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# CENTENNIAL NEWS



## Kids FaithWalk February Service Project:

We're excited to be doing monthly service projects in kids FaithWalk! In January kids made bookmarks that will find their way to the Nagaland Library. In February we'll be making Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. On the LWR website they note: *A new baby is a blessing, but bringing a baby into the world can also be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable can take a lot of resources. Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits provide the basics a family needs to care for their newest members and introduce them to the world with pride.* If you'd like to donate an item or two, check out the Amazon Wishlist [\[HERE\]](#). Items can be dropped off at either campus or delivered to the Roseville campus on or before February 21<sup>st</sup>.

## • • GET CONNECTED • •

This is a copy of our Email Newsletter, all links referred to can be found at [www.centennialumc.org](http://www.centennialumc.org) when you click on the button that says "Upcoming Church Events."

You can also find information on our website about Small Groups, Care Teams, Service Opportunities, Kids & Youth Activities, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Adult Music Groups, and other Support.



## Join us for our Sunday Worship services:

Both campuses are reopened for in person worship - 9:30am at Roseville campus, 10:00am at SAP campus. Along with group meetings and other services if approved and scheduled through the church office.

### Preaching this week:

Roseville Campus: Pastor Jen Anderson  
St Anthony Park: Pastor Whitney Sheridan

## • TOP ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS •

### **We now are live streaming our 9:30 Sunday morning Roseville services on our YouTube channel!**

Visit our YouTube site [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to watch us live, and if you haven't already, be sure to sign in and subscribe to our channel if you have a google/gmail account! For those who do not wish to have YouTube/Google account, you can still watch the service by going to our YouTube page or using a search tool like Google or Bing, and search for: "Centennial United Methodist Church Roseville YouTube". Additionally, you can find past services on our YouTube account and you can watch YouTube on many devices, including your phone, smart TV and computer. If you need any additional help, here are a few resources: [\[How to create a Google account\]](#) [\[How to subscribe to a YouTube channel\]](#)

**New Saturday FaithWalk:** Have you ever read the letters of Paul and wondered just who he was? Do you want to deepen your faith by learning about his life and times? Please join Josh Melvin for a 6-week Bible study of Paul's life. This Saturday FaithWalk will be using a book called The Life of Paul Bible Study (Rose Visual Bible Studies) to learn more about Paul and his times. This FaithWalk class will meet on Zoom at 9:30am on Saturdays starting Saturday, February 19th. Email Pastor Jen [janderson@centennialumc.org](mailto:janderson@centennialumc.org) to join.

**Helping with Food Insecurity:** Every Meal is low on a key component -volunteers to help fill bags with food to be distributed to students including Edgerton Elementary where CUMC members volunteer. Their warehouse in Roseville has Covid safety precautions in place including mask requirements, social distancing, hand washing and vinyl gloves. If you have a day or evening available to do this in the next few months, go to [https://volunteer.everymeal.org/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=114209](https://volunteer.everymeal.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=114209) Scroll down and click on the month that will work for you to register. Contact Bonnie Koch, [toouray@aol.com](mailto:toouray@aol.com), Church and Society Co-Chair with questions.

**Financial Update on 2022 Church Finances:** As you know, we had a very strong finish to 2021, and we are thankful for God's goodness through the congregation's generosity. We have noted that 2022 would have its financial challenges. The Finance Ministry Team and Church Council are projecting a significant deficit and are working on a special drive to help with it. We will be sharing these plans with the congregation in the next few weeks.

## • CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

**RARES Thursday February 10 at 1pm:** History and Photos of Minnesota's Arrowhead Country, a presentation given by Tom and Diane Anderson. We will learn about the history of the region and see their beautiful photography. Join us for a fun afternoon! Sign up at the Connection Point or email Julia Nordling [parishnurse@centennialumc.org](mailto:parishnurse@centennialumc.org) if you are planning to attend.

### **Journey with Centennial through Lent (Ash Wednesday, March 2 – Easter, April 17):**

- Sign up [HERE](#) for this year's Lent box. Boxes are created for all ages to participate in spiritual practices throughout Lent and include supplies and instructions for a variety of activities to try.
- Sign up for a Life Together group (groups will be starting in early February, a bit before Lent and continuing into Lent).
- Pick up a 2022 Lenten Calendar and/or follow along on Facebook.

**ISAIAH has a great opportunity for understanding why social justice matters to each of us.** A training to reflect on our own why as we begin conversations with each other:

Relationship Building and Clarifying Your "Deep Why": Virtual Leadership Development Trainings

- Self-Interest and 1:1 Training (1.0 version):
- Mon Feb 7 from 6:15pm - 9:00pm: <https://secure.everyaction.com/1jX4ve44W0GZlr--kik77g2>
- Tue Feb 8 from 1:15pm - 4:00pm: [https://secure.everyaction.com/2dj2\\_cPoak-](https://secure.everyaction.com/2dj2_cPoak-)

**Caregiving resources:** Are you caring for a loved one with dementia? Would you like to share your experiences with others or receive support to help you on the caregiving journey? Lyngblomsten is offering several opportunities to engage in upcoming classes beginning in January. Explore these offerings and see which might be helpful for you: [Powerful Tools for Caregivers, January 2022 Programming eBulletin](#), [Memory Collective](#), [Memory Loss Caregivers Support Groups via Zoom](#), [Caregiver Service](#), [REACH Flyer](#).

