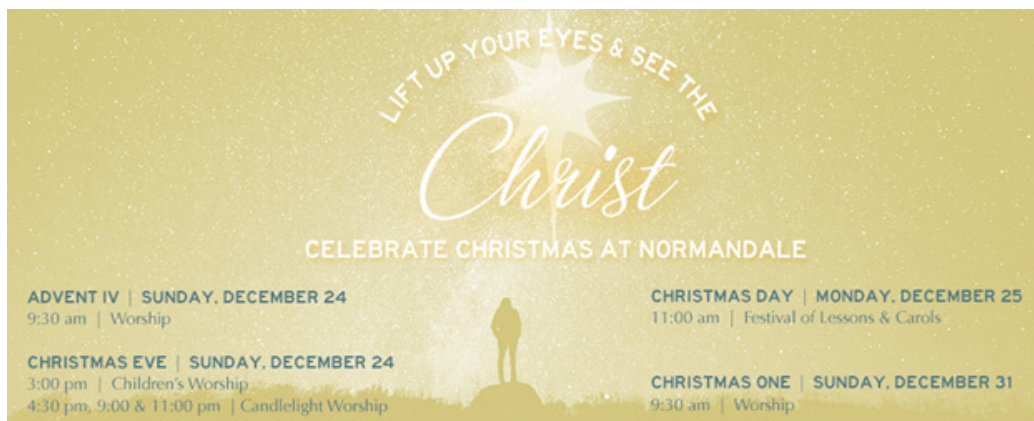


News & Announcements

CHRISTMAS @ NLC



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT NLC

Join us for worship this Christmas!

Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24

3:00 pm | Children's Worship | Cherub Choirs

4:30 pm | Candlelight Worship | Boys' & Girls' Choirs

9:00 pm | Candlelight Worship | Youth Choir

11:00 pm | Candlelight Worship | Normandale Choir | Holy Communion

Christmas Day | Sunday, December 25

11:00 am | Worship | Lessons and Carols

Christmas One | Sunday, December 31

9:30 am ONLY | Worship

10:30 am | Coffee Fellowship

TODAY @ NLC

YEAR-END GIVING

Year-end gifts are welcomed and encouraged! Because of your gifts, we are able to support our mission and ministries here and around the globe. Gifts received in December often help us meet our budget.

- You can give online at www.normluth.org/Give.
- You can give via a secure text message at 952.260.5601.
- You can give via mobile app by downloading the ShelbyNEXT|Giving app in your app store. Choose Normandale Lutheran Church, 55436, as your organization. Create your giving account or login and give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts.
- **Year-end gifts by check must be received in the church office or postmarked by Sunday, December 31, 2017.** Back-dated checks received after the postmark date will be applied to 2018 giving due to IRS regulations.
- If you would like to give a stock gift, please contact Donna Klingenberg at 952.929.1697 or donna@normluth.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE / BUILDING CLOSED: Monday, January 1

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/952-977-9370 OR JoAnne Gustafson, Director, Normandale Preschool, a program serving children 33months-age 5, at joanne@normluth.org/952-977-9371.

PODIATRY CLINIC | WED & THUR, JAN 3 & 4 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON | ROOMS 212-213

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.



Any time is a good time for lutfisk...

It's the Annual Lutfisk Dinner!

Sunday, January 7
12:00 noon | Fellowship Hall
★\$22/person. Purchase your tickets today!

...or meatballs.

LUTFISK DINNER

SUN, JANUARY 7, 2018

12:00 NOON | COST: \$22

Reserve your spot at the Welcome Center Today!
OR call the church office at 952.929.1697 OR register online at normluth.org/Events. Deadline: Jan 3.

SUMMIT ON JUSTICE | SATURDAY, JAN 13 | 8:30 – 11:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Save the date! Join us for a Summit on Justice - "Like Fire in the Bones." We gather for a bold discussion on biblical justice. More details to come.



Adult Community Learning

LIFT Group Experience
Jan 14 & 21

What is LIFT? Come learn about and experience small group ministry at NLC!

