

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Memorial Garden



Guidelines & Application

*They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more.
Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well.
I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.*
Ezekiel 31:12-13

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How do I scatter/place the ashes of my beloved in Lord of Life Church's Memorial Garden?

We're honored that you would find connection to this church honoring to your beloved.

*We have created this Memorial Garden to:
proclaim God's gracious love in Christ Jesus for all people,
to provide a honoring place for the remains of our beloved,
and to create contemplative place of solace for those who grieve.*

1. Read the Memorial Garden policies carefully. They describe both the intention and restrictions
2. Complete the **APPLICATION & RECORD** with the appropriate information regarding the deceased.
3. Sign the **APPLICATION & RECORD** indicating your understanding of the policies and waiving any claim or liability.
4. Attach the donation stipulated in the guidelines, and indicate whether a memorial brick is desired.
5. Return the **APPLICATION & RECORD** to the church office for signature by the pastor or elected council member.
6. If you have indicated you would like a pastor to officiate at the scattering, you will be contacted to arrange a time convenient for you.

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GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS**

1. All of God's children are eligible to have their cremains scattered or buried in Lord of Life Church's Memorial Garden.
2. Cremains are scattered or buried in the Memorial Garden in such location as is designated by the Memorial Garden Ministry. None of the cremains will be recoverable or preserved intact. Only the ashes from the cremation (cremains) are scattered or buried; burial containers will not be allowed. The actual physical location of an individual's cremains will not be marked, recorded, or otherwise noted.
3. A donation, currently \$100.00 per person, pursuant to these guidelines is requested from the applicant. All donations should be paid with the application, and in the event that the application is refused, the donation shall be returned to the applicant. All monies collected for fees will be used for the purpose of maintenance and care of the Memorial Garden, Memorial Register, and the engraving and installation of memorial bricks. This donation does not include the cost of cremation, or other payments normally made to the minister, organist and the like.
4. Lord of Life Lutheran Church will enter the names of persons whose cremains are scattered or buried in the Memorial Garden in a Memorial Register maintained by the church. At the request of the applicant, a commemorative memorial brick of uniform style bearing the name of each person whose cremains are in the Memorial Garden will be placed inside the church building. Those eligible as noted in item number one above may be listed on a commemorative brick without the cremains being scattered or buried in the Memorial Garden and shall be listed in the Memorial Register.
5. Reservations are not required but a Memorial Garden application must be completed and signed before ashes are scattered or buried.
6. No scattering or burial of cremains, nor any memorial service to be held in the Memorial Garden, shall be conducted without the prior approval of the pastor or an elected member of the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Council.
7. No flowers, plants, or decorations shall be placed in or about the Memorial Garden without the prior written approval of the Memorial Garden Ministry. No individual shall acquire any right whatsoever with respect to the use or appearance of the Memorial Garden. Those wishing to memorialize family members are encouraged to do so by donating to the church or making a donation to the Memorial Garden.
8. The use and maintenance of the Memorial Garden and all terms, conditions, rules and regulation are under control of the Memorial Garden Ministry and Lord of Life Church Congregation Council. The church reserves the right from time to time to make, amend and repeal such terms, conditions, rules and regulations as it deems fit.
9. Though Lord of Life Lutheran Church cannot guarantee the perpetuity of the Memorial Garden and under Ohio law has no legal obligation to do so, the church assumes the moral responsibility to maintain the Garden for the purpose intended, as long as it remains reasonably practical to do so.
10. Lord of Life Lutheran Church assumes no liability with regard to the acceptance and placement of any cremains within the Memorial Garden. Any applicant seeking to have cremains accepted for placement within the garden shall be required to sign a waiver on behalf of themselves, then assigns their heirs, releasing Lord of Life Lutheran Church, its members, employees, pastors, from any liability arising out of the operation and administration of the Memorial Garden.



Sample Memorial Brick Inscription (above)

Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

John 13:1