**Reconciling Annual Gathering** - You are invited to join with other MN Reconciling United Methodists on Saturday, March 12 at 12:45. Our denomination is in limbo; there is racial unrest; we don't know what's happening with the pandemic. How do we survive this time of uncertainty? Come hear Rev. Leah Rosso, First UMC of the St. Cloud Region, speak on "How to take care of ourselves in times of turmoil" as well as hear Reconciling updates. The closest in-person gathering is at Good Samaritan UMC-Edina or you can view the live-stream at [www.fumcscr.org](http://www.fumcscr.org). If you have questions, please contact [debdietzman@gmail.com](mailto:debdietzman@gmail.com)

**Opportunity to get involved in our state's political process:** Our major political parties hold caucuses in February. This is your opportunity to be active in the political process at the grassroots level. You may volunteer as a delegate to the nominating conventions, and to support the issues and policies you care about. Note that in 2022, all state officials will be elected, so it is a year in which you have significant input to issues and nominations. For more information [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).

**2nd Half with Lyngblomsten online programming available for February!** The February Programming eBulletin for 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten is now available! Participate in a variety of online opportunities for older adults that will have you learning, laughing, and discovering with others from across the Twin Cities. Upcoming offerings include our popular Author! Author! series featuring Jeffery B. Burton, author of The Keepers, and John Sweeney Teaches: PowerPoint for Travel Pictures. View offerings and sign up today at [www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalfRegister](http://www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalfRegister). Our congregation is a member of Lyngblomsten, a Christian nonprofit organization providing healthcare, housing, and community-based services for older adults since 1906.

**UMW – Special Mission Recognition:** Each year Centennial United Methodist Women recognizes two individuals who actively expand and support mission and services in our church and community, with a gift to missions and service pin. This year's recipients are Debby Newman and Laurie Resch. Debby is an ardent advocate for people with disabilities, and inclusion for all, in her leadership roles at Centennial, the MN Annual Conference, and profession. Laurie is a distinguished educator, dedicated to raising community awareness of systemic racism and its impact on educational achievement; she is actively involved in Welcoming Ministries, FaithWalk, FLAMES and more. Please join us in congratulating them.

**UMW — A Mighty Force!** In 2021, Centennial UMW donated \$12,000 to world, national and local mission projects. In addition to financial support, CUMW collected and donated carloads of clothing and household items to support people experiencing homelessness and economic uncertainty through the Alley Shop, Simpson Housing, Emma Norton Residence, Walker Methodist, and the Dept. of Indian Works. UMW also advocated for mothers and children at the State Legislature to improve childcare and emergency services. And, together with Earth Keepers, CUMW applied a Minnesota Waste Wise grant to increase Centennial's recycling and composting to address climate change. We invite all women to join UMW in this commitment to solve humanitarian needs.

**Snow Emergency--Where to Check:** If worship or Sunday morning activities are being cancelled because of winter weather, we will notify the congregation via Facebook and congregational email. If activities other times of the week are being cancelled, the participants of those groups will be notified by their leadership.

**Giving Remotely:** We continue to value your gifts during this time, which allow staff and ministry to continue on in creative ways. There are multiple ways to give while you are away from the church building. Go to the website at <http://centennialumc.org/index.php/go-serve/giving>. And yes, we are happy to receive your contribution via the postal service. Our address is Centennial UMC, 1524 County Road C2 West, Roseville MN 55113. Thank you for helping us keep ministry strong.

Text the amount of your donation to:  
**844-945-2571**  
Then follow the directions on  
your phone to complete the donation.

QR code if you  
would like to  
give online.  
Thank You.



All Are  
Welcome

## • God At Work •

### Consider joining a Life Together Group:

As a church, we commit to walking alongside one another in our Christian faith. Which isn't the easiest to do in the midst of Covid, but it's also not impossible. We've found a number of creative ways to connect and we hope Life Together groups will be another avenue through which we can live out and deepen our Christian faith. There's more to Life Together groups than just simply getting together and sharing our stories, though sharing our stories is a core part of a Life Together group. As Tyler Sit writes in "Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers", "The goal of a Life Together group is for people to practice loving each other, and that loving includes naming how God is showing up in people's lives. ... To celebrate Life Together, to travel down the spiritual journey in groups, means having family traveling with you to remind you who loves you deeply. When we love each other, we learn how to love God; when we love God, we gain deeper capacity to love each other."



When you sign up for a Life Together group, you're making a short term commitment (6-9 weeks) to share a part of your story with others, to listen to others' stories, and to reflect back where you're hearing and seeing God in the midst of others' stories (and receiving affirmation of God in your midst as well).

During the first gathering of a Life Together group, participants will form a covenant together and decide on what question(s) they want to guide their story telling. These might be questions like:

- When was the last time you really felt alive?
- Who are you when you're not busy?
- What could you do all day without getting tired of it?

Each of the following meeting times will be dedicated to one individual sharing their story, with some time for participants to ask questions, and then closing with the group reflecting where they have seen and heard God in the midst of the life and story shared.

Initial groups will be forming and beginning in early February and continuing to meet into Lent. Sign up [\[HERE\]](#).