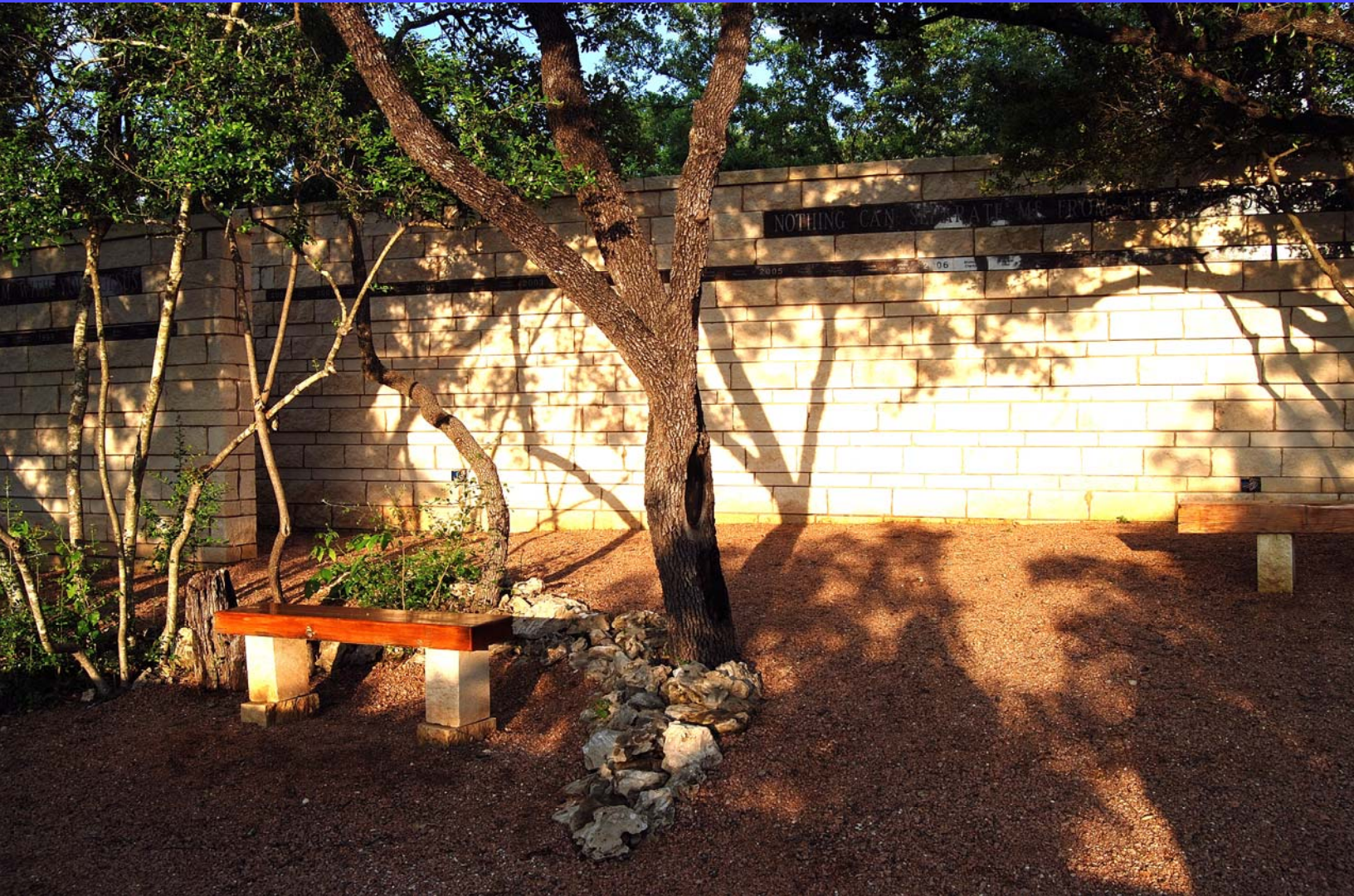


The Triumphant Love Lutheran Church Resurrection Garden



The Resurrection Garden is open to the public and offers solitude for reflection, meditation, prayer, and remembrance; it has a beautiful scenic view of the canyon below and distant hills. Sunset attracts many to this special place—a place to unwind and to contemplate. The garden is open to all and is intended to be a blessing to the community of Triumphant Love and to its neighbors: the community at large. A Prayer Path is being developed in the Triumphant Love woods below.

