



CENTENNIAL NEWS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

4:00PM - 6:00PM

ST. ANTHONY PARK CAMPUS

Join us for one fun, fantastic and festive fall event on Saturday, October 25th from 4:00-6:00pm in the Centennial SAP campus parking lot. Trunks, games, a petting zoo, bonfire pits, and tons of candy- all free!

Bring your family and friends, dress up in costumes, and celebrate the festivities!

CENTENNIAL UMC WEBSITE

Centennial is so blessed to have so many ministries and missions happening at two campuses! With a lot of wonderful things going on, that can also mean sometimes things can be missed. Emails get buried, sometimes you miss an announcement in church, or maybe even just need a refresher on what's going on.

The Centennial Website is your best place to start. You can read the weekly announcements, view the event calendar, watch past sermons, find staff/clergy contact information, read the monthly newsletters, find volunteer opportunities, current small groups, set up your giving, and so much more.

Our website is a great resource for whatever you might be looking for, just go to any browser at type in www.centennialumc.org.

-Annika McClintock

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Want to submit something to the monthly newsletter or weekly emails?



SCAN HERE

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WHITNEY SHERIDAN

We've been talking about spiritual callings at the St. Anthony Park Campus. This sermon series was prompted by multiple conversations I found myself having with members of Centennial UMC and people in the community who were going through a time of transition: retirement, empty nesting, loss of a family member, graduating from school; all that led them to be asking, "What now?" Being in a season of discernment, or searching for God's will for your life, can be uncomfortable, even harrowing. We don't want to waste time, we don't want to unknowingly head in the wrong direction, we don't want to be unfaithful to God who calls us all into relationship and mission. While we swim through these feelings of urgency, we can also forget that God is ultimately the one in charge of the calling. God is the one who stirs us to action, who pulls at our heart strings, who whispers a song into our ears that we can't escape. God is the one who makes our paths cross with one another's and opens doors that were once closed. Our job is to pay attention, and to pray for holy courage to say, "yes!" when God comes calling. I pray that each of us has the fortitude and the faith to go where God leads us through every season and crossroads in our lives.



*St. Anthony Park
Campus Pastor*

St. Anthony Park Campus Worship

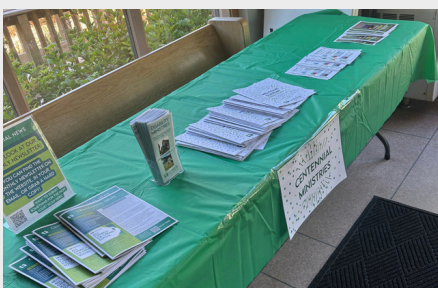
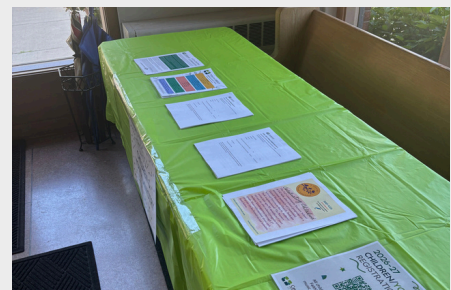
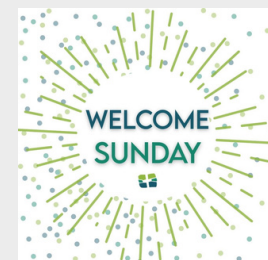
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2200 W Hillsdie Ave, St. Paul

or live on Facebook

ST. ANTHONY PARK WELCOME SUNDAY!

On Sunday September 13th, the St. Anthony Park Campus held their Welcome Sunday! They enjoyed worship featuring their amazing band, Pastor Whitney kicked off a new sermon series, and Pastor Jin stopped by to experience worship at St. Anthony Park for the first time. After worship people gathered for a potluck/grill out for an afternoon of fellowship.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIN HUR

Centennial UMC continues to glorify and praise God by sharing the good news and raising joyful voices, believing Jesus is our Lord, and that our love may grow through the Holy Spirit's guidance. As a pastor at Centennial, I am delighted for the opportunity to collaborate with various mission and ministry teams. During Welcome Sundays at both campuses and the Ministry Fairs, I witnessed God's presence among us and toward our neighbors and the world. Through all our teams, the most precious name, Jesus Christ, will be exalted, and our faith will progress and grow. For this reason, we shall always rejoice in Jesus, regardless of our circumstances. Centennial UMC rejoices because Christ is proclaimed in every way. Thank you, all congregations of Centennial, for your committed work toward a new season and your enthusiastic effort to build a blessed church and a better world.

I would like to keep inviting you to join our worship and take part in any mission and ministry team where God calls you. - O gracious God, grant us your peace to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference. Amen!



