Oakhurst Lutheran’s Columbarium was designed to reflect our Christian hope and Lutheran heritage.

The columbarium is octagonal with 12 niches to a side. The Columbarium is made from Dakota Mahogany granite.

The apron around the columbarium is divided into eight separate pies. The octagonal design was chosen since eight is the number of the Resurrection. Sunday is an eighth day celebration, a new creation. While the number “666” symbolizes the beast or Satan, the number “888” is the number of Jesus.

On the Circle and spokes of the apron you will find numerous imprints of Luther’s seal or Coat of Arms.

In the center of each pie and randomly spaced on the walk way you will find large Byzantine Crosses. The Byzantine cross is often used in the Eastern Church which was an important link for all Christians back to Apostolic times.

The large granite cross on the columbarium was given as a memorial in memory of Rue Miller and Frank Randall by their family and friends.

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OAKHURST LUTHERAN’S COLUMBARIUM MINISTRY

The church office has complete copies of rules and regulations, policies and procedures, and are available upon request. Hopefully this brochure will answer the majority of questions for those who have an initial interest in our columbarium ministry.

There is a separate Board of Directors for the Columbarium Committee. This Committee is appointed by and is under the Church Council as far as State Incorporation responsibilities are concerned. The Columbarium Committee determines the policy and procedures for the Columbarium and Memorial Garden and its development and usage. The current committee is:

- Rogene Abney
- Frank Heilman
- Don King
- Edna Norman
- Lynn Vaughn

COST: The $1000 cost of the use permit entitles the holder to a niche which holds two standard size urns.

WHO: We realize that the determination of a final resting place will often include consideration of other family members being included or nearby. Those eligible for internment in the Oakhurst Lutheran Columbarium are:

- any individual who is or has been a member of Oakhurst Lutheran Church
- the immediate family member(s) of a qualified church member or past member (spouse, parent, children, grandparents, brother or sister)
- other persons at the discretion and approval of the Board of Directors.

INURNMENTS: Cremated remains (cremains) shall be inurned with a committal service with a member of the clergy approved by the Church conducting all such committals.

A plate with two scrolls will be attached to each niche. Each scroll will be inscribed with the birthday and heavenly birthday (date of death) in addition to the name of the person.

During the committal service flowers and other appropriate memorials decorations will be permitted with the approval of the officiating clergy person. The columbarium will remain free of flowers real or artificial or any other memorial decorations at all other times.

As the Memorial Garden is developed, planters and or vases will be included for those who want to note special days or holidays with flowers.

Military rites during the committal services are allowed.

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS: The maintenance and improvements to the columbarium will be the sole responsibility of Oakhurst Lutheran Church, through its Columbarium Committee.