

March 14, 2021

# CENTENNIAL NEWS

## EASTER BUNNY DRIVE THROUGH:

SATURDAY, MARCH 27  
11:00-12:00 PM  
LANGFORD PARK



### We are Still Doing Church!

In partnership with Saint Paul Parks and Rec, Centennial is excited to invite you to an Easter Bunny Drive through, Check our Top Announcements section for details!

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Sunday online services:**  
Join Sunday worship for both campuses through our website, or our Youtube Channel. You can also join a live watch party for St. Anthony Park's worship with other members of the Centennial Community at 10:00am Sundays on our SAP Facebook page.

## • TOP ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS •

**Easter Bunny Drive through:** Saturday, March 27 | 11:00-12:00 pm | Langford Park

In partnership with Saint Paul Parks and Rec, Centennial is excited to invite you to an Easter Bunny Drive through. Come and see The Easter Bunny from the warmth of your car. Participants will enter the line at Raymond and Gordon – When you reach the front of Langford Park, you'll be handed bingo cards + crayons for the youth in your vehicle. As you drive along the park, mark which creatures you see roaming in the Langford Park Forest! At the end of the drive, your family will receive a treat bag and have the opportunity to say hi to the Easter Bunny. Everyone must remain in the vehicle for the entirety of the event. Masks are required when windows are down. Registration required – one registration per vehicle, please do not register individual family members. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

**Congregation, we need your help!** Palm Sunday is in just a few weeks and we want to see your smiling face as part of worship on this celebratory day. We are making a slideshow, to be viewed during worship, and want to include as many faces of our Centennial Family as possible. Please take a photo in landscape (horizontal) format that includes you. Please email your picture to [jeffcadwell@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffcadwell@yahoo.com) by March 22nd.

**Centennial's Antiracism Team has changed its name!** The former "Antiracism Team" is now called **Centennial for Racial Justice**. If you are interested in being included in an opt-in email Listserv to be notified of additional opportunities to take action and other news related to our antiracism work for racial justice as the church, please send an email to Karensa Fischer at [patinapatina@me.com](mailto:patinapatina@me.com). We will continue to publicize highlights using Centennial News, the website and Facebook.

**COVID VACCINE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Minnesota has expanded the availability of the Covid-19 vaccines and recently revised the criteria about who is currently eligible to receive a vaccine. If you seeking a vaccine and are over 65 years old and/or are now eligible for other reasons, you can schedule an appointment now at a variety of community vaccination sites (Walgreen's, Cub Foods, Walmart, etc.) or you can wait to be notified by your health care provider when they have vaccination appointments available. If you are having difficulties locating and scheduling a vaccination appointment at a community site, please contact Julia Nordling for assistance | 651-633-7644 | [parishnurse@centennialumc.org](mailto:parishnurse@centennialumc.org)

## • CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

**Easter egg stuffing update:** Thank you so much to all who picked up eggs to fill this past Sunday, please bring the filled bags back on Sunday, March 14th from 11-1pm in the Roseville campus parking lot. If you cannot make it then, you can drop them off to the Langford Park Recreation center March 15-19th weekdays from 2-6pm. Contact Amanda Schultz at [mandaroo112@gmail.com](mailto:mandaroo112@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Volunteers needed:** to fulfill costume characters for a bingo card scavenger hunt, make art displays and work traffic control for day of events on March 27th. The volunteer shift will be from 10:30-1pm. Masks are required of all volunteers and social distancing will be enforced while we spread joy to our neighbors this Easter! Sign up [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

### Lengthen Your Faith this Lent

- **2021 Lenten Calendar.** Journey through Lent with suggested spiritual practices and familiar faces sharing Scripture each day. Click [HERE](#) to follow along. Doors can be opened at midnight of the designated day, or any time after. March 14-20 will be door numbers 26 to 32.
- **Lenten Small Groups.** Several small groups will be reading and talking through Bishop Michael Curry's book "Love Is The Way". Find a group to join by clicking [HERE](#).

**Easter Donations:** With food insecurity impacting the short and long term health of so many of our community members, Church and Society has identified three regional organizations as recipients of our 2021 Easter donations.

