Welcome to the Memorial Garden of Oakhurst Lutheran Church

The Memorial Garden is set aside in memory of those who have died in Christ and are present with us in prayer always.

We gather today, as the Church Militant, with our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant, to declare our praise to God.

Those who have died with Christ, have risen with Him and He binds us together as His people.

This Memorial Garden is a special place to remember our loved ones who have gone before us and the love and grace of God which will rejoin us all one day, for all of Eternity.

“He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives; and His disciples followed Him.” – Luke 22:39

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Brothers and sister in Christ, let us dedicate this Memorial Garden and rejoice in its holy use. May it honor God, our Father. Heavenly Father let Your blessing be upon this Memorial Garden and grant that it may give You glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: We dedicate this garden.

For the comfort of all who mourn,

Congregation: We dedicate this garden.

As a place of peace and refuge for those who seek solace and comfort,

Congregation: We dedicate this garden.

For the beauty of Your creative hand revealed in nature,

Congregation: We dedicate this garden.

In faith that the whole family of Christ will be inspired by love and good will to all,

Congregation: We dedicate this garden.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve Your church, in loving remembrance of those who have finished their pilgrimage here on earth, and in the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Congregation: We dedicate this garden.

We now, the people of Oakhurst Lutheran Church, dedicate this garden in the hope that its beauty will comfort us and be a witness to the Hope that is ours. May this garden say, “Come,” to those who find their way here. May it be a place where the gift of laughter will rise above our troubles, where treasured stories will be shared to make us wiser, where the pain of loss will be embraced with arms of hope and trust. May it help, God’s servants, healing and helping each other, as those who have gone before us, healed and helped us.

Congregation: Amen.

Our Flag Pole was given in Memory of JOE CORNET and JOHN FIRMALO
The Benches throughout the garden were given in memory of:
- KATHERINE DODD
- LESTER DOOLITTLE
- JIM FORBES
- GEORGE HAVELAAR
- MITZI LINNASTRUTH
- THELMA ROBINSON
- GLEN ROSE JR

The boy angel was given in memory of KENNY MILLER

The girl angel was given in memory of SHARON TRACY

The St. Francis figure was given in memory of BOB JAENIG, CLEO THOMPSON, BRINKS, and KATHERINE DODD

Two hundred and fifty of the Legacy keystones that created the walls were given in memory of LEON LUBKER

“Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.” – Luke 20:36

The Granite Cross on the top of the Columbarium was given in memory of RUE MILLER AND FRANK RANDALL.

“It is in dying that we are born into Eternal Life”
– St. Francis of Assisi

“For the Lord will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.” – Isaiah 51:3