#### The

## Columbarium

at

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church

**Rochester MN** 



Memorial Plaques

#### What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is a structure built and maintained by the Church for the interment of the ashes of persons who have been cremated.

#### Why do we have a Columbarium?

The Mount Olive Columbarium provides a place of comfort, peace, support and witness for members of the church family. The concept of interment in consecrated church property is an old one, dating from the very beginnings of Christianity and is sound for both theological and practical reasons.

#### Who can use the Columbarium?

Interment in the Church Columbarium is available to Mount Olive's current members and past members, and their immediate families (spouses, parents, grandparents, children or grandchildren and their spouses).

#### How do I use the Columbarium?

All that is required is that you complete a simple form provided by Mount Olive and pay a small fee that reserves your place in the Columbarium and guarantees the final cost.

#### *Are there any other costs?*

You are also responsible for the cost of cremation and the cost of utilizing a funeral home, if that is your wish. These costs can vary widely.

#### Where is the Columbarium located?

The Mount Olive Columbarium vault is located under the altar shown below. Interment of the cremains usually occurs after the funeral service at the church. A memorial plaque inscribed with the name of the deceased is then placed in a commemorative area in the narthex as shown on the front cover.



What if I have more questions?

Contact the staff at Mount Olive with any questions concerning the Columbarium.



Seasonal Liturgical Symbols



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