

News & Announcements

TODAY @ NLC



the joy of giving
Annual Holiday Gift Campaign

- Buy a gift for a child or an adult or donate to purchase ELCA Good Gifts share the joy with those in need this season
- sign up + donate
Sundays, November 19-December 10 at the Welcome Center

Images: A family of three, a child with a dog, and a pig wearing a Santa hat.

THE JOY OF GIVING 2017

Last day to sign up! Spread God's love and share the joy with families living at Normandale & Elliot Avenue Housing and others in need around the world!

Two Ways to Give: Buy a gift for a child or adult from a wishlist OR give a monetary gift. **Sign up at the Welcome Center TODAY!**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

TODAY & SUNDAY, DEC 17

Come joyfully peruse the "Christmas Craft & Cookies Bazaar" Youth Fundraiser **TODAY** and help raise funds for our Summer 2018 Youth Trips! **Donations still needed for December 17!** See normluth.org/Events for more information. Questions? Contact Maggie Jones at mjones@normluth.org.



CHRISTMAS craft & cookies BAZAAR

NLC Youth Fundraiser | Help Support Summer 2018 Trips

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

HOLIDAY BENEFIT CONCERT | CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF MPLS & NORMANDALE CHOIR | TODAY | 3:00 PM

Enjoy sounds of the season and support others with this benefit concert. The Civic Orchestra will perform orchestral works by Igor Stravinsky and Felix Mendelssohn, and join the Normandale Choir to perform Felix Mendelssohn's Vom Himmel Hoch ("From Heaven Above"). **Gratefully accept Walmart gift cards to support SAYFSM.**

THIS WEEK @ NLC | DECEMBER 11-17 2017

YOGA BASICS | TUESDAYS THROUGH DEC 19 | 10:30-11:30AM | REHEARSAL ROOM

Week 5: Restorative and meditation. 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 Hanks at 952.929.1698 to register.

SECOND WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 13 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

10:00 am | Coffee & Conversation | Fireside Room

10:15 am | Preschool Christmas Concert | Fireside Room

10:30 am | Bingo with Prizes

11:30 am | Advent Matins Worship | Chapel

12:00 noon | Lunch | Swedish Meatballs | Fellowship Hall

1:00 pm | Program | Carols with Lorna Wolthoff, followed by Christmas Music with Normandale String Quartet

TAI CHI | THURSDAY, DEC 15 | 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 Hanks at 952-977-9357.

BOOK
BAGEL
& BREW



BOOK, BAGEL & BREW | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 9:00-11:00 AM | ROOMS 212-213

Join other women for friendship & lively conversation. This month's book is *Holiday Inn* by Kevin Kling. All readers welcome! Questions? Contact Dee Henriksen at 952.927.9980/deehenriksen@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNOUNCING SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | 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.

NLC Christmas BINGO & Sing-Along



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.

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. Reservations at the Welcome Center Sundays through Dec. 31, OR call the church office at 952.929.1697. Deadline: Jan 3.

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.

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

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 jboc@normluth.org or 952.929.1697 x349.

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.

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.

SERVING AT OUR SAVIOUR'S | 2ND THURS OF EACH MONTH | 6:00-8:00 PM | MINNEAPOLIS

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? Reserve a month for 2018 now!** **Contact Janet Devine, 952.977.9355/janet@normluth.org. or online: 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. **The deadline for plant orders and contributions to community concerns is 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 11-17, 2017

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

Monday, December 11

7:00am – 8:00am Men's Monday Morning Bible Study - Lower Level Conference Room
 1:00pm – 4:00pm Archive Committee – Room 308
 5:15pm – 8:00pm Reading Buddies – Meet in Lower Narthex

Tuesday, December 12

8:30am – 11:30am Sew Day Quilting - Fellowship Hall
 10:30am – 11:30am Yoga Basics (Holiday Season) – Studio B (Lower Level)
 6:30pm – 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Room 207

Wednesday, December 13

10:00am – 2:00pm Second Wednesday – Fellowship Hall
 11:30am – 12:00pm Matins Worship – Chapel
 12:00pm – 1:00pm Advent Luncheon
 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
 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 14

10:00am – 11:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study – Rooms 209 -211
 1:00pm – 4:00pm Mary Circle – Offsite
 1:00pm – 3:00pm Normandale House Meeting – Conference Room
 1:30pm – 2:30pm H & W Tai Chi – Studio B (Lower Level)
 4:30pm – 6:30pm Normandale House Board Meeting – Lower Level Conference Room
 4:45pm – 5:45pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Multi-Purpose South

 5:45pm – 6:45pm Handbell Choir – Rehearsal Room
 7:00pm – 9:00pm DivorceCare - Rooms 205-206
 7:00pm – 8:00pm Serving @ Our Saviour's Shelter

Friday, December 15

5:30pm - 6:30pm Sackrison & McDaniel Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, December 16

9:00am – 11:00am Book, Bagel, & Brew – Rooms 212 -213
 10:30am – 11:30am Funeral for Merna Luundgard - Chapel
 11:30am – 12:30pm Funeral Reception for Merna Luundgard – Fellowship Hall
 4:00pm – 5:00pm Sackrison & McDaniel Wedding - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 17

8:00am – 8:45am Boys & Girls Pre-Service Rehearsal
 8:45am – 9:45am Worship – Holy Communion - Sanctuary
 9:00am – 1:00pm Christmas Bazaar Youth Fundraiser – Lower Narthex
 9:45am – 10:45am Coffee & Fellowship - Fireside Room
 10:00am – 10:40am Christmas Sing-a-Long & Bingo – Fellowship Hall

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE NOW ONLINE AT WWW.NORMLUTH.ORG UNDER THE QUICK LINKS MENU.

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