**Every Meal**, formerly Sheridan, focuses on providing healthy, culturally appropriate meal bags for children and youth. Operating from a Roseville warehouse, they provide 30,000 meals per week through 300 schools. **Second Harvest Heartland** works with partners to provide meals that include fresh fruits and vegetables to support a balanced diet. They have seen a 60% increase in numbers of people seeking service. **Meals on Wheels** delivers nutritious midday meals and a social connection to seniors who are unable to prepare their own meals. They have seen a 30% increase in needs. A video describing each organizations' outreach will be shown in church services on Palm Sunday. Donations may be sent to CUMC, Roseville campus. Please enter "Easter Donation" on the memo line to distinguish it from the local March food share contributions.

**Altar Flowers:**

Today's green plant is given by Michael and Suzanne Sancilio in honor of Suzanne's mother Norma Brooks McMullen

**Trustees Move to Phase 2 Reopening:** On Tuesday evening March 2nd, the Board of Trustees (both campuses) voted to move to Reopening Phase 2 for the church buildings. For details [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

**Thank You:** Centennial church family I want to say thank you - thank you so very much - for the many cards and notes and calls you showered me with my 94th birthday. You made my day. Blessings to all and much love - Jo Slifer

**Thank you:** I want to thank you very much for all the cards, notes, phone calls I received for my 95th birthday. Also for the drive-by at Pat and Steve Torgrimsons' house. What an expression of love and well wishes and memories it was. Thank you thank you! - Joyce Markham

**UMW Day Apart:** Join via ZOOM on **Saturday, April 10, 11:00 – 11:45 am** as we honor the fourteen unique UMW members who died the past two years. Rev Kay Hacklander will share a time of meditation embracing our lives as well as memorialize these women as we share of their faith and time spent with us. Whether in body or spirit let our hearts come together for this Day Apart. Questions: Mim Heggerston | [mheggerston@gmail.com](mailto:mheggerston@gmail.com) | 763-528-3689 | ZOOM link to come.

**Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf:** serving the East side of St. Paul has food available for pick up every Saturday morning from 9:30-11:30 am. The Food Shelf is located at First Covenant Church, 1280 Arcade St. in St. Paul.

**Focus Supplemental Food Shelf:** ([www.focusmn.org](http://www.focusmn.org)) located at 550 Rice Street in St. Paul offers food staples to individuals and families on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10-11:30 am. Please bring an ID and proof of address.

**Growing Through Loss Series:** This 6-week series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session begins with an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by small groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Although there is no cost, donations are welcome. Registration takes place each evening before the program. Church affiliation is not necessary. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions. We will be following Abiding Savior Lutheran Church's facility use policy during this pandemic. Child care will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. Call 763-755-5335 or visit [www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org) for more information. The next series will be held Tuesday evenings, April 6<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church 8211 Red Oak Dr. Mounds View, MN 55112. Contact Julia Nordling at [parishnurse@centennialumc.org](mailto:parishnurse@centennialumc.org) or 651.633.7644 if you would like a brochure sent to you.

**Save the Date** for VBS June 14-18. More info to come!

**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.

## March Food Drive



Church and Society is working with Minnesota Food Share to help relieve hunger in our community. A record of more than 3.75 million visits to food shelves were expected in 2020. Children, seniors, and people with disabilities make up 71% of those receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the March Campaign, and over that time donations have provided more than one billion meals. Donations from the Centennial Food Drive will benefit the Ralph Reeder and Keystone food shelves. Items most needed are kid-friendly crackers (fish, teddy grahams, Ritz), pudding cups, tuna, mayonnaise, mac and cheese, hamburger and tuna helper, spaghetti sauce, canned chili, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry detergent, shampoo, diapers (size 6), and baby wipes. You can donate by dropping off items in the parking lot at the Roseville campus on Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 21 from 10:00 am - noon. SAP campus on Sundays, March 7 and March 28 from 11:00 am - noon and 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Or you can send your donation to Centennial United Methodist Church by March 28 with 'March Food Share' on the memo line. Financial donations go further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs. Thank you for helping to feed those in our community. Questions? Contact Sally McCarville 651-226-3871.