

# News & Announcements

## TODAY @ NLC

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY | DEC 17 | 10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider & approve the sale of rights to the cell tower on the roof of the church. This transaction was discussed during the last Annual Congregational Meeting & was approved during 2017 by the Church Council. However, since the transaction involves an easement (encumbrance) on the property, the transaction must be considered and approved at a meeting of the Congregation. We look forward to discussing this with you and anticipate that it will be a relatively short meeting.



### CAROLS & BINGO | 10:00-10:40AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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## CHRISTMAS craft & cookies BAZAAR

NLC Youth Fundraiser | Help Support Summer 2018 Trips

**DEC 10 & 17** 9am-1pm  
lower narthex  
Donate or come shop!

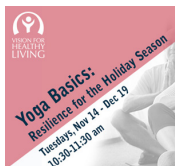
### ...AND VISIT THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR TODAY!!

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## THIS WEEK @ NLC | DECEMBER 18-24 2017

### NEW CHAPEL WORSHIP! | SUNDAYS | 5:00 - 5:40 PM

Can't make it Sunday morning? Join us in the evening for a 40-minute Evening Prayer Service, a contemplative service with communion each week. Learn more at [normluth.org/Worship](http://normluth.org/Worship).



### YOGA BASICS | TUESDAY DEC 19 | 10:30-11:30AM | REHEARSAL ROOM

Week 6: Strength and toning. This "Resilience for the Holiday Season" yoga series for people of all ages & ability levels will help you find a sense of peace during the holiday season. Classes led by Melissa Lombard, registered yoga teacher. Cost is \$6 for drop-ins. Contact Patti Hankes at 952.929.1698 to register.

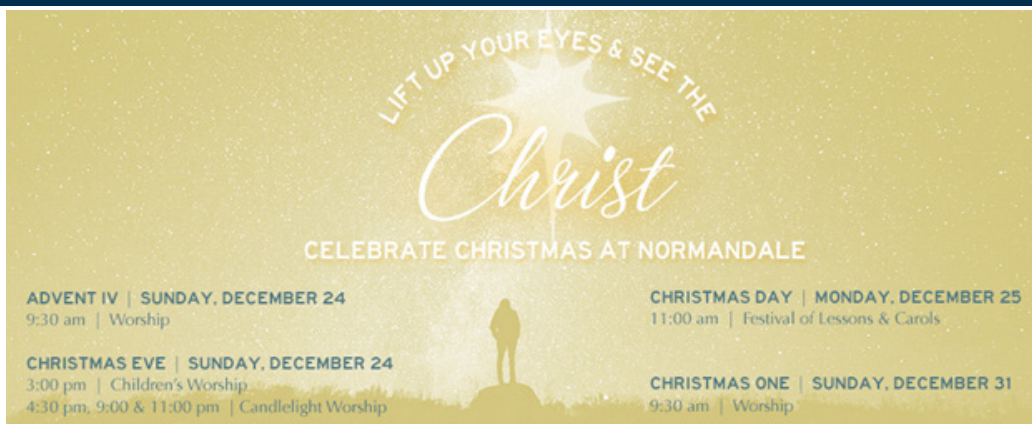
### TAI CHI | THURSDAY, DEC 21 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM | FIRST FLOOR, STUDIO B

This weekly class, led by a certified local instructor, is open to people of all fitness levels and promotes relaxation, balance, strength and flexibility in body and mind. Cost: \$8 per class; no registration needed. Questions? Contact Patti Hankes at 952-977-9357.

