



CENTENNIAL NEWS

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Have you signed up for the Park and Ride yet? Make sure you sign up to cover a shift for the annual park and ride and raise funds for any Centennial group/ministry you choose. If you have questions contact Steve Rohde, srohde@centennialumc.org



WELCOME TO THE NEW NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to our new monthly Newsletter! As we navigate our new campus pastor model we have made some changes to make sure our communication is as efficient and effective as possible. Until this point, the Centennial News was printed and emailed weekly and was filled with short announcements and some photos but with not a lot of room for larger articles and celebrations. We have now separated our weekly announcements from the Centennial News.

Each week we will send campus specific weekly announcements with short paragraphs on upcoming discipleship & service opportunities as well as community announcements. These announcements can also be found on the website for both campuses.

Our Centennial News is now our monthly newsletter filled with photos, exciting updates, and messages from our Pastors & Leaders. This newsletter will be coming out at the beginning of each month and will be linked in your weekly announcements and printed at both campuses.

If you ever want to submit an article or photos to the newsletter please fill out the Centennial UMC Communications Submission Form or send an email to amcclintock@centennialumc.org.

We are so excited to continue to share the exciting ways Centennial lives out its mission of being **Authentic, Thinking,** and **Active** disciples of Christ.

-Annika McClintock
Communications & Office Manager



COMMUNICATIONS SUBMISSION FORM

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIN HUR

My friends in Christ at Centennial UMC,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your warm welcome and the opportunity to join the mission and ministry at Centennial. As I follow Jesus' path of life, death, and resurrection, I am committed to walking with Jesus and the congregation of Centennial. I invite you all to join me on this holy and graceful journey.

The Spirit of hope, peace, joy, and love will guide us as we strive to reach the new heaven and new earth. Centennial is one of the most blessed communities in the Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. I believe that you have been building a holy body in Christ through generosity, hospitality, spirituality, and justice, not only for our neighbors but also for a better world.

Our mission will be to walk in Christ by the Spirit consistently. Let us continue to worship God, praise the Lord, and pray for others. This is the only way to connect with God. I am honored to invite you all to join this divine pilgrimage. Welcome to Centennial UMC!

Thanks be to God! Amen.



*Roseville
Campus Pastor*

Thank you to everyone who has helped give Pastor Jin a very warm welcome at Centennial through our Popsicles with the Pastor event, our welcome potluck, and on Sunday mornings! Please continue to introduce yourself to Pastor Jin!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WHITNEY SHERIDAN



*St. Anthony Park
Campus Pastor*

It is a new season at Centennial United Methodist Church! I am thrilled to be working in partnership with Pastor Jin, and to continue to serve the community of Centennial UMC. Ministry at the St. Anthony Park campus is looking bright and energized as we look to the fall. Starting in September, we will be experimenting with new structures for Sunday morning that seek to enable the worshipping congregation to participate in small groups, collectively support children's discipleship, and engage meaningfully in true intergenerational worship- all hopefully within the capacity of busy families. This new strategy is in direct response to what we've heard from congregation members over the last handful of years and was affirmed in the CAT assessment results for the SAP campus.

Additionally, we're looking forward to outreach opportunities in the fall like the Blessing of the Backpacks (Sep 6), Welcome Sunday (Sep 13), and our annual Trunk or Treat (Oct 24). My deepest and more sincere gratitude to all staff and laity who are so generous with their time and energy, and their willingness to try new things with positivity and joy! May God's provision and rejuvenation bless this upcoming program year at Centennial United Methodist!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE FROM PASTOR LAUREN RHEINGANS

Fall is quickly approaching, and I'm excited to dive into our program year! Even though it was sad to see pool toys get swapped out for school supplies at the store, there is fun to be had at church this fall! Our kids and youth were busy attending camps and playing sports this summer—I encourage you to ask them what they've been up to. It's impressive! We're working on some exciting new initiatives for youth, children, and families. Save the date for our annual Trunk or Treat at SAP for October 24! Also, please let Lauren know if you have a kid entering third grade this year so we can prepare a Bible for them.



At the end of July, kids and volunteers from both campuses came together for a week of fun and learning at Vacation Bible School. This year's theme was "Compassion Camp: What every Living Thing Needs." In addition to the curriculum, kids were treated to a demonstration from members of the bell choir. The group loved getting to explore the music and try a hands on lesson. Kids learned how every living thing needs shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how God empowers us to have compassion for living things in need. In Bible time, kids wondered about God's creation, Jesus Feeding the 5000, and more. In science time, they made aquaphor's, learned about food chains, and designed shelters for their own creatures. In recreations time, kids made seed paper, played food chain freeze tag, and even engaged with scents outside.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who made this week possible—from group leaders to dinner servers—so many adults came together to give our kids and awesome experience.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 27TH - 31ST



CREWSWERS

Centennial's Resourceful Energetic Willing Servants Eagerly Repairing Stuff

Centennial's Crewsers are a group of handy people who build, fix, and paint things around both Centennial Campuses. Crewsers meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 9am-12pm and alternate projects between the campuses. About 2-3 times a year they will also meet on a Saturday for extra projects.

Tuesday July 7th - The Crewsers worked at the Roseville campus, creating a new small meeting room at the end of the office (Pastor Bitrus' former office), and put doors on cabinets.

Saturday, July 11th - The Saturday volunteer group in collaboration with the St. Anthony Park Garden Group, took out the grass and put down a weed barrier and wood chips at the St. Anthony Park Campus



Interested in getting involved with the Crewsers? Reach out to Steve Rohde | srohde@centennialumc.org

CENTENNIAL IN THE COMMUNITY



CUMC's Every Meal contributions through Compassion Ministries are significant. Pictured are the Sancilios and an Every Meal representative.

