



Remember Your Loved Ones with a Christmas Luminary



During Advent, the Youth Ministry Program will be taking orders for Christmas Luminaries. These candles will be lit and arranged around the church on Christmas Eve. Luminaries are \$ 10.00 each.

The first luminaries in North America were bonfires arranged in 3-foot high squares. Later luminaries were small paper lanterns, which were made when colored paper was brought to this continent from the Orient. Instead of hanging these delicate lanterns from trees or on wires, they were placed on the ground, on rooftops and along pathways.

Tradition has it that luminaries lit the way for Mary and Joseph in their search for lodging in Bethlehem.

In our culture, today, luminaries are a traditional way of remembering a deceased loved one, or living relative. They bring light and beauty to celebrations while they send our prayers to heaven.

To request a luminary, please fill out the form below, and place it with your cash or check in the weekly collection basket. Please make out checks to the Youth Ministry Program.

Name (of purchaser) _____

Number of luminaries _____ X \$10.00 = (total price) _____

In Memory / Honor of (optional) _____

Location: North American Martyrs St. Michael's. (Please circle one)

Deadline for Luminary orders is Wednesday December 20th