*Roseville
Campus Pastor*

Roseville Campus Worship

10:00am

1524 County Rd c2, Roseville
or live on Youtube

ROSEVILLE CAMPUS WELCOME SUNDAY!

On Sunday September 20th, the Roseville Campus held their Welcome Sunday! They kicked off their new worship time at 10am, enjoyed wonderful music from the brass band, chancel choir, and organ, met the new Roseville Campus Children's Ministry Coordinator - Scott Evenson, and enjoyed a lovely message from Pastor Jin. After worship people met in Linden Lounge for a ministry fair and fellowship and our kids went outside to play on the bouncy house!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LAUREN RHEINGANS

Our new Godly Play program at SAP is off to a great start! Kids are really enjoying the stories and Montessori inspired open work and play time. Painting and making things out of clay are particular favorites. It's a joy to see the curiosity the kids bring to the sacred stories of faith. I can't wait to see how we grow from here! BIG thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to make this program happen! Godly Play Sunday School happens Sunday mornings at SAP from 9:30-10:20.



*Children & Youth
Minister*



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH FOR 2026-27



In accordance with our Safe Sanctuaries policy, all children & youth involved in any programming must be registered. Registering gives us helpful information about emergency contacts, behavioral information, parental contact information, media release consent. It is most helpful if you register ahead of time. You can scan the QR code or you can find the registration on the website www.centennialumc.org/kids-amp-youth



YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Roseville Campus Youth Room

Centennial Youth Meet Weekly (most nights of the school year). The format of the night varies, and activities include: guest speakers, videos, reading scripture, spiritual practices, service nights, and more!

Contact: Pastor Lauren Rheingans | lrheingans@centennialumc.org



YOUTH CONTENT COORDINATORS

We are looking for youth passionate about Centennial to help create content for the church! We have a few different roles youth can be a part of, all youth are invited to do more than one role at one time or another! Youth can take on one or many of the role's photographer, journalist, and social media specialist. This is a great opportunity for Centennial youth to earn some service hours, add a volunteer experience onto their resume's/college applications, and to get more connected at Centennial!

Contact: Annika McClintock | amcclintock@centennialumc.org



ROSEVILLE CAMPUS FAITHWALK

Sunday's, 9:15am-9:55am

Roseville Campus, Room Asbury 4

Children ages kindergarten to 5th grade can join us on Sunday mornings for spiritual formation!

Contact: Scott Evenson | sevenson4281@gmail.com



ST. ANTHONY PARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's, 9:30am - 10:20am

St. Anthony Park Campus, Classroom 3

Children ages kindergarten to 5th grade can join us on Sunday mornings for spiritual formation! This year we are launching a new Montessori - based method of Christian education called Godly Play!

Contact: Pastor Lauren Rheingans | lrheingans@centennialumc.org



JOYFUL RINGERS

Wednesdays, 7:30pm - 8:00pm

Roseville Campus, Choir Room

Youth interested in handbells? We will be starting up Joyful Ringers again this year, our youth hand bell choir. The group is open to youth 9 and older.

Contact: Mark Meyers | m1meyer@protonmail.com

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM AT ROSEVILLE CAMPUS

In the past decade, many United Methodist Churches in Minnesota, and the country have been updating their security policies to match modern issues and needs. Churches are responding to local incidents like the shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church and the intensity of Operation Metro Surge by implementing “secure access” security models to control/monitor who is coming in and out of the church buildings.

Our Roseville Campus for a long time has had its doors fully unlocked during office hours, evening meetings, and worship which leaves a lot of room for people to enter the building unmonitored and unnoticed. As we continue to expand our building to members of our community for one-time rentals or for organizations with long term leases, we want to continue to be a welcoming place in our community while also prioritizing keeping everyone in our building at any given time, safe. As a result, we felt it was time to take a look at our security at Centennial to help keep our community as safe as we can while also making sure our church members have access to the building when they need it.

Starting sometime in late October, the Roseville Campus will have a new security system that will allow us to issue codes/fobs to groups and individuals to be able to access the building. We already have a very similar system at our St. Anthony Park Campus, so a lot of you might already be familiar with this. We will also have a doorbell you can ring that will alert the appropriate staff, and they can unlock the door for you if you do not have a code or fob. As a result of this new system the doors at the Roseville Campus will regularly be locked. We can schedule them to be unlocked Sunday mornings for worship, for our community meals, or other situations where it might be necessary but the door will no longer be unlocked regularly during the day.

Our Director of Communications & Church Administration as well as our Facilities Coordinator are working very hard to make sure codes are issued to the appropriate people to make this transition as smooth as possible. This is a big shift and big task, so please be patient as they navigate this. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to one of them.