LIFT
LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Sundays
10:00-10:40 am
Fellowship Hall

All are welcome! Learn more about upcoming Adult Community Learning opportunities ▶

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING | WEDNESDAYS, JAN. 10-31 | 5:45-6:30 PM | ROOMS 209-211

If you missed the fall series on "What Does Lutheran Mean", or would like to repeat it, Pastor Charlie will be presenting this series again on Wednesday nights in January! New to the tradition? Life-long Lutheran? Just looking to discuss faith? Join us for this 4-week session on Lutheran theology.



Renewing Waters

Thursdays, January 25 - March 1
6:00-8:00 pm

"Renewing Waters" is a six-week theologically-based program which provides practical tools for those facing stressful or challenging life circumstances, or for anyone wishing to gain practical tools for managing day-to-day living.

Learn more at normluth.org/events

VISION FOR HEALTHY LIVING

MENTAL HEALTH

RENEWING WATERS
THURSDAYS, JAN 25-MAR 1
6:00 – 8:00 PM | 3RD FLOOR
This 6-week theological-based program is built on a study of the various ways that water is used in the bible to offer comfort, healing & hope. Cost is \$30 for the series. To register, contact the Center for Healing & Wholeness at 952.929.1698.

NLC ANNUAL MEETING | SUNDAY, JAN. 28 | 12:00 NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We gather as a congregation as we look at the year past and forward to what lies ahead. The NLC Annual Report will be available beginning January 21.

STEP FORWARD & ENGAGE

TURNOVER CREW NEEDED FOR NORMANDALE HOUSE

The 2nd floor apartment at Normandale House needs cleaning for the next family. Join us on Saturday, Jan 20 (even if it's only for an hour). Please contact Janet Devine, 952.977.9355, janet@normluth.org.

SERVING AT OUR SAVIOUR'S | 2ND THURS OF THE 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, Mar 8, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug 19, Oct 11, Nov 8, or Dec 13.**

Contact Janet Devine, 952.977.9355/janet@normluth.org or online @ www.normluth.org/Serve.

READING BUDDIES | MONDAYS | 5:15-8:00 PM

A service opportunity for NLC adults and 7th-12th grade students to eat dinner, read, and play with Normandale House children each week. Be a Reading Buddy - make a kid smile!

Reading buddies: **MEALS** are still needed on January 29, April 16 & 23, May 14 & 21, 2018. If you, your family, circle, book club, or friends would like to prepare a meal for 40 kids, please contact Janet Devine, 952-977-9355 or janet@normluth.org. If you cannot prepare a meal and would like to contribute monetarily to help on some of the weeks that the church provides, please write a check to NLC (memo line: Reading Buddies).

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. We will get instructions, yarn, needles, and a short printed history of the prayer shawl ministry. It is a simple stitch pattern.

No Preschool or Blessing Place This Week

Monday, December 25

11:00am – 12:00pm

Lessons & Worship Service

1:00pm

Building Closed for the Day – Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, December 26

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Wednesday, December 27

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Ford Wedding Blessing

Thursday, December 28

1:30pm – 2:30pm

H & W Tai Chi – Studio B (Lower Level)

Friday, December 29

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Saturday, December 30

Building Closed for the Day

Sunday, December 31

9:30am – 10:30am

Worship – Sanctuary

10:30am – 11:30am

Coffee Fellowship – Fireside Room

SUNDAY EVENING CHAPEL WORSHIP

There will be no Chapel worship at 5:00 pm on Sundays, December 24 & 31. Sunday evening Chapel worship will resume with Holden Evening Prayer worship at 5:00 pm on Sunday, January 7.

IN OUR FAMILY | BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you been looking for the “In Our Family” news? **“In Our Family” contains news of Normandale births, weddings, and funerals for the past month and is published in the bulletin announcements of the first Sunday of each month.** In case you can't be in worship, the weekly bulletin announcements are available online at <http://www.normluth.org/news>. Bulletin announcements will be kept in this location for the past 6 weeks.

SEE NORMLUTH.ORG FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, SERMON VIDEOS, & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES