



A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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**Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Hosting Holiday Brass Concert
on December 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm**

Blacksburg, Virginia --- The Blacksburg and surrounding communities are invited to attend a Holiday Brass Concert on Saturday evening, December 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The Roanoke Symphony Brass Quintet is based with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, and is led by Dr. Jay Crone, the principal trombonist with the Roanoke Symphony, a member of Luther Memorial, and a professor of brass/music at Virginia Tech.

Performing as part of the brass ensemble are Brian Strawley and Tom Bithell, trumpet; Abigail Pack, horn; Dr. Jay Crone, trombone; and Brandon Smith, tuba. These talented musicians will be performing a variety of seasonal holiday favorites that the whole family will enjoy.

This is a free concert, but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, a joint ministry of over 25 churches in Blacksburg of varying denominations, and a program of New River Community Action, Inc., dedicated to serving families of Blacksburg and McCoy through donations of cash and food.

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Reverend Monica Weber, pastor at Luther Memorial, says “We are delighted to offer this free holiday concert to the Blacksburg community, and look forward to sharing this beautiful concert with our friends, families and neighbors.”

About Luther Memorial Lutheran Church: Luther Memorial Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ([ELCA](#)). Founded in 1886, the church serves the Blacksburg community and residents of Southwest Virginia’s New River Valley. The [Well Campus Ministry](#), hosted by Luther Memorial, offers regular opportunities for fun, food, and fellowship in Christ for students at Virginia Tech. Luther Memorial offers worship services, faith formation, and Christian education studies throughout the week, and enjoys a long-standing tradition of mission and community service in the New River Valley. For more information, contact Reverend Monica Weber, (540) 951-1003, or visit www.lmlc.org.

About Roanoke Chamber Brass: The Roanoke Chamber Brass is available for public and private concerts, recitals, weddings, church worship services, school performances, ceremonies, and special events. Since 2001, the Roanoke Chamber Brass has been an established part of the arts culture in southwestern Virginia and has solidified its reputation as a premier chamber ensemble. As musicians and dedicated educators, the Roanoke Chamber Brass strives to provide first-class musicianship and professionalism. Whether in liturgical services, educational programs, or performing with a wide variety of ensembles and choruses, musicianship and a pleasant demeanor are hallmarks of their performances. Visit www.roanokechamberbrass.com/ for more information.

About The Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry: The [Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry](#) (BIFP) was founded on October 15, 1987, to serve families of Blacksburg and McCoy. The IFP is run entirely by volunteers, and all client needs are met through cash and food donations. At its inception, the Pantry was open only one day a week and served 19 families in its first month. Blacksburg Baptist Church on Main Street hosted BIFP for its first 25 years. 25 years later, the Pantry now enjoys a newly constructed 10,000 square foot facility funded through donations from Dr. T.

Marshall Hahn and other members of Blacksburg United Methodist Church. It is now open four days a week and serves several hundred families a month. The Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry is a program of New River Community Action, Inc. (NRCA). NRCA is a non-profit agency and qualified under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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