More details about when the install happens will be communicated soon.

NEW ROSEVILLE CAMPUS OFFICE HOURS POLICY

As a result of this new security system, we are also shifting away from having posted office hours.

Each staff/clergy person has unique schedules and responsibilities that can take them to either campus, offsite, or at the church at evening hours. With the new security system, getting into the building itself won't have to rely on staff/clergy being physically present. This gives our staff/clergy the flexibility to be where they need to be to do their jobs well. If you need to meet with a staff/clergy person, please reach out to them individually to set up a time to meet or to inquire about their work schedule.

We will communicate when this change officially goes into effect.

ALL CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On September 9th, we held an all church Ice Cream Social to get excited for the upcoming program year! It is always so fun to have fun with each other and have some classic church fun! A big thank you to our hospitality volunteers who helped supply the yummy treats!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Excerpt from an interview with Ken Erickson, June 2002:

When our church was in its infancy and we had our first building, Bruce Rice [superintendent of Sunday School] came to me – I was chairman of Music Committee at the time – and he asked me to buy four pianos for the Sunday School rooms, and my budget was a hundred dollars. I was incredulous; I didn't believe this could be done. He assured me that, yes, you could do this. So I went down to Bodine Piano in downtown St. Paul and they said, "Oh, sure. We've got a room back here just filled with old upright pianos, twenty-five dollars apiece." I explained that they were for our church and would they please pick out four good ones that were in good tune, so that we didn't have pay to tune them.

They did and they not only sold us the four pianos, they moved them up here and put them into the Sunday school rooms. I doubt today you could get them to move one piano for that kind of money. And then later on we bought another piano from a farmer who had a farm up where Flaherty's bowling alley is now. It was a great big carved walnut piano that weighed a ton. He and his three, big strapping sons loaded it into their farm truck and brought it down and put it into the Sunday school room we indicated for the price we paid (twenty-five dollars).



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.

Thursday, September 10th - CREWSERS added some much needed mulch to the Roseville Campus playground!



Interested in getting involved with the Crewsers? Reach out to Steve Rohde |
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STATE FAIR PARK AND RIDE

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered at this year's Park and Ride! We had a total of 40 different volunteers help to cover 68 total shifts. Overall we raised \$3,400 for several different Centennial ministries including

United Women in Faith
Apportionments
FLAMES
Youth
Audio/Visual
Speaking Up for Democracy
FaithWalk/Sunday School
American Sign Language Services
Cub Scouts - Pack 22
Garden Team
Staff Recognition Activities
Music





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.

On Thursday, September 10th United Women in Faith held their welcome back potluck to kick off the programming year!



On Tuesday, September 22nd members of United Women of Faith brought prizes to the residents of Emma Norton's Restoring Waters for Bingo Bonanza and helped residents register to vote.



Pecans - Pecans - Pecans: It's that time of year again for those delicious fresh Georgia Pecans! Great for baking or gifts. The UWF is taking pre-orders until Sunday, October 25. \$15/bag. The five kind are: Halves, Pieces, Milk Chocolate Covered, Dark Chocolate Covered, Chocolate Clusters Covered. Sign up sheets are at both campuses or contact Peggy Rhodes, text 612-963,7659, peggy.l.rhodes@gmail.com



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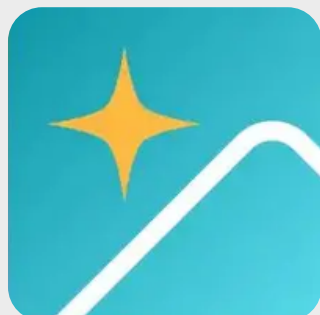
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REALM CONNECT



Realm Connect is our online data base where you can access the online directory, sign-up for volunteer opportunities, view meeting minutes, and see all of your groups! We are intergrating realm connect more and more especially when it comes to group management.

Go to www.centennialumc.org/realm-connect to learn more or email
amcclintock@centennialumc.org



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

**MONTHLY
COMMUNITY
MEAL**

&

**JIGSAW PUZZLE
RACES**

Monthly Community Meal & Jigsaw Puzzle Races

Wednesday, October 7th, 5:30pm

Roseville Campus Fellowship Hall

We will be serving soft and hardshell tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, and ice cream sundaes. To help us make enough food and to accomodate dietary restrictions, please sign up ahead of time, sign up is on our website.

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!



**ROSEVILLE
STRINGS
CHRISTMAS
CAROL
SINGALONG**

Roseville Strings Singalong Concert

Monday, December 7th, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Roseville Campus Sanctuary

CUMC Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 13th, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Roseville Campus Sanctuary

Insert description