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Questions & Answers

GENERAL

1. What is the Triumphant Love Resurrection Garden?

The Resurrection Garden is a ministry of Triumphant Love Lutheran Church (TLLC) reaching out to its members and to the community at large. It is a place for prayer, meditation, reflection, and remembrance where:

- members who die are annually memorialized on the Resurrection Garden walls, and
- members may choose to have their cremains interred in a columbarium niche, showing names and birth and death dates, or
- those who choose to have their ashes scattered, or who are buried elsewhere, may have their names and birth and death dates inscribed on a Remembrance Wall plaque.

2. Who is eligible for interment in the Resurrection Garden?

Families may inter or scatter the cremains of the following people in the Resurrection Garden:

- Members or former members of TLLC;
- Pastors and staff who served TLLC;
- Spouses, parents, children and their spouses, and grandchildren (natural, adopted foster, or step) of the above; and
- Others, upon request, when a TLLC pastor or the Resurrection Garden Committee approve.

3. May we purchase and inscribe niches and remembrance plaques in advance of need—while still alive?

Yes—we celebrate life: past, present, eternal.

4. May we memorialize on the Remembrance Wall someone who is interred elsewhere and is memorialized there?

Yes—an additional memorial is entirely appropriate.

INTERMENT

1. What is the necessary preparation for cremains to be interred in the Resurrection Garden?

Any crematory licensed in the State of Texas or a crematory meeting the same standards as required for a Texas crematory may cremate the remains. The state does not require any special preparation for interment of cremains in the Resurrection Garden.

2. Does the State have laws regulating Interment of cremains in the Resurrection Garden?

No. As TLLC is private property, the State does not have any special laws regulating the Interment of the cremated remains.

3. How are arrangements made to inter cremains?

Arrangements are made between the pastor and the person making the arrangements for interment of cremains.

4. Is a written pre-arrangement agreement required for Interment?

No, written pre-arrangements for cremation, memorial services, and interment of cremains in the Resurrection Garden are not required. However, preplanning arrangements with a pastor of TLLC and the family are always advisable.

5. What options exist for disposition of cremains?

The family may set out cremains in any of four different ways:

- Place urn-held cremains in a columbarium niche;
- Scatter cremains over the Remembrance Wall or in the TLLC woods below;
- Scatter cremains at any other location anywhere;
- Inter (bury in the ground) at any location anywhere other than within the walls of the Resurrection Garden.

6. How will names appear?

For those persons interred in a columbarium niche, TLLC will etch the name, birth date, and date of death of each decedent on a 12" x 12" granite tile (niche cover). If two people are interred in a columbarium niche, then TLLC will etch the above information for both persons on the tile.

Plaques on the Remembrance Wall memorialize persons whose ashes are scattered or interred anywhere. They also memorialize those buried elsewhere. TLLC will etch the name, birth date, and date of death on an 8" x 12" granite plaque on the Remembrance Wall. Each plaque may name one or two persons.

In addition to the above, TLLC will memorialize annually all members of TLLC who die while members (regardless of where the person's remains are interred). TLLC will etch the year of death and the first and last names of the deceased members on a 4"x10" granite plaque on the walls enclosing the Resurrection Garden.

7. May the family remove cremains once placed in TLRG?

The family may remove cremains from a columbarium niche only upon written consent of the TLLC pastor. Of course, the family cannot relocate cremains which are scattered.

INTERMENT SERVICE

1. Must the family hold a funeral, memorial, or worship service at TLLC before cremains are interred in the Resurrection Garden?

No, a service is not required but is encouraged. TLLC members may (in advance of need) make their wishes for their own memorial/interment

services known by written instructions/desires to their loved ones and/or to the church; a copy may be maintained on file in the church office.

2. Who may perform an Interment service?

A current or former pastor of TLLC, another minister, or a person designated by the family with the written approval of the current TLLC pastor, may perform an interment service.

