

News & Announcements

TODAY @ NLC

Adult Community Learning

LIFT Group Experience Jan 14 & 21

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



Sundays
10:00-10:40 am
Fellowship Hall

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

ADULT CMTY LEARNING
Pastor Charlie will lead discussions based on the curriculum the LIFT (Living in Faith Together) small groups have been using. These sessions are a chance to check out what NLC's small group ministry has been up to. Coffee & donuts provided!

FAMILY SLEDDING & SKATING PARTY TODAY | 2:00-4:00 pm Brown Dale Park, St. Louis Park

Don't miss this fun event for ALL ages! Bring your sled or skates and will provide the hot cocoa. Bring your friends & neighbors! Questions? Contact Kari Warnke at kari@normluth.org.



THIS WEEK @ NLC | JANUARY 22-28, 2018

NORMANDELE 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 22**, 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.

What Does Lutheran Mean?

Wednesdays, Jan 10 - 31

Now on Wednesday nights! Join this 4-week session on Lutheran theology led by Pastor Charlie. New to the tradition? Life-long Lutheran? Just looking to discuss faith? Join the conversation!



Wednesday Nights
5:45-6:30 pm
Rooms 209-211

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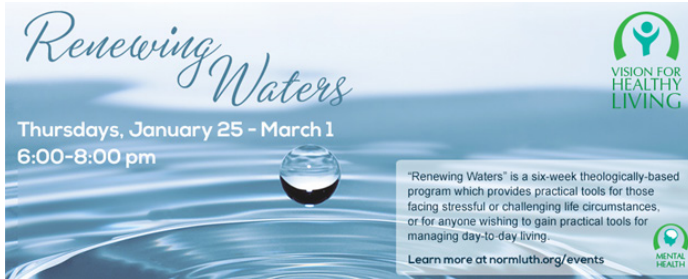
NEW! ADULT LEARNING ON WEDS!

JAN 10-31 | 5:45-6:30 PM | RM 209-211

A repeat of the class offered in the fall, now on Wednesday nights. Join Pastor Charlie as he presents/discusses core understandings of Christian faith. Missed the first one? Feel free to join us at any time!

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RENEWING WATERS | THURSDAYS, JANUARY 25 - MARCH 1 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | 3RD FLOOR



Last chance to sign up for Renewing Waters! This 6-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 & hope. \$30 for the series. **Sign up at the Welcome Center today!**

TAI CHI | THURSDAYS, 1:30 – 2:30 PM | FIRST FLOOR, STUDIO B

This weekly Tai Chi 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 is \$8 per class and registration is not needed. For more information, contact Patti Hanks at 952-977-9357.

WRITING BOOKS--AN UNEXPECTED RETIREMENT VENTURE | FRIDAY, JAN. 26 | 10:00AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dr. Herb Chilstrom, who served as bishop of the MN Synod (LCA) from 1976-1987 and as the first presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from 1988-1995, will present, "Writing Books--An Unexpected Retirement Venture." After reviewing briefly the eight books he has written since he retired in 1995, he will focus on his latest book, "When a Father Loses a Son," sharing his grief journey in the wake of his son Andrew's death more than 33 years ago. He will also urge attendees to give thought to their own writing, especially memoirs of their own lives, with suggestions on how to go about it. All income from book sales goes to student scholarships at Gustavus Adolphus College. **Herb is an engaging speaker, who invites group sharing as part of his presentation. You won't want to miss!**

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT | JAN 26-27

Calling all men! **Last chance to sign up for the Men's Retreat!** Join us for the annual Normandale Men's Retreat, featuring guest presenter and speaker, Prof. Matt Skinner! Dinner, breakfast, & lunch provided. Registration \$45. **Sign up online at normluth.org/events or at the Welcome Center to reserve your spot!**



ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING | FINANCING THE MINISTRY | JAN. 28 | 10:00AM – 10:40AM

Ever wonder how the finances of NLC work to fund the collective ministry? Ever wonder about the expanse of NLC's good work on behalf of hundreds of people who gather each week in the building and hundreds more in our local and global community? Join Pr. Paul & a couple of NLC's key budgeting people to learn about how the ministry is funded & take an in-depth look at the year to come.

LOST & FOUND

Come and check out the lost and found table outside of Fellowship Hall for any lost or misplaced items! Items will be on display until **Sunday, January 28**. Anything left after this date will be donated.

