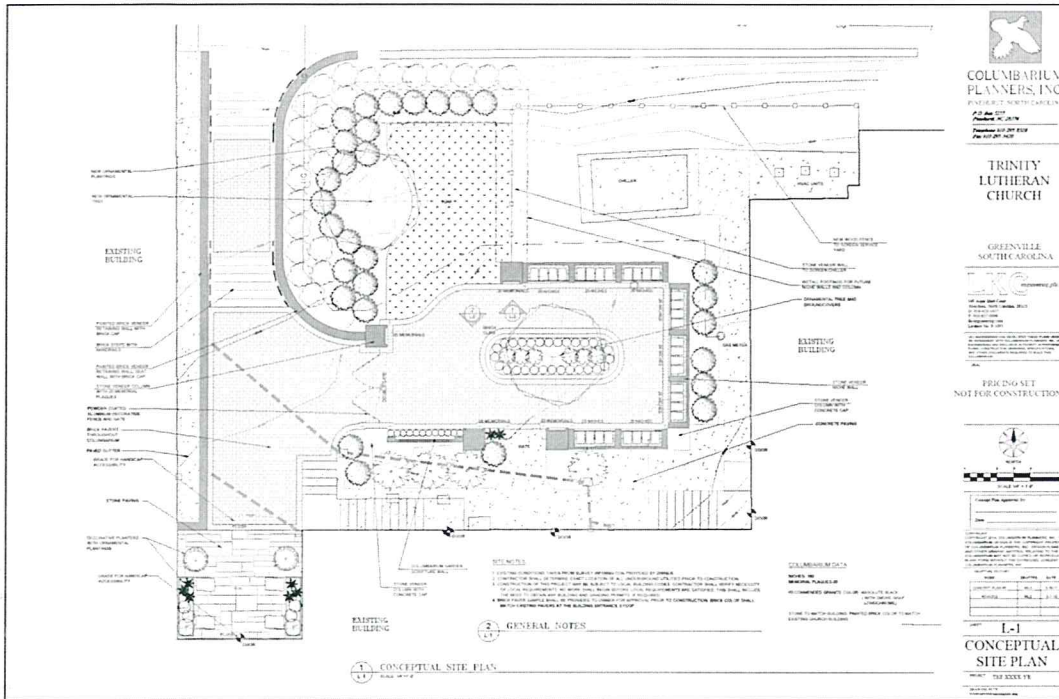
It will be self-sustaining, financed entirely separate from the church's other finances. Most of these funds will come from those who reserve a niche and/or have a name added to a memorial plaque. Additional funds will come from general contributions to the columbarium fund or possibly from a portion of the capital campaign funds.

What is the cost of a niche?

Normally, a niche would cost \$4,400. For those who commit prior to May 31, 2019, and pay in full the cost will be \$4,000. The cost includes the opening and closing of the niche and the engraving.

What is the cost of the memorial wall plaque?

The cost for having a name engraved on the memorial wall is \$500 which includes the engraving fee.

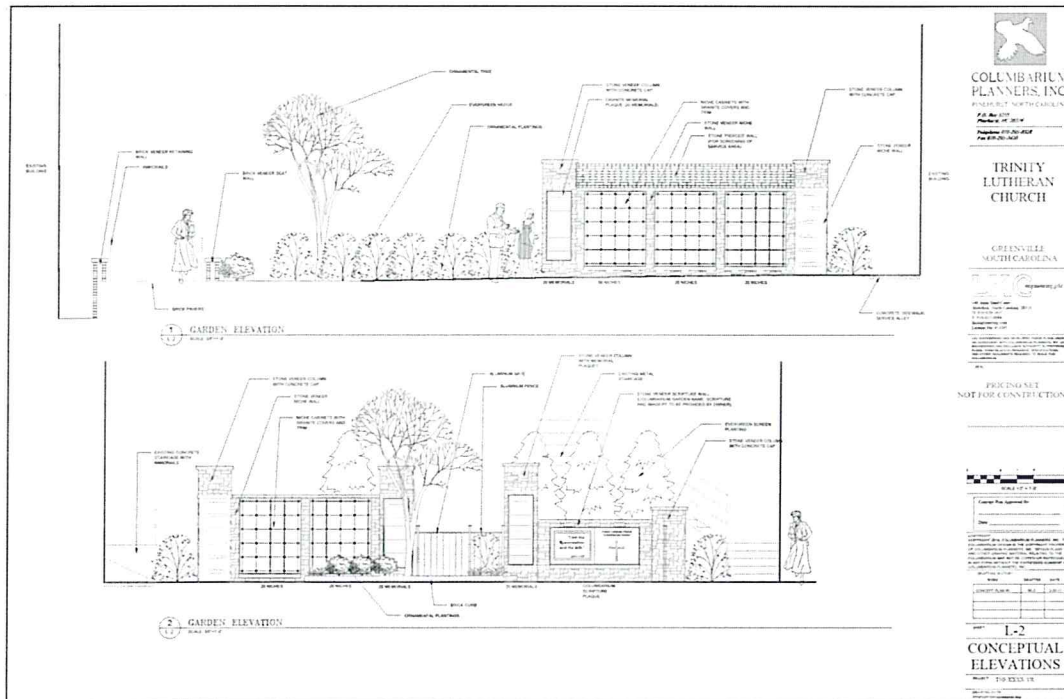


How do I receive additional information about reserving a niche or having a name on the memorial wall? Informational meetings will be held in the Parlor on Monday, March 4 at 2:00 and 6:30 pm, as well as Wednesday, March 20 at 1:15 pm. You may also contact a member of the columbarium committee.

Pastor Susan Crowell
 Ed Herren
 Brenda Bridges
 Bob McCormack
 Richard Moose

Items to be discussed at the informational meeting include the columbarium policy which was approved by the Church Council and how to reserve a niche(s) or memorial plaque.

Please fill out the interest survey and return to the Church office if you want to attend an informational meeting and/or receive additional information.



Columbarium Interest Survey

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Phones(s) _____

Please contact me/us with more information regarding the Trinity Lutheran Columbarium. Return this form to the Church office.