FEES

1. How much does a 12" x 12" x 12" columbarium niche cost?

The cost for one columbarium niche that may hold up to two urns is determined by the Resurrection Garden Committee as approved by the TLLC Council. (The cost as of January 1, 2010 is \$2,000, which includes opening, closing, and inscriptions.)

2. How much does an 8"x12" Remembrance Wall plaque cost?

The cost for one Remembrance Wall plaque that may hold up to two names is determined by the Resurrection Garden Committee as approved by the TLLC Council. (The cost as of January 1, 2010 is \$1,500 for plaques facing the Resurrection Garden and \$500 for plaques facing the Triumphant Love woods.)

3. How much does a 4"x10" annual memorial plaque for a member who died in that year cost?

There is no charge for this. These memorial plaques are paid for by TLLC through the Resurrection Garden Fund. Memorials and gifts may be designated for the Resurrection Garden Fund.

4. How may I purchase a niche or plaque?

a. Fill out a Reservation and Record form, available in the TLLC office in the Resurrection Garden mailbox, across from the Reception desk.

1) Note niche/plaque number you desire. (Available spots are noted on chart maintained by the TLLC facilities manager).

2) Keep a copy of the form for your records.

3) Consult with the Resurrection Garden secretary, the TLLC bookkeeper, or the TLLC executive director as necessary.

b. Submit payment for niche/plaque (with the Reservation and Record form) to a TLLC staff person who will acknowledge payment on the reservation form. This notation will be a receipt of your payment. The staff person will place the check in the TLLC vault drop slot.

c. Receive a packet with:

1) Agreement Regarding Interment Rights (1 copy TLLC files)

2) Certificate of Remembrance Wall/Niche Memorial Rights (1 copy TLLC files)

3) Resurrection Garden Rules and Regulations

4) Current Resurrection Garden brochure

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5. Note: Charges may be reduced or waived as necessary at the discretion of a TLLC pastor.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND TAX STATUS

1. How are contributions used?

All contributions to the Resurrection Garden are used to defray costs of development and maintenance of the garden and its associated Prayer Path. Should accumulated funds exceed maintenance in perpetuity needs, excess funds may be transferred to the General Fund of TLLC.

2. What is the tax status of contributions?

Purchases of niches and remembrance plaques are **not** tax deductible. Their cost represents fair market value. Contributions to the Resurrection Garden in excess of niche and plaque cost **are** tax deductible.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. What TLLC committee oversees the Resurrection Garden?

The TLLC Council designates a Resurrection Garden Committee to oversee the garden. The duties of this committee include the following:

- Develop and maintain guidelines for operation and maintenance of the garden in coordination with the TLLC staff;
- Produce, in coordination with TLLC staff, necessary brochures and forms;
- Make recommendations to TLLC Council through the facilities manager and executive director as necessary regarding future needs or expansion of TLRG;
- Monitor, oversee, and participate in maintenance of the garden; and
- By coordinating with the TLLC financial secretary, the TLLC bookkeeper, and the TLLC treasurer, monitor the garden finances. When the garden is fully developed, and available funds exceed maintenance in perpetuity needs, the Resurrection Garden Committee may recommend the transfer of excess funds to the TLLC General Fund, or for a specific purpose approved by the TLLC Council.

2. Who maintains the Resurrection Garden?

TLLC maintains the garden with the assistance of interested volunteers and professional paid help as supported by the Resurrection Garden Memorial Fund. This is accomplished primarily by the Resurrection Garden Committee.

3. Does TLLC maintain historical records for each person's remains interred in the Resurrection Garden?

Yes. Through the use of the TLLC Resurrection Garden Reservation/Record Form, TLLC maintains a historical record of all persons interred in the Resurrection Garden.

OTHER QUESTIONS

1. Who makes arrangements for cremation?

This is a responsibility of the family/next of kin; TLLC has no role in this.

