

## Cemetery Information

### Purchase grave site

Member . . . . . \$1,250  
 Non-Member . . . . . \$1,500

### Open and close grave site

Regular sized casket  
 Member: \$1,250 Non-Member: \$1,350

Oversized casket  
 Member: \$1,350 Non-Member: \$1,450

Cherub . . . . . \$ 500

In ground cremation . . . . \$ 600

Additional Saturday Fee . . . . \$ 100

Additional Sunday/Holiday.. \$ 200

### Monument Marker Installation

Single . . . . . \$600

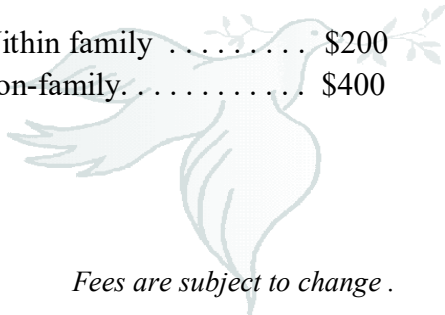
Double . . . . . \$800

Reissue Deed . . . . . \$150

### Transfer Deed

Within family . . . . . \$200

Non-family. . . . . \$400



*Fees are subject to change .*

## Columbarium Information

### Columbarium Single Niche

Member . . . . . \$1,250  
 Non Member . . . . . \$1,500

### Columbarium Double Niche

Member . . . . . \$2,000  
 Non Member . . . . . \$2,500

### Top Row Niche-Additional Charge

Single . . . . . \$ 350

Double . . . . . \$ 500

### Common Area Commitment

Member . . . . . \$ 275

Non Member . . . . . \$ 375

All Inclusive Includes: Opening, Closing  
 and Engraving . . . . . \$ 700

Opening/Closing of Niche \$400

Opening/Closing-  
 Common Area \$100

### Weekend Opening/Closing

Additional Saturday Fee .. \$ 200

Additional Sunday/Holiday.. \$ 300

**All engraving fees for the columbarium  
 and the cemetery are the responsibility of  
 the site owners.**

## St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery & Cremation Garden

# INFORMATION

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
 24500 N. Old McHenry Road  
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He has made His light shine  
 upon us. \* Psalms 118:27



#### Sexton Phone:

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## Welcome to St. Matthew's Cemetery & Cremation Garden

Death is inevitable. It is the natural end to life in this world, but we who are Lutherans believe there is more - much more! Because of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that death has been overcome and we who are His people share in that victory. Visits to the cemetery can and should be reminders to us of the bond that ties us to those who have gone before us - the bond that is stronger than death itself because of the resurrection of our Lord. St. Matthew Cemetery was founded in 1864 by Lutherans for the purpose of keeping that hope alive in our people. Today we stand ready to help our people prepare for the day when the Lord calls us - or our loved ones - to Himself.

### Administration

St. Matthew Cemetery & Cremation Garden is administered by volunteer sextons that are nominated by the church Board of Trustees.

### Pre-Plan Your

### Cemetery Needs Now

We encourage and recommend that purchases in St. Matthew Cemetery & Cremation Garden be made in advance of need. This recognizes both a sense of thoughtful planning and a sense of economical prudence that wishes to avoid hasty and ill-advised expenditures under pressure. For more information please contact Sexton Doug Duval at 847-707-1676 or at the church office 847-438-7709.

## History

St. Matthew's Cemetery has been a part of community life since 1864 when our first local resident, Carolina Wirtz, was laid to rest. Many church members, their family, friends and local residents are buried within these loving confines. The cemetery has been devotedly taken care of by members of the church since those early days and this tradition continues today.

Many of the older burial sites have upright monument markers giving character to the cemetery. Today flat markers are installed giving visitors the park like impression.

In 2017, the garden cemetery was expanded to include a beautiful columbarium to accommodate individuals and families who have chosen cremation as their internment preference.

The columbarium/ossuary of octagon shape is solid granite (shades, crypts and common burial area weighing in at thirty six thousand pounds. The columbarium rests on eight inches of concrete which includes nine piers sixty inches deep into the ground. The Columbarium granite color is mahogany, the banner which will be the home to the names of all interred in the common burial space is black granite and the benches and interior crypts are maple in color. There are 64 double niches, 32 single niches, and space for 930 spaces for internments in the common burial ossuary area. A three foot tall Equatorial Sundial sits on the top of the columbarium. The Sundial located at St. Matthew is registered in the "National Registry of Sundials".



## Rules & Regulations

Decorations are allowed during the following dates:

**Winter decorations December 1 – March 31**  
**Spring/Summer decorations April 1 – Sept. 30**  
**Fall decorations September 1 – November 30**

Fresh-cut flowers in non-breakable container - one week. Decorations must not impede lawn maintenance. All floral decorations are asked to be placed on a shepherd's hook so that the floral arrangements do not impede mowing and trimming. Please limit monument decoration to a total of two items (including floral arrangements). All decorations are left at your own risk. The cemetery does not maintain decorations. All worn, outdated, or excessive decorations will be disposed of.

Cemetery grounds are open seven days a week, every day of the year for visitation from dawn to dusk.

Cemetery markers will be flat flush to the ground, no larger than one foot by two feet for a single grave and one foot by four feet for a double grave unless consent is given by the Cemetery Trustees. Markers are installed on and with a cement collar or a complete granite slab. There is a fee to install markers. All markers should be approved to verify names are in correct placement to graves. The cemetery is not responsible for wrongly etched markers.

Cremation remains are to be enclosed in polyurethane, granite or non-breakable container. Visit your local funeral home or cremation services for approved containers. The approximate size of container is 10x8x8. There is a burial fee to intern or inurn remains.

Pets are welcome but it is the responsibility of the pet owner to clean up all animal waste.

*Rules and regulations are subject to change and expansion. (September 1, 2023)*