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP | WED, DECEMBER 20 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | ROOMS 205-206

The Wednesday evening Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 6:00 - 7:30 PM on December 20th. Those planning to attend are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 to share a meal together before the support group begins. The cost for the meal is \$5.00. For more information contact Mary Cordell at 952.977.9363.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



LIFT UP YOUR EYES & SEE THE  
*Christ*  
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT NORMANDALE

ADVENT IV | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
9:30 am | Worship

CHRISTMAS DAY | MONDAY, DECEMBER 25  
11:00 am | Festival of Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
3:00 pm | Children's Worship  
4:30 pm, 9:00 & 11:00 pm | Candlelight Worship

CHRISTMAS ONE | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
9:30 am | Worship

### PODIATRY CLINIC | JAN 3 & 4 | 9:00 AM – NOON | ROOMS 212-213

December's clinic is full and January will be here before we know it! Consider scheduling your January appointment before the holidays. The Podiatry Clinic is provided by On-Site Podiatry and coordinated through the Center for Healing & Wholeness. Schedule your appointments by calling Patti Hankes at 952.929.1698.

### LUTFISK DINNER | SUN, JANUARY 7, 2018 | 12:00 NOON | COST: \$22

The Senior Committee will sponsor our annual lutfisk dinner with all the traditional dishes. Reserve your spot at the Welcome Center Sundays through Dec. 31, OR call the church office at 952.929.1697 OR register on-line at [normluth.org/Events](http://normluth.org/Events). Deadline: Jan 3.

### NORMANDALE PRESCHOOL & BLESSING PLACE REGISTRATION | JANUARY 2018

Registration for Normandale Preschool and Blessing Place will begin in January for the 2018-2019 school year. Register at the Welcome Center or in the downstairs school offices. Current students & church members should register by **January 12**, to assure their child a spot for the 2018 school year. For further information, contact Lisa Pettersen, Director of Blessing Place, a program serving children 18-33 months, at [lisa@normluth.org](mailto:lisa@normluth.org)/952-977-9370 OR JoAnne Gustafson, Director, Normandale Preschool, a program serving children 33months-age 5, at [joanne@normluth.org](mailto:joanne@normluth.org)/952-977-9371.



### RENEWING WATERS | SAVE THE DATE! | THURSDAYS, JAN 25 - MAR 1 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | 3RD FLOOR

This six-week theological-based program provides practical tools for those facing stressful or challenging life circumstances, or for anyone wishing to gain tools for managing day-to-day living. The curriculum is built on a study of the various ways that water is used in the bible to offer comfort, healing and hope. Cost is \$30 for the series. To register, contact the Center for Healing & Wholeness at 952.929.1698.

# STEP FORWARD & ENGAGE

**GIFTS FOR SENIORS** There are 750,000 Minnesotans over 65, and data shows that 1:3 live alone and are isolated, lacking in support. Gifts For Seniors tries to help these elderly with a gift to show that someone cares. Drop off unwrapped gifts/checks in the barrel on the first floor by the Preschool entrance/elevator. Thank you!

**HIRING!** Dishwashers are urgently needed. Our busy hospitality schedule makes the dishes pile up fast. NLC needs a **dishwasher/s for the Wednesday night dinners** from approximately 5:00 – 8:00 pm. We would also like a pool of on-call dishwashers for special events. **These are paid positions.** For more information, please contact Jenny Bock at [jbock@normluth.org](mailto:jbock@normluth.org) or 952.929.1697 x349.



**PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED:** We are getting low on our precious prayer shawls. The shawls we have and yarn for them is located in the main church office now. You can pick up yarn anytime the main office is open. You also can buy yarn if you choose. If you are interested in becoming a prayer shawl knitter, please contact Janet Devine, 952-977-9355, [janet@normluth.org](mailto:janet@normluth.org). We will get instructions, yarn, needles, and a short printed history of the prayer shawl ministry. It is a simple stitch and pattern.



**SERVING AT OUR SAVIOUR'S | 2ND THURS/MONTH | 6:00-8:00 PM | MPLS**  
Help is needed to serve a meal to Our Saviour's Shelter 50 homeless residents. 3-4 people are needed to plan, purchase, prepare, and serve. Normandale will reimburse for food purchases. Non-cooking instructions available if you prefer to pick up food already prepared. **Able to serve? Sign up for Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug 19, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, or Dec 13.** Contact Janet Devine, 952.977.9355/[janet@normluth.org](mailto:janet@normluth.org) or online @ [www.normluth.org/Serve](http://www.normluth.org/Serve).



