

March 21, 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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**Join us for our
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 •

Walk with Jesus through Holy Week in Our Centennial Worship Life:

- Palm Sunday March 28th: Online services for both Roseville and Saint Anthony Park
- Maundy Thursday April 1st: Joint online service, hosted by Roseville worship team
- Good Friday April 2nd: Joint online service, hosted by Saint Anthony Park worship team
- Easter Sunday April 4th: Online services for both Saint Anthony Park and Roseville—Share Easter Traditions & Faith Stories with Pastor Brian at 10:30 on Zoom at [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

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 for Palm Sunday!

- **Roseville:** We want to see your smiling faces as part of worship on this celebratory day. We're making a slideshow, to be viewed during the Roseville worship, and we want to include as many faces of our Centennial Family as possible. Please take a photo in landscape (horizontal) format that includes you. Email your picture to jeffcadwell@yahoo.com by Monday, March 22nd.
- **SAP:** We want to bring back the exuberant joy we used to see with our kids in worship in the sanctuary. We need videos of your child/children showing off their best dance moves. If your kids want to wave Palm branches, scarves (or even dance with potted ferns!) we want to see that childlike joy that we miss and the joy that was expressed when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday! Please send 10-30 second clips and record videos horizontal. The song they dance to doesn't matter because the audio will be stripped and we'll have the videos together with one unified song to open our Palm Sunday service for the SAP campus. Send videos to David Linstad at baloopictures@gmail.com no later than Sunday March 21st. For questions contact Amanda at mandaroo112@gmail.com

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Easter Offering: With food insecurity impacting the short and long term health of so many of our community members, the Church and Society Committee 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.

Stimulus Appeal: As you saw in the announcement just before this one, our Easter offering has been designated by the Church & Society Committee to be given to three organizations that address food insecurity: Second Harvest, Every Meal, and Meals on Wheels. Our Church & Society Committee joins with the Finance Ministry Team in asking you to consider donating all or part of the proceeds of your stimulus check to Centennial's overall ministries. We know that not

everyone is at the place where they can consider this, or there may be other priorities that you have, but we thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration. Your generosity is always appreciated. In this time of stimulus payments for many, and looking further ahead for Centennial, the Finance Ministry Team is projecting a possible \$200,000 shortfall for 2022. The Finance Team always seeks to be responsible with our church's finances and plan ahead. While 2021 continues to look positive, everything we can do now will help.

Volunteers needed: we still need at least 5 -10 more volunteers to make it happen! 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 [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

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

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 21-27 will be door numbers 33-39.
- **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](#).

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. We will continue to publicize highlights using Centennial News, the website and Facebook.

Altar Flowers:

Today's green plant is given by Julie Elholm in celebration of her significant other Dean's 70th Birthday.

Preaching this week:

Roseville Campus: Derek Emery, Senior High Youth Director
St Anthony Park: Rev Amanda Lunemann

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

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 [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

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 | 763-528-3689 | ZOOM link to come.

Caring for others? Connect with 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten for support. Are you or someone you know helping a spouse, parent, friend, or neighbor with memory loss and you're looking for support? Connect with 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten for help in navigating your caregiving journey. The 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten Caregiver Services team is available for telephone support, education, access to resources, support groups, caregiver coaching, an online group e-

respite program for persons experiencing memory loss, and more. **Due to the pandemic, The Gathering (in-person group respite program) continues to be temporarily suspended.** Our congregation is partnered in ministry with Lyngblomsten, a senior services organization whose 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten life enrichment centers are connecting adults ages 50+ to community services, resources, and opportunities for enhancing their quality of life. For more information, visit www.lyngblomsten.org/caregiving or contact them at (651) 632-5320 or caregiving@lyngblomsten.org.

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) 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 for more information. The next series will be held Tuesday evenings, April 6th through May 11th, 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 or 651.633.7644 if you would like a brochure sent to you.

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.

• God At Work •

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.

