

THE CALVARY COLUMBARIUM



***“Come to me all who labor,
and I will give you rest.”***

Matthew 11:28

**Calvary Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

***“Give glory to God
and share Christ’s Love”***

Why Choose the Calvary Columbarium?

The Communion of Saints

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that each one of us is part of the “communion of saints,” a great fellowship of those living and those who have gone to their eternal rest. A Columbarium offers a place of remembrance where family and friends can gather to reflect, to honor and to pray. Each time we come to the Columbarium we remember the saints who have gone before us and give thanks to God for their lives and their witness to faith.

Responding to Needs and Trends

In recent years, cremation has exceeded traditional burial (56% estimated cremation rate in 2020), and this is expected to rise to 70% by 2030.

Currently the Calvary Columbarium is the only final resting place in the borough of West Chester.

Most importantly, the Columbarium provides a place to remember and visit loved ones that have passed, and it provides a place for prayer and meditation.



Columbarium—Overview

What is a Columbarium?

A columbarium is a structure with individual compartments (called niches) that offers a final resting place for the cremated remains (cremains) of a deceased person or persons. The columbarium offers an alternative to in-ground burial that offers families economy, beauty and simplicity.

Details

The Calvary Columbarium is open to all. It is managed by a 3-member board and governed by a set of bylaws, responsible to the Congregation Council.

The exterior of each niche has a mountain pink granite facing. The structure has a brick surround and limestone capstone.

The Columbarium contains 141 niches (117 8" x 8" and 24 12" x 12"). Each niche can accommodate the cremains of two individuals in appropriately-sized urns. (For an 8" x 8" niche, each urn may not exceed 5½" tall x 7" wide x 5½" deep.) The appropriate standard sheet bronze urn is shown below.



Columbarium—Pricing

The chart below shows the current prices related to reserving a niche as well as cost of urns and engraving and inscriptions. Actual urn, inscription, and shipping costs will be those invoiced by the shipper and by Eickhof at the time services are used. There may be other fees associated with a memorial and/or inurnment service – contact a pastor for more information.

Item	Cost
12"x 12" Niche Reservation Fee	\$3,500
8"x 8" Niche Reservation Fee	\$2,500
Calvary Affiliate Discount	-\$350 (12"x 12") -\$250 (8"x 8")
8"x 8" Top/Bottom Row Discount	-\$250
Standard Sheet Bronze Urn	\$96* per urn
12"x 12" Niche Front Inscription (2 lines)	\$245* (name/date)
2 names with dates (4 lines)	\$315* (name/date)
8"x 8" Niche Front Inscription (2 lines)	\$200* (name/date)
2 names with dates (4 lines)	\$260* (name/date)
Prices as of 1/1/2024	* Plus Shipping & Tax

After reserving the niche size of choice, the niche location may be selected from those not yet reserved.

Incentives – Discounts

Calvary members and their immediate family qualify for a discount as listed above. The top and bottom rows (8" x 8" niches) also qualify for a discount.

Next steps...



- **Visit the space at the corner of Rosedale and News Streets, adjacent to West Chester University.**
- **Contact a member of the Columbarium Board of Trustees to learn more.**
Email: ColumbariumBoard@clwc.org
Phone: The church office, 610-696-2475
- **Request an application, the bylaws, and an FAQ sheet.**
- **Return completed application with niche reservation fee(s).**



Planning ahead...



“I go to prepare a place for you.”

John 14:3



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