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NORMANDALE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORDS
FOR THE **BEGINNING**

Worshiping with all of our senses - Advent
Liturgical color: Blue

Advent is a season of endings & beginnings. The calendar year draws to a close as a new church year begins. As a congregation, we look to our past with gratitude as we look ahead to our 75th anniversary year. In this season, we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas, which brings us new ways of living & loving.

This Advent is filled with blessings & words of hope we need to hear again & again. As we move through new chapters individually & together, may these words for the beginning renew us & remind us of the ways we are called to live out our faith. You're invited to enter this Advent season as if you are entering a sacred new chapter, holding fast to the reminders that will bolster you for the journey ahead.

Winter Retreat Sign-Up for High Schoolers

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH



WINTER

RETREAT

	COST \$125	WEEKEND 31-2 JAN/FEB
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Come out of hibernation! Come to Camp Vermillion!

If you register and pay-in-full before 2025, you'll save \$25.00 dollars on your cost. Come for the games, cocoa, stargazing, & discussion about Jesus's Sermon on the Mount.

Christmas Eve Worship Times!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2024

3:30pm

5:00pm

Family-Oriented

9:00pm

Holy Communion



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Reminders for New Seasons

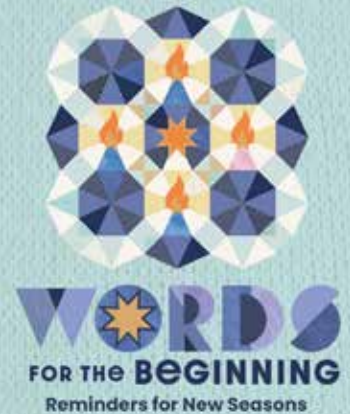
Lessons & Carols on Christmas Day

Christmas Day Worship

December 25, 2024

9:30am

Lessons and Carols
with Holy Communion



Help Students Make It Snow in January!

MAKE IT SNOW! DRIVE

Help build a "snow fort" outside the Fishbowl!

JANUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 2

Donate toilet paper & paper towel
outside the north end of the Fishbowl;
all proceeds will go to our VEAP partners



This January, help our high school youth build a "snow fort" out of toilet paper & paper towels as they aim to help make dignity delightful through fulfilling an fundamental and important need for our neighbors.

Our goal is to cover the north-end wall of the Fishbowl with these much-needed paper products to then pass along to our VEAP partners. We will start building our fort on Thursday, January 2 and continue throughout the month. Can you help us fill the wall?

In Remembrance of Our Beloved

With humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing of Miriam "Mim" Manfred, which occurred on November 28. A memorial service celebrating Mim's life is expected to be held in late January; we will share those details once they are determined.

Church Office Closed Christmas Day

Please note that the church office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday:

Wednesday, December 25

Thank you!

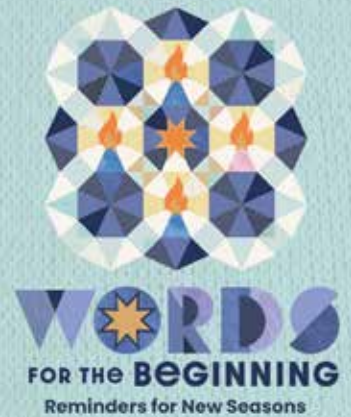


You are loved!

Special Worship Next Sunday!

Lessons & Laughter

**December 29, 2024
9:30am**



Parent Connect T(w)eens on January 8

PARENT CONNECT
Join Katie Hein for a special event with Brooks Wilkening to learn tools for supporting your young adult.
PARENTING DURING ANXIOUS TIMES
Wednesday, Jan. 8th | 6:45-7:45pm
In the Chapel during SPARK & IGNITE

The Impact of the Normandale Foundation

Foundation Impact
Annual gifts from the designated organ fund plus an additional \$20,000 given for organist support in 2024 help keep Normandale's beautiful organ and strong music tradition burning brightly.

KEEP THE FLAME BURNING

NORMANDALE FOUNDATION *Donate today!*

RETURNING JANUARY 8!

SPARK
Grades 5&6 Ministry

RETURNING JANUARY 8

IGNITE
confirmation & middle school ministry

to sign up:

RETURNING JANUARY 8!

ABLOZE
high school youth group

RETURNING JANUARY 12!

A FLAME
Sunday School Ministry

to sign up:

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church December 23 - December 29, 2024

Monday, December 23rd	<i>No events planned.</i>	
Tuesday, December 24th		
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	Sanctuary
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	Sanctuary
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Alcoholic Anonymous	Room 207
9:00pm - 10:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 25th		
9:30am - 10:30am	Christmas Day Lessons & Carols Worship	Sanctuary
12:00pm - 1:00pm	AA Meeting	Virtual
	<i>Church office is closed in observance of Christmas Day.</i>	
Thursday, December 26th		
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Caregiver Support Group	Zoom (Virtual)
Friday, December 27th	<i>No events planned.</i>	
Saturday, December 28th	<i>No events planned.</i>	
Sunday, December 29th		
9:30am - 10:30am	"Service of Lessons & Laughter" Worship	Sanctuary
11:30am - 1:00pm	Virtual Coffee Hour	Zoom (Virtual)