

PLANNING UNIT REPORT  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
August 16, 2005

**CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION:**

1. Requested Action: Approval of a columbarium as part of a garden adjacent to an existing church located at 4032 Monona Drive.
2. Applicable Regulations: Cemeteries, mausoleums, crematoriums, and columbariums are listed as conditional uses in the R1 Single-Family Residential District.
3. Report Drafted By: Bill Roberts, Planner IV.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Applicant: Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Drive.
2. Existing Zoning: R1 Single-Family Residential District.
3. Parcel Location: Adjacent to the existing church building located at 4032 Monona Drive along the east side of Monona Drive between Lake Edge Boulevard and Davidson Street.

**ANALYSIS, EVALUATION AND CONCLUSION:**

This long-standing existing church wishes to create a memorial garden adjacent to their existing building that will offer internment options for cremation urns within a proposed small patio garden area.

The intent of the Zoning Code provisions to require conditional use approval for cemeteries, mausoleums, crematoriums and columbariums was added to the Zoning Code in the mid 1960s to accommodate the more traditional large facilities of this nature. It was determined that even with the very limited nature of this proposal, a conditional use permit would be required.

Planning staff recommends approval.



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Susan Fadness  
Lake Edge Lutheran Church  
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Dear Susan:

I have received your land use application to establish a memorial garden at the church. As you are aware, we have previously met to discuss the garden, as well as your invitation to nearby residents to come and look at the plans for the garden.

The only comment I have heard is from the neighbor to the northeast who is concerned about the fencing heights. I encourage you to continue to work toward solutions to mitigate these concerns. Otherwise, the project has received generally favorable reviews from the residents I have had the opportunity to talk with. Therefore, I wish you the best with this project and hope that you will continue your commitment to being a "good neighbor."

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 284.1508 or [district15@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district15@cityofmadison.com).

Sincerely,

Larry Palm  
Alder, District 15

cc: ✓ Bill Roberts, Planning Unit