For anyone interested in joining the distribution team, contact Jodi Schaber | schaberj@yahoo.com

Centennial United Methodist Church has made a big impact at Harambee Elementary & Edgerton Elementary through Every meal during the 2025-2026 school year. Together, at Harambee Elementary and Edgerton Elementary, we distributed 3282 food bags, totaling 12,580 meals. Centennial gave \$4,730 this school year and allowed them to provide their weekend meals to approximately 11 students this school year. Centennial's support reaches far beyond a donation - it helps provide stability, nourishment, and hope to children everyday.

On July 12th, we had five Centennial Members become sandwich artists and served several families at Project Home. Contact Betty Gumbrell to get connected with Project Home | bettygumbrell@outlook.com



On July 18th, the FLAMES group along with some friends, served at Feed My Starving People, filling food packs to be distributed to children in Columbia.

HOLY HAMMERS 2026 PROJECT



Centennial is part of a coalition of 14 churches in the northern suburbs that has named itself the "Holy Hammers". Each year we join forces to build or rehab a house somewhere in the Twin Cities. This year's project was in Roseville at 1200 Ryan Avenue W, a 5 bedroom rambler that will be the answer to a family's prayers of having a home of their own.



ROOF UPDATE

We would like to share an update about the roofs at both the Roseville and Saint Anthony Park campuses. This has been quite a saga over the past few years, and you have likely seen or heard about construction activity over the past couple of months. The great news is that all planned construction related to the storm damage from a few years ago is complete, and that is a reason to celebrate indeed!

A bit of a reminder on how we got here...a few years ago storms caused damage to the roofs at both Roseville and Saint Anthony Park. We had the appropriate insurance coverage for this. Under normal circumstances, Centennial would file an insurance claim, work with roofing contractor(s) and insurance agents, and a mutually agreeable solutions would be reached and the work would be completed and paid for. All within a couple of months, without drama. Unfortunately, that is not what happened. Immediate repairs were made at both campuses, but agreement on appropriate long-term resolutions could not be met at either campus. We ended up getting attorneys involved, and eventually entered a process for arbitration using an appraisal panel, whose sole purpose is to make a decision that both parties are bound to follow. This more or less worked for Saint Anthony Park, and repairs were completed in June aligned with the appraisal panel's decision. This process has not worked for Roseville. Eventually, we decided to pivot, and engage with a different, reputable roofing company and professional engineer seeking alternate solutions. Together the roofing company and professional engineer developed a proposal to essentially repair instead of replace. This made a significant difference in amount of work required and therefore cost. We decided to move forward with this, and the main repairs were completed in June of 2026, with final inspection signed off in early July. The couple of remaining items are cosmetic and will be completed soon.



Construction at the Roseville Campus that was completed in June of 2026



Construction at the St. Anthony Park Campus that was completed in June of 2026

While this discernment process was happening, the insurance company we had refused to renew our policy. Because we still had open claims for roof damage, this forced us to get high risk / significantly higher cost insurance coverage. We still have this coverage now, and will for the next few months. As of the date of writing this, Centennial has not received full reimbursement from our former insurance provider for the recent repairs of either building. This clearly should happen...but based on our experience thus far, we are not confident that it actually will. When we receive payment for repairs (or choose to quit pursuing it), the claims will be closed, and we will re-enter the 'normal' insurance market and presumably have lower premiums. So - the real work is done, and a small bit of paperwork remains.



This will not be the last time you hear the word "roof"...we still have buildings that need routine maintenance, and that includes roofs. But - talk about roofs related to the storm damage from a few years ago is now a past tense thing, and that is something to be very thankful for!

The direct and indirect impact of the roof damage has been significant, and should not be glossed over. Our hope is that is now we can turn our attention fully on being church and doing what God is calling us to do and not have our attention pulled to the immediate, urgent needs of our buildings. Let's all work together to realize Centennial's goal of creating authentic, thinking, active followers of Jesus.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women Of Faith is a community of women whose purpose is to:

- Know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ!
- Seek to to develop a creative supportive fellowship;
- To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

SHOWER OF HOPE

On July 12th, United Women in Faith hosted their Shower of Hope. Members gathered for a time of fellowship, appetizers, ice cream, and to hear Rachel Morey share the goals of Project Home. For Project Home \$740 in cash was donated and in addition many useful household items were collected.





FROM THE ARCHIVES

Dive into Centennial History

As we welcome Pastor Jin Hur into our Centennial family, this seems a good moment to look back 50 years to 1976. A new congregation began to meet using space at our Roseville campus. This plaque tells the story:



Presented to the Centennial United Methodist Church to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the generosity & Christian charity you have shown in these past 2 ½ years of allowing us to use your church & its facilities. This has been a true extension of God's love. 12-17-1978. Korean U.M. Church of Minnesota. Pastor Dong Hyung Kim

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!



State Fair Park and Ride

August 27th - September 7th

Roseville Campus Parking Lot

Sign up to work a shift and designate your funds to a Centennial ministry of your choice. Sign up is on our website.

All Church Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 9th, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Roseville Campus

Join us for an evening of fellowship and ice cream as we get excited for the upcoming program year at both campuses! This is a great chance to talk to one another, meet new people, and get connected to one another from both campuses.



Welcome Sunday - St. Anthony Park Campus

Sunday, September 13th

Welcome Sunday -Roseville Campus

Sunday, September 20th

Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 24th, 4pm-6pm
St. Anthony Park Campus Parking Lot

Join us for an evening with trunks, candy, a petting zoo, cocoa, games and fun!! This event is completely free and open to all ages!

