



CENTENNIAL NEWS

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GET PLUGGED IN THIS FALL!

The summers at Centennial tend to be quiet, with many in our community traveling to see family, taking a break from the busy school year, and enjoying the wonderful Minnesota summer weather! As the wind starts to get colder and we anticipate the leaves turning red, yellow, and orange, the programming at Centennial is booming! We are so blessed to have a church community full of staff and leaders who provide small groups, church volunteer opportunities, and community outreach. Whatever your skill level, interest, or age, we have something for you.

Our website is freshly updated with all the current discipleship & service opportunities we offer. Head to centennialumc.org and under the "Connect" tab you will find the service opportunities, small groups, and programs for Kid's & Youth. You can also find any recurring or one-time events on our calendar under the "About" tab.

A great way to find out more about Centennial ministries is to join us for **Welcome Sunday!** Welcome Sunday will occur on **September 13th at our St. Anthony Park Campus** and on **September 20th at our Roseville Campus**. Each campuses Welcome Sunday will look slightly different, but what they have in common is that it's a great opportunity to meet people and get plugged into a new ministry!

Don't see the group you lead or are a part of on the website/calendar? Reach out to me!

-Annika McClintock

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ALL CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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.

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



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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIN HUR

Every month holds its own significance, but September stands out as a particularly important month for refreshment. As the new school year commences, students transition to upper grades or advanced school. Additionally, the season of Autumn, marked by harvest and Thanksgiving, begins in September. Nature also prepares for the upcoming long and cold season by conserving energy. Turning our attention to the church, Centennial UMC in September marks the beginning of a new chapter. We welcome the new lay leadership team and both campus mission and ministries teams. While we embrace change, we remain committed to preserving our unique identity as a reconciling congregation. We continue to strive to be authentic, thinking, and active disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world.



*Roseville
Campus Pastor*

Over the last two months, I've really been soaking up the vibrant life of Centennial. Every new appointment in the system of the itinerancy of the United Methodist Church is a privilege and an honored opportunity to meet wonderful new congregations, learn about their fascinating history, and experience the special culture that makes it so unique. Through the ministries of Centennial UMC, I've loved being part of the traditional worship services, witnessing the wonderful people who serve communities, and watching how the faith community is eager to grow in faith. As we head into September, I'm really looking forward to discovering the deep messages and divine guidance that God has for us during this exciting time.

In the early seventeenth century, a Lutheran theologian, Peter Meiderlin, wrote in Latin, "In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas," which means "In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity." Thanks be to God! Amen!

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULES

Now that we have campus specific pastors and are no longer restricted by the pastors having to be at both campuses each Sunday, we had an opportunity to cater each Campus Sunday morning to its specific ministry needs. We are excited for these new opportunities to continue to foster wonderful ministries at both of our campuses.

St. Anthony Park Campus

We are excited to announce a new education hour! That will occur the hour before worship (9:30am-10:20am) each Sunday. During this time we will have Sunday School as well as several options for discipleship and spiritual formation for youth and adults. Education hour will be broken up into sessions that are 4-7 weeks in length, so you only need to commit to a few weeks at a time. This gives everyone the opportunity to switch up what they are involved in, maybe lead a small group one session, attend one the next, and volunteer for Sunday School the next! Education hour will begin on September 20th. You can find the full schedule and details on our website www.centennialumc.org/education-hour

Roseville Campus

Starting September 20th the Roseville Campus worship service will begin at 10:00am. We will also be moving our Children's Spiritual formation (FaithWalk) to before worship from 9:15am-9:55am. Your kids are always welcome in worship! Our current kids space will remain in the sanctuary and we will also be providing an optional kids space in the nursery for kids of all ages. We will still have our fellowship time after worship full of coffee, cookies, and connection. Moving our worship time an hour later, gives us the opportunity to secure more volunteers for FaithWalk and to have the opportunity to have adult spiritual formation before or after worship. More information about Roseville Children's Ministry can be found on page 6.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP BOARD



Hello Centennial United Methodist Church,

First we want to say a big thank you to all the grace and flexibility you have shown these past three years. When we launched our new single board governance structure in 2023 we didn't anticipate all of the difficult and intricate discussions ahead. In some ways our new structure worked well and in other ways, there were improvements that could be made. With our new campus pastor model this seemed like an appropriate time to take a look at our structure, take all we have learned from the past few years and make some adjustments as we continue to improve.

Our new structure focuses on distinguishing administrative responsibilities from mission and ministry responsibilities. The only thing that is really changing from our current structure is the addition of the ministry teams and the simplification of the CUMC Board.