## 2017 CHRISTMAS CHANCEL

You are invited to share the Good News this holiday season by way of decorating the church at Christmas with plants or by making a contribution to community concerns such as VEAP and CES.

Please make contributions in the amount of \$16 for each gift by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office with a check made out to *Normandale Lutheran Church* **OR** by signing up online at [normluth.org/Serve](http://normluth.org/Serve). **The deadline for plant orders and contributions to community concerns is TODAY, Sunday, December 17.** All gifts will be recognized by way of a special insert in the bulletin on Christmas.

Plants will be delivered to homebound members by members of the congregation after Christmas.

**Name of Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check ONE option:**

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

A gift

**Please check ONE option:**

Christmas Chancel

ELCA World Hunger

VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People)

CES (Community Emergency Services)

SAYFSM (Sub-Saharan African Youth & Family Services in MN)

# THIS WEEK @ NLC | DECEMBER 17 - 24, 2017

**Mon-Fri 9:00am – 3:00pm Blessing Place - Rooms 1-3 | Preschool - 1st Flr Classrooms**

**Monday, December 18**

7:00am – 8:00am	Men's Monday Morning Bible Study - Lower Level Conference Room
5:15pm – 8:00pm	Reading Buddies – Meet in Lower Narthex
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Stephen Ministry Leadership – Conference Room
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision – Rooms 212-213
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Welcoming Committee Meeting – Health & Wellness Conference Room

**Tuesday, December 19**

9:30am – 12:00pm	Blessing Place Christmas Chapel - Sanctuary
10:30am – 11:30am	Yoga Basics (Holiday Season) – Studio B (Lower Level)
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Room 207
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Church Council – Rooms 212 - 213

**Wednesday, December 20**

11:30am – 12:00pm	Matins Worship – Chapel
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Advent Luncheon – Fireside Room
4:45pm – 5:45pm	Boys Choir Rehearsal - Multi-Purpose South
5:00pm – 6:45pm	Wednesday Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:00pm – 5:30pm	Dancers in Worship practice – Studio B (Lower Level)
5:15pm – 6:15pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal – Sanctuary
5:15pm – 6:45pm	KFC (Kids Faith Connect) – Valley View Room North
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal - Rehearsal Room
5:50pm – 6:50pm	Girls Choir Rehearsal - Multi-Purpose South
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group – Rooms 205 - 206
7:00pm – 7:45pm	Advent Worship – Sanctuary
7:45pm – 8:00pm	Confirmation Small Groups
7:45pm	Normandale Choir Rehearsal – Rehearsal Room
8:00pm – 9:00pm	High School Hangout - Fishbowl

**Thursday, December 21**

10:45am – 11:15am	Preschool Christmas Concert - Sanctuary
1:30pm – 2:30pm	H & W Tai Chi – Studio B (Lower Level)
4:45pm – 5:45pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Multi-Purpose South
5:45pm – 6:45pm	Handbell Choir – Rehearsal Room

**Saturday, December 23**

9:00am – 10:30am	Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal – Multipurpose Room South
11:00am – 12:15pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal – Multipurpose Room South

**Sunday, December 24**

9:30am – 10:30am	Worship – Sanctuary
10:30am – 11:30am	Coffee Fellowship – Fireside Room
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal – Multipurpose Room North & South
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal – Multipurpose Room North & South
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sanctuary
8:30pm – 9:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal – Rehearsal Room
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sanctuary
10:30pm – 11:00pm	Normandale Choir Rehearsal - Rehearsal Room
11:00pm – 12:00am	Christmas Even Candlelight Service / Holy Communion - Sanctuary

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