



[The Remembrance Tree memorialized with a plaque.]

How are interments memorialized?

An engraved leaf, containing the name and dates of birth and death of the person interred, will be placed on the Remembrance Tree. Only one name may be engraved on each plaque. No other symbols or writings are permitted on the nameplate. Plaques will commemorate only those individuals buried in the Memorial Garden.

A plot plan has been drawn which shows a layout of the Memorial Garden, with interment locations spaced one foot apart. There are four burial areas bordered by the brick paver walkway and perimeter wall. Each burial area has room for 84 individual plots, or 336 total plots in the garden. The church office will maintain a registry of all interments including date of birth, date of death, date of burial, location of plot and depth of interment for multiple interments in the same location.

What are the costs for interment?

A fee of \$100 is required to defer the cost of the memorial plaque, engraving and ongoing garden maintenance. This expense is in addition to any additional costs for the burial service. Financial gifts are welcomed and gratefully received. All gifts will be placed in a restricted Memorial Garden Fund that is administered by the Memorial Garden Committee.

What are the guidelines?

The guidelines for the use of the memorial garden are as follows: Cremains are to be interred directly into the ground. Urns or other permanent containers are prohibited by law for this type of Memorial Garden. Ashes may not be scattered on the surface of the earth. Once interred, ashes may not be recovered or relocated. Multiple interments may be permitted in the same location with approval of the deceased's family.

Decorative additions (above ground markers, plantings, wreaths, etc.) are not permitted in the Memorial Garden, except on the day of the committal, and then must be removed within one (1) week's time.

How will the garden be maintained?

The Memorial Garden Committee is responsible for the ongoing stewardship and maintenance supervision of the garden, with regular maintenance performed by the Property Ministry. Volunteers are always welcome to join in maintaining the enduring garden legacy.

The Memorial Garden Committee is composed of the Pastor(s), at least one member from the Property Ministry, and two other voting members of the congregation appointed by Council and approved annually. All plantings and garden improvements or alterations are the decision of the Memorial Garden Committee.

How do I make arrangements?

Arrangements for the use of the Memorial Garden are to be made through the Pastor(s) or by calling the church office. A registry form must be completed prior to the interment. This form is available on our website.

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Memorial Garden

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



Overview

The use of the garden for quiet meditation is encouraged.

While providing a quiet sanctuary for all those who wish to visit, the garden is also an area for celebrating the joys of life and our relationships with God and one another.

We have created the Memorial Garden to:

- **Proclaim God's gracious love in Christ Jesus for all people.**
- **Provide a resting place for remains of beloved ones.**
- **Create a serene place of solace for those who grieve.**

The garden is planted with flowers and ornamental shrubs to celebrate God's beauty on earth.

Benches are placed for meditation, reading and prayer. A "Remembrance Tree" with memorial plaques shaped to resemble leaves inscribed with names of those interred in the garden are affixed to the brick wall. A stone fountain centered in the garden provides a focal point for contemplation. There is a sign identifying the garden at the gate entrance inviting all to enjoy the tranquil setting.

"The Memorial Garden is a testimony of our grief and to our faith in the Resurrection of Christ."

Who May be Interred?

The Memorial Garden is available to anyone desiring to inter the cremated remains (cremains) of a loved one.

As an expression of our commitment to inclusivity and service to our community, anyone, whether a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or not, may be buried in the garden regardless of religious belief, or lack thereof. This is consistent with our congregation's guiding principle, "We live Jesus' way by welcoming and inviting all." Our welcome is extended in death as well as in life. The Memorial Garden is part of our ministry to families in their times of need.

We only inter human remains in the garden. It is a place of rest for those in God's care where we can remember and peacefully meditate upon the lives of those whom we love but see no longer.



[The pavers create a cross to remind us that Jesus is always with us.]

How are the ashes interred?

The cremains are interred directly in the earth, without container, by placing the ashes directly into the soil.

The Pastor(s), or any other person with approval of the Congregation Council and/or Pastor(s), will supervise the interment of the ashes. The interment ceremony usually takes place immediately after the Funeral/Memorial service in the church or the funeral home. The interment may also occur at a later time suitable to the family. It is appropriate, but not required, for a service to accompany the interment. The Pastor(s) is (are) available to discuss with the family the type of service that might be appropriate to meet their spiritual needs.

May I Make Future Plans?

Plots may be reserved for future interment by payment of the required fees and completion of registry forms. Plots may be reserved for a maximum of **5 years** with an option for renewal as often as desired.

If no notice is received from the reserving party within 90 days of the renewal date, the burial funds will automatically revert to the Memorial Garden Fund and the plot shall be forfeited.