Centennial UMC Board

The Board will handle full administrative functions of the church. It will focus on Centennial's overall mission and how we as a church, allocate our resources at a macro-level (time, energy, staffing, finances, facilities). This board is made up of the Campus Pastors, Chair, Vice Chair/Secretary, Trustee Lead(s), Staff Parish Relations Lead(s), and Finance Lead(s).

Ministry Teams

Although both Centennial campuses have the same mission to be Authentic, Active, and Thinking disciples of Jesus, the way we live out that mission will naturally differ at each campus. To address this, we will have a ministry team for each campus. These won't look identical at each campus and team members will be selected by the Campus Pastor. These teams will oversee and coordinate the weekly ministries of the church and will communicate and advocate for changes when necessary. These team members at each campus will be great assets and will be attuned to the needs of our faith community and surrounding community. There are several ministries that are shared among the two campuses, and the ministry teams will continue to work with each other in those areas that overlap.

We are very excited to step into this new era of Centennial as we continue to live into our mission of being Authentic, Active, and Thinking disciples of Jesus who go out and build loving and just communities.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Board

CENTENNIAL UMC ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Members of Centennial UMC

Level 1

ROSEVILLE CAMPUS MISSION
AND MINISTRY TEAM

Members are chosen by the
Campus Pastor
*Works on the daily/weekly
projects at the church*

COMMON AREAS OF
MINISTRY

Youth ministry
FLAMES ministry
Compassion and Justice
Whole Church Fellowship
Care Ministry
Holy Hammers
and more!

ST. ANTHONY PARK CAMPUS
MISSION AND MINISTRY TEAM
Members are chosen by the
Campus Pastor
*Works on the daily/weekly
projects at the church*

Level 2

CENTENNIAL UMC BOARD

Members (3 year term with 1 renewal- 6 year max):
2 Pastors
1 Chair
1 Vice Chair/Secretary
2 Trustees Leads
2 Staff Parish Relations Leads
2 Finance Leads

Centennial UMC Board members are
nominated and elected. This board
focuses more on the administrative
tasks and acts as a support for the
ministry teams.

Level 3

SPR SUPPORT TEAM

FINANCE SUPPORT TEAM

FACILITIES SUPPORT TEAM

NOMINATIONS TEAM

Sub teams are empowered to make their own decisions if these decisions are within their allocated budget.

Level 4

Who
Makes
What
Decisions
Examples

1. **Who decides what children's curriculum we use?**
a. The Ministry Teams (level 2 on the chart)
2. **Who decides if we hire a new role?**
a. The SPRC Support Team, Finance Support Team, and the Board (level 3 and 4 on the chart)
3. **Who decides where the children's area exists or moves to?**
a. The Ministry Teams (level 2 on the chart)
4. **Who decides what major building project we do next?**
a. The CUMC Board (level 3 on the chart)
5. **Who decides how/when we should pay apportionments?**
a. The Finance Support Team (level 4 on the chart)
6. **What Small groups we should offer?**
a. The Ministry Teams (level 2 on the chart)
7. **Do we take on a new renter?**
a. The CUMC Board (level 3 on the chart)
8. **Who decides if we partner with other churches for a community advocacy event?**
a. The Ministry Teams (level 2 on the chart)
9. **When do we worship? How many services?**
a. The Ministry Teams (level 2 on the chart)
10. **Who decides which flag or art we display?**
a. The Ministry Teams (level 2 on the chart)
11. **Who does a congregant go to with an idea or concern?**
a. Pastors the appropriate sub team of Finance, SPRC, or Facilities

CENTENNIAL UMC ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between the Centennial UMC Board and the Ministry Teams?

The Centennial UMC Board mainly focuses on administrative tasks and acts as a support for the ministry teams. These members are voted on by the Church Conference and have term limits, the same as before. This board will meet somewhere from monthly to quarterly.

The Ministry Teams focus on the daily/weekly projects at each campus. These might look slightly different at each campus since the members of these teams are chosen by the Campus Pastors.

This group will meet more frequently, somewhere from weekly to every other week.

Example: The St. Anthony Park Ministry Team might decide they want to get new chairs for the sanctuary. They decide on the idea but then lean on the Centennial Board to make it happen with finances and facilities.

Can Centennial Members still attend Board Meetings?

Yes! Any Centennial members/attendee's are always welcome to board meetings. They only part they would need to leave for is the executive session which involves Staff Parish Relations.

Is the budget changing too?

No, we still have one united church budget and will not be split into two different budgets. We will continue to delegate parts of the budget to different ministries and areas across both campuses.

How can I find meeting minutes/important information from the Board and Ministry Teams?