NLC ANNUAL MEETING | SUNDAY, JANUARY 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING | SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 4, 11, & 18 | LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR: POVERTY, BOOTSTRAPS, & SOCIAL STRATIFICATION IN AMERICA

Join us for a series of three conversations to unpack the context of social and racial stratification from the perspective of the bottom of society as we seek to understand our Christian responsibility of Biblical justice and reconciliation in Love. **These sessions will be led by Julia Dinsmore & Patricia Fenrick. Julia Dinsmore** is a local poet, author, educator and poverty abolitionist. She is the author of "I Am a Child of God, Not 'Those People'," which has attracted national attention. **Patricia Fenrick** has served Jesus in Northern Ireland, among refugees and immigrants in the Twin Cities, and as a university professor.

STEP FORWARD & ENGAGE

ATTENTION THRIVENT BENEFIT MEMBERS!

This is a reminder that your Choice Dollars must be donated by **March 31st** or they will be lost. Please check with Thrivent by calling 800-847-4836 to see if you have any dollars left. Last year at this time, Normandale had received \$2,608 and so far this year only \$883 has been received. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Current volunteer opportunity to provide manicures to residents at The Colony in Eden Prairie, a long-term partnership we've had since 2003 coordinating volunteers who provide activities that enhance the sense of community for residents. If you would like to volunteer or receive more information, contact the Healing & Wholeness Volunteer Coordinator at 952-977-9374.

VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

Support the Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness and receive a tax deduction while also making a big difference in the lives of families that need affordable transportation. We have partnered with a Minnesota-based non-profit that supports individuals who are dealing with economic hardship, job loss, domestic violence and many other difficulties. Our partnership enables The Center to arrange for your vehicle pickup, crediting the Center for the donation and providing you with a tax deduction. If you would like to donate a vehicle or receive more information, contact The Center at 952-977-9373

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

The Center for Healing & Wholeness maintains a supply of medical equipment available to loan to eligible adults. Anyone wishing to utilize this program must reserve and check-out the equipment through The Center. You can do this by calling 952-929-1698 and making an advanced reservation as well as scheduling a time for pick-up. We are currently **not** accepting equipment donations due to limited storage space.

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 March 8 or May 10.** Contact Janet Devine, 952-977-9355/janet@normluth.org or online @ www.normluth.org/Serve.

READING BUDDIES | MONDAYS, RESUMING JANUARY 22 | 5:15-8:00 PM

A service opportunity for NLC adults and 7th-12th grade students to eat dinner, read, & play with Normandale House children each week. Be a Reading Buddy - make a kid smile! *Provide a Meal for 40 kids; April 16 or 23, May 14 or 21. Please contact Janet Devine, 952-977-9355 or janet@normluth.org.* If you cannot prepare a meal and would like to contribute monetarily, please write a check to NLC (memo line: Reading Buddies).

THIS WEEK @ NLC | JANUARY 22 - 28, 2018

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

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

6:30pm – 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Room 207

Wednesday, January 24

9:30am – 11:30am Women Bible Study-Large Group – Rooms 209 – 211
9:30am – 11:30am Rachel Circle – Lower Level Conference Room
12:00pm – 3:00pm Miriam Circle – Lower Level Conference Room
4:45pm – 5:45pm Boys Choir Rehearsal - Multi-Purpose South
5:00pm – 6:45pm Wednesday Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
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
5:45pm – 6:30pm Adult Ed: What Does Lutheran Mean? – Rooms 209 - 211
6:00pm – 7:00pm Girls Choir Rehearsal - Multi-Purpose South
6:30pm Normandale Choir Rehearsal – Rehearsal Room
6:45pm – 7:00pm Confirmation - Large Groups – Fireside Room
7:05pm – 8:00pm 7th Grade Confirmation – Small Group – Fireside Room
7:05pm – 8:00pm 8th Grade Confirmation – Small Group – Multi-Purpose North
7:05pm – 8:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation – Small Group – Fellowship Hall
8:00pm – 9:00pm High School Hangout - Fishbowl

Thursday, January 25

10:00am – 11:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study – Rooms 209 – 211
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
6:00pm – 8:00pm Renewing Waters – Studio A

Friday, January 26

10:00am Writing Books-An Unexpected Retirement Venture - Fellowship Hall
6:00pm – 9:00pm Men's Retreat – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 27

9:00am – 12:30pm Men's Retreat – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 28

8:00am – 8:45am Boys & Girls Pre-Service Rehearsal - Multi-Purpose South
8:45am -9:45am Worship – Sanctuary
9:45am – 10:45am Coffee & Fellowship – Fireside Room
10:00am – 10:40am Donuts & Devotions - Fishbowl
10:00am – 10:40am ParentRest (parents of 0 – young adults) Rooms 212 – 213
10:00am – 10:40am Sunday School – various locations
10:00am - 10:40am Adult Community Ed: Financing the Ministry - Fellowship Hall
10:45am – 11:45am Worship - Sanctuary
12:00pm – 2:00pm NLC Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall
5:00pm – 5:45pm Evening Prayer Worship - Chapel

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