

Garden of Remembrance - Annual Report 2020-2021

The Garden of Remembrance continued serving members and family friends in 2020 and 2021. Committee members and some helpers have been keeping the trees and bushes trimmed, weeds under control, and the area generally pickup up and looking nice. The goal is to keep the Garden of Remembrance looking attractive and welcoming year-round – which is especially the case in late winter and early spring when the bulbs bloom and new life bursts forth once more.

There have been a few Remembrance Wall spaces purchased and one or two niches reserved this church year.

Two new benches have been securely installed, so it will be more inviting for those who wish to visit and spend time in contemplate in the Garden. It is a wonderful place to take time to count our blessings, remember our loved ones, and consider our own lives.

The Garden of Remembrance Finances at the end of the 2021 year are as follows:

Church General Fund/Budget line item:

GOR General Fund \$12,163.28

Monies in Endowment Board Managed Accounts:

GOR Contingency Fund \$64,295.35

GOR Maintenance Fund \$19,316.75

Total - \$95,775.38

Thanks to Jay Marsh and his friend Cesar for power-washing the labyrinth walkways, and to Steve Volkman and Lyn Thompson for general help in the Garden installing and securing the benches and keeping the four flower pots by the front entry filled with seasonal, shining plants and flowers.

Quiring, the engraver we use has, again increased their prices for their services. Our Committee has discussed a price increase but so far we have kept the prices for niches

and Remembrance Wall spaces the same. So this is a good time to make the decision to purchase a niche or Remembrance Wall space or two before we do increase the prices.

I am encouraging anyone who's interested in helping Cross of Christ Lutheran by doing outside volunteering to please contact any committee member or Pastor Dave, and I will make contact with you.

Thanks to Committee members Gorman Colling, Fred Corwin, and Sandra Volkman. All Committee members have served for many years and some of us cannot do as much as the years go by.

Submitted by Committee Chairman Lee Thompson