Meeting minutes for the board will be available through Realm Connect or can be requested from the office. Ministry teams will meet more informally and might not have minutes to share each meeting, but any important updates will be communicated via email or through the monthly newsletter.

When will we know the new board members?

The nominations committee and the campus pastors are currently working hard at recruiting people for the board. We don't have a specific date this will be solidified but we are aiming to get these positions filled as soon as possible.

Will the new board members be voted on by the Church Conference?

Typically yes, but for this first time the current board (charge conference) will vote on the new members just so we can get the new governance board rolling. We will have a church conference in May to vote on new board members and will keep that same schedule from then on.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LAUREN RHEINGANS

Fall programs are finally here! First of all, my prayers are with all of our kids, youth, and families as they prepare for the new school year. Whether your kids are bouncing off the walls and can't wait to go back or are feeling nervous, know that your church loves and cares for you! We'll be sending kids (and grown ups!) off to school and work with a physical reminder of this care at our **Blessing of the Backpacks—Sun Sept 6 at SAP and Sept 13 at Roseville**. We'll pray over the bags we carry as we include a tag to remind you that God goes with you everywhere, no matter how you feel about the new season!



As we enter this new season, please also remember to register your child for programming. Each child or youth participating needs a new registration each school year. I'm so excited to dive into the year with our amazing kids and youth.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

As a result of our Church Assessment Tool Survey (CAT) both of our campuses identified that one of their top priorities is children's ministry. Ministry for children & youth is changing at a rapid pace, and the needs of our children have changed drastically in the last decade as a result of many factors, including the pandemic. To be able to support children, youth, and their families in this new era of Children's ministry, Centennial needs to adapt and shift our approach to fit the new modern needs of our community.

We have been so grateful for all the ministry that our Children & Youth Minister, Lauren Rheingans has led us in since her arrival one year ago. Pastor Lauren has created wonderful children's & youth spaces at both our campuses, led engaging Children's Time messages, organized her first ever Vacation Bible School, and continues to strive for wonderful Children's Spiritual Formation opportunities on Sunday mornings.

For similar reasons we switched to a Campus Pastor Model, it is hard for Pastor Lauren to be in two places at once. Each campus has unique needs for its children's ministry and trying to give full attention to each campus and it's needs has been found to be a bit difficult for a part-time position. As a result we will be shifting our Children's ministry staff slightly.

Pastor Lauren, will still be our Children & Youth Minister. She will continue to oversee our Youth Group Program, Vacation Bible School, and other one off Children & Youth programs. For Sunday morning ministries she will shift to focusing on St. Anthony Park Sunday School, working on the curriculum and on solidifying and training volunteers.

At the Roseville Campus, we will have a Children's Ministry Coordinator. This person will be focusing on Sunday morning Children's ministry, both FaithWalk before worship and an optional kid's space in the nursery during worship. This person will work in tandem with Pastor Lauren & Pastor Jin, but will also have autonomy in working on the curriculum and on solidifying and training volunteers. We are in the process of hiring this person and we will have someone in this role either permanently or on an interim basis by Sunday, September 20th.

We are excited to have a more campus focused approach to our children's ministry, and prioritizing that each campus has it's needs met. This doesn't just happen by the help of staff though, we still need volunteers to help make our programming the best it can be. Having our Children's programming rely only on staff/clergy has resulted in inconsistency in the program and we hope to resolve that this year by having Children's spiritual formation occur before worship at both our campuses so volunteers do not have to miss worship. If you are interested in volunteering at either campus, please reach out to Pastor Lauren | lrheingans@centennialumc.org

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

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm (starting September 16th)

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



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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 (starting September 27th)

Roseville Campus, Room Asbury 4

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

Contact: Pastor Lauren Rheingans | lrheingans@centennialumc.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST. ANTHONY PARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's, 9:30am - 10:20am (starting September 20th)

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

CREWSWERS

Centennial's Resourceful Energetic Willing Servants Eagerly Repairing Stuff

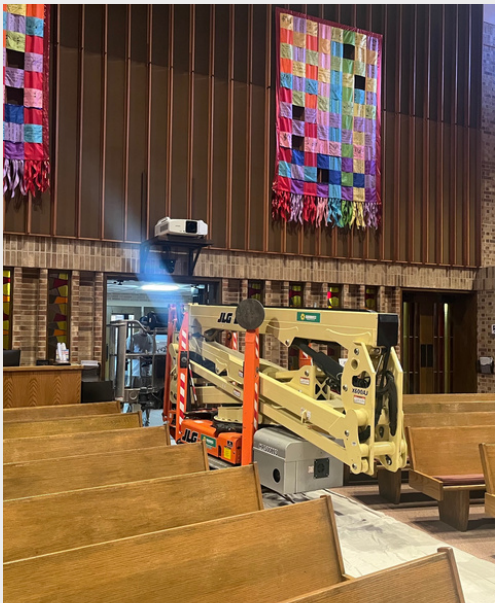
Centennial's Crewsers are a group of handy people who build, fix, and paint things around both Centennial Campuses. Crewsers meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 9am-12pm and alternate projects between the campuses. About 2-3 times a year they will also meet on a Saturday for extra projects.