About the Garden

Four walls of the Resurrection Garden annually memorialize all members of the congregation who have passed on. The first of four columbaria installed has 48 niches which each accommodate one or two urns of cremains. On a curving Remembrance Wall are spaces for 270 granite remembrance plaques to memorialize those whose ashes are scattered or who are buried elsewhere. The garden includes a water feature, four cedar benches, chimes, and the "old wooden cross" and butterfly that were part of the congregation's original sanctuary. The butterfly was given by Fred and Karen Grampp as a memorial gift to Triumphant Love Lutheran Church in memory of Florence and Harvey Lindemann.

2. How do I communicate my desires?

Fill out a Reservation/Record Form with appropriate information in the TLLC office.

3. Can inscriptions or epitaphs other than names and dates be inscribed on the plaques?

No. However, personalized markers (including military markers) may be placed in the TLLC woods along with plantings of trees or shrubs upon approval of the Resurrection Garden Committee.

4. Is there a possibility of dedicated special memorial plantings or trees or shrubs?

Yes, anywhere in the TLLC woods. The plantings and maintenance would be vested in those doing the planting. Plantings compatible with the natural environment could be incorporated along the Prayer Path.

5. What if two urns are too large to fit in a niche?

Two side by side niches could be purchased or ashes could be transferred to smaller urns. Our niches measure 12"x12"x12".

6. Suppose a diamond is made of a loved one's ashes—or the ashes are kept in an urn at home—what then?

As is done for scattered ashes, a remembrance plaque may be purchased and inscribed.

7. How much does cremation cost?

This varies greatly. As of 2010 AMBIS (Austin Memorial and Burial Information Society) lists 29 funeral homes with present cremation prices ranging from \$775 to \$3,200 per person. The Neptune Society has a present "pre-need" price of \$1,348 per person for local cremation services and \$1,747 per person for world-wide transportation protection. Anatomical donation (and acceptance) can result in **no** cost, including expedited return of cremated remains to the family. LifeLegacy Foundation is the first 501(c)(3) non-profit research tissue bank accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks: LifeLegacy.org; 1-888-774-4438.

8. What if I'm an organ donor? How would we handle the memorial service and interment service?

Normally the interment service would immediately follow or precede the memorial service. When organs are donated we might expect a delay of 4-6 weeks before the ashes are returned and an interment service could be held. Another option would be to still have an interment service immediately following or preceding the memorial service with a committal and simulated scattering of ashes or placement in a sealed niche; then when the ashes are returned a final formal or informal disposition of ashes could occur.

9. Where can I find more information about the Resurrection Garden?

All documents relating to the Resurrection Garden are on our web site: tllc.org. Also, you may visit with any staff member.



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TLLC Memorials: 1978-2010

1978: Robert Starkman, James Seagraves

1980: James Davis, Harvey Lindemann

1984: Janet Bunch, Beckie Bunch

1987: Lester Blaschke

1988: Phillip Hutchinson

1991: Anna Mae Ryon

1994: Dorothy Brockman, Fred Davenport, Jr.

1995: Greta Carlson, Lillian Sommerfeld, Ray Sommerfeld, Joyce Scheider

1996: John Jacobs

1997: Clara Rothmer

1998: Clint Meerscheidt, Marjorie Chollet, Lucille Jacobson

1999: Rachel Lund, Franz Frank, Marisa Magel, Nelson Lund

2000: Duane Moody

2001: Hazel Wilson, Sandra Cherland, Dorothy Jacobs

2002: Pauline Koch, Thelma Austin, Dorothea Seagraves

2003: Grace Romano, Hope Romano, Curtis Schwarzlose, Robert Ryser

2004: Jake Merikle, Marvin Bartek, Roma Blaschke

2005: Judy Polzin, Myron Kingslien, Kenneth Jacobson, Alleen Erb

2006: Michele Clardy, Margaret Otter, Christina Porter, Anita Moe, Rhoda Cox

2007: Cliff Hanson, Norma Leschber, Rick Forsberg, Jan Getting, Betty Malmstad, Jane Moe

2008: Jim Chestnutt, Tom Edgell

2009: Lulu Anna Mead, Marilyn Fess, Irene Howe, Roland Kemp, Daniel P. Shannon

2010: June Kemp



Reservation forms are available on the web site: tllc.org/Forms or in the TLLC office.

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