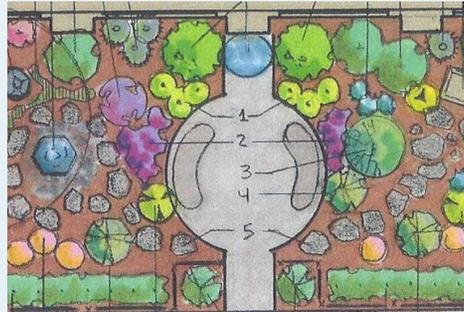


All Saints Memorial Garden



A people living, loving, and serving as Jesus did...so that all may know Him.



Surrounded By Life

A special place has been set apart at Edison Park Lutheran for the care of our loved ones. The Garden is both a place of rest, and also a place surrounded by the life of our congregation. Life is at its best when we are surrounded by family, friends, and acquaintances. What could be better than to include in our embrace loved ones who have gone before us and who will come after us?

As we come to Edison Park Lutheran for worship, fellowship, baptism, confirmation, and marriage, so this garden holds special meaning as we celebrate together the completion of this life. The journey of life leads from baptism to resurrection.

Located next to the sanctuary, the Garden is a part of the stream of everyday congregational events. As such, the memory of our loved ones is alive and ongoing. At the same time, the design of the garden allows for solitude and meditation. It is more than a resting place of quiet beauty. It is a place of new life which is surrounded by a caring community of faith.

A Decision For Peace of Mind

For those whose lives have been centered in Christ, there is great satisfaction and comfort in knowing that their final resting place will be within the confines of their church home. The Garden provides people the opportunity to make such an important decision in advance of need.

Churchyard burial is an ancient tradition, from the crypts of the cathedrals of Europe to the parish cemeteries of America. The Church has always cared for its dead and kept them close.

The All Saints Memorial Garden utilizes interment of ashes within the Garden. Those for whom the Garden is their final resting place are identified and remembered on a plaque.

In the All Saints Memorial Garden all generations are bound together in the constant remembrance of family. In the garden, we are anchored by respect for those departed, and we are secure in the faith of the resurrection.



Earth to Earth—Ashes to Ashes—Dust to Dust

Created by God from the dust of the earth, the Bible also teaches us that our mortal bodies return to the same dust when life comes to an end. Every year on Ash Wednesday, we remember that dimension of life by having the sign of the cross marked in ashes upon our foreheads.

In modern times, cremation as a way of dealing with our mortal remains has become increasingly accepted and more widely used. This is due in part to our modern awareness that we will be given totally new bodies by God at the time of the resurrection, whether our mortal bodies returned to dust in a grave or whether we returned to dust during cremation. No form of interment thwarts the resurrection. That power is in the hands of God, not in the burial formulas of humans.



Gracious God, grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Amen.

Use of the Garden

We ask that the person using the Garden as a final resting place be a baptized Christian, in keeping with the meaning and symbolism of the Garden. Edison Park Lutheran recognizes all baptisms done in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you wish to use the Garden as your final resting place, we ask that a donation of \$500 be made to Edison Park/All Saints Memorial Garden. This donation is to help with the costs of creating and maintaining the garden, and to cover the cost of installing the memorial name plate (\$450 is considered a contribution for tax purposes).

You will be expected to provide the church with the original copy of the Certificate of Cremation which is provided for all cremations. Additionally, you will be asked to provide certain information about the life of the person whose ashes are to be placed in the garden.



Other Considerations

Those whose ashes have been interred in the Garden will be remembered on a plaque. Only legal names may be used – first name, middle name or initial, and family name together with year of birth and year of death. No titles are used.

Committals will be held from Easter through All Saints Day (Nov. 1). Interment of ashes for those who have died during the winter months will normally be delayed until Easter. However, exceptions may be made.

The Church will maintain in perpetuity the records of persons whose ashes have been interred in the Garden.

You are welcome to visit the Garden at any time. It is the intention of the Church that the Garden remains natural. Hence, we do not allow flags, wreaths, or other such items to be placed in the Garden.

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