



A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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**Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Offers
“Longest Night” Remembrance Worship Service**

Blacksburg, Virginia, USA – Luther Memorial Lutheran Church invites all persons who have lost a loved one to attend a “Longest Night” worship service on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7 pm. All are welcome and invited to participate in this interfaith worship experience. The service will be held via Zoom – please e-mail luthermemorialblacksburg@gmail.com for the Zoom link and password.

The “Longest Night” worship tradition has its roots in the hospice community, to bring new meaning and hope to December 21st, the winter solstice and longest night of the year. For persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one, the night’s long darkness can bring extreme challenges, loneliness, and sadness.

Reverend Monica Weber, pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, explains, “Every person’s grief journey is unique: there is no ‘formula’ or ‘set time period’ for grief to end, but our society often forgets that persons who have experienced a significant loss may continue to mourn for months and years. The Longest Night worship is a time to light candles in honor of our loved ones, to come together as a community of hope and support, and to remember that we are not alone in our grief.”

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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.

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