

## FAQ

### **What is a columbarium?**

A columbarium is designed to house cremated remains. It consists of small compartments, known as niches, where urns containing the deceased's ashes are placed. A columbarium can be standalone structures, part of a larger mausoleum, or even incorporated into the walls of a building. They are often found in memorial parks, cemeteries, and on church properties, providing a serene space for families to visit their loved ones.

### **What type of columbarium does Faith have?**

Our columbarium is located outside on the church property. It has 40 niches on each side, with a total of 80 niches available. The niche covers are made of Mahogany Granite with a capstone and end panels made out of Buff Indiana Limestone. Niche plaques are engraved with the deceased's name and dates.

**The Faith columbarium will be completed in the summer of 2026. Here is a photo of where the columbarium will be located on the Faith property:**



### **Who is eligible to have their cremains in the columbarium?**

This columbarium is intended for:

- current and former members of Faith Lutheran Church and their immediate families
- other people aligned with this congregation or its ministries, subject to the approval of the Columbarium Committee

**How much is a niche and what is included?**

\$3,000.00 per niche

This includes two urns, an engraved plaque, and two openings/closings of the niche.

**How many people does a niche hold?**

A niche can hold the cremains of a maximum of two people, but can also hold the cremains of just one person.

**What will the engraved plaque of the niche say?**

The engraved plaque will include the name, birth date, and death date of the person(s) inurned in the niche.

**Can I specify a desired location of the niche?**

You will be provided a short list of niche locations from which to choose.

**When can I visit the columbarium?**

Anytime

**Can I put flowers or other decorations at my loved ones' niche?**

Flowers, plants, decorations, or other individual memorabilia can be displayed for 24 hours. After that, all items will be removed. Faith Lutheran Church will maintain the columbarium and the property surrounding it.

**How do I have my loved one cremated?**

Cremations can be performed by the funeral home of your choice.

**Can the Columbarium be moved?**

Faith Lutheran Church reserves the right to move the location of the columbarium in the future if remodeling, renovation, or expansion is desirable, or if the church merges or ceases operations.