Thursday, August 6th - Carpets were cleaned at SAP, CREWSERS were there to move chairs and furniture, plus they fixed the rain gutter down spouts around the building, getting the water to drain farther way from the foundation.

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

ROOF UPDATE

The week of August 24th the last little bit of the roof project was completed at the Roseville Campus! The ceiling inside the sanctuary and the exterior was stained. This part of the project was just cosmetic but we are excited to have this now wrapped up. A special thank you to all of the volunteers & staff who have been a part of this roofing project the past few years. A big BIG thank you specifically to Centennial member, Doug Swanson who helped us finish the project at a much better price than we had ever anticipated.





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.

Unitd Women in Faith members put their faith into action and spent time at Restoring Waters (ENS) providing prizes and playing bingo with the residents!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

It's 1903 and the women at St. Anthony Park congregation joined the heyday of church dining halls at the Minnesota State Fair. The women began under a tent, later progressing to a permanent building. An early menu offered standard dinner fare: soup, roast beef, potatoes, cabbage, pickles, tomatoes, bread, melon, ice cream, coffee, and tea.



Eventually, the dining hall closed, and in 1956, the congregation opened a sit-down stand close to the Grandstand and again covered with a tent. It could not be locked, so volunteers camped out in it at night to protect the contents. Members built a wooden stand in 1959 with a counter and stools. The menu still focused on full meals, plus sandwiches from the grill. Baked beans, pies, chili, cakes, and cookies were prepared and frozen at the church. During the fair, some of the many volunteers traveled between church and stand bringing food. All told, a huge undertaking raising funds supporting both church operating expenses and missions. By 1982 it is too much for the volunteers. The stand was sold.

A REMINDER FOR GROUPS

As we start to see a lot more programming going on at Centennial we just have a couple reminders for our groups & group leaders to help make programming as smooth as possible.

1. Space reservations need to go through our Director of Communications & Church Administration. We have a lot of groups that use our space so knowing who uses what space at one time is super important. It is also helpful so we can put it on the website calendar so others can find your group/event!
2. If you are hosting an event (not just a simple meeting) that requires set up or communication needs, an internal request form must be filled out. This ensures our communications and facilities staff can prepare what is needed in a timely manner.
3. Our facilities coordinator is a part time position and has many responsibilities outside of event set up so please remember if you move anything to move it back where it was when you found it, and to turn off any lights you turn on as you leave.
4. We now have the switch for the ADA door at the front entrance right on the door! So if you unlock the front door for an event you can now switch on the ADA door, but it needs to be shut off when you lock the door so the battery doesn't die.

If you have any questions please reach out to the Director of Communications & Church Administration or the Facilities Coordinator

REALM CONNECT

At the beginning of this program year is a great time to also get set up in 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.



Realm can be accessed on a web browser by searching onrealm.org or onrealm.org/centennialumcmn or you can download the Realm Connect App. When logging in, you will see a logo that says, "ACST powered by VANCO" you are in the right place, ACST is just their parent company.

When setting up the account initially it is easier to use the website but once you are all set up feel free to try out the app.

How To Get Started!

1. Create an account: To keep our database secure, to create a realm account you need to be sent an invite. You can let us know to send you an invite by either selecting it on your connect card on Sunday morning or emailing our Director of Communications & Church Administration | amcclintock@centennialumc.org. Once an invite is sent, you should receive an email prompting you to create a password for your new realm account.
2. Set up your preferences: Now that you are all logged in you will have access to our online directory! You can go into your profile and select your preferences on who can see your information in the directory.
3. Now you can Explore: You can now access the groups you are a part of, any meeting minutes for your group or from the leadership board, take attendance if you are a group leader, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and keep in contact with your fellow church members.



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Office Hours

by appointment only



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!



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

Join us for worship & a grill-out/potluck!

Welcome Sunday -Roseville Campus

Sunday, September 20th

Join us for worship & a ministry fair!



Paper Shredding Fundraiser Event

Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00am-11:00am

Roseville Campus Parking Lot

UWF will host a drive-thru paper shredding event in our parking lot to securely shred your documents! Donations support missions that empower women & support families in marginalized communities.

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!

