

Congregational

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Autumn Ridge Church family for your loving prayers, thoughts, and visits during my recent hip surgery.
~Honey Bee Russ (and Queen Nancy) Young

SAFE FAMILIES

March training session:
March 24 from 6-9pm in LC101.
Contact Joy McAfee, director of Safe Families-Southern MN at joy@safefamiliesmn.org.

LEAD UP

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MEN'S LEAD UP CONFERENCE

Friday, April 10: 7:00-9:30pm
Saturday, April 11: 8:30-11:30 am

\$30 Advance Registration
\$35 at the Door
At Autumn Ridge Church

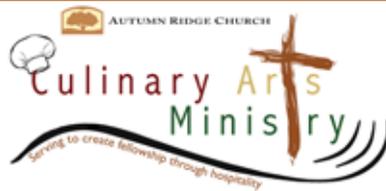
Join nationally-known speaker, Dr. Rick Rigsby, for a weekend of powerful biblical teaching. Rick is a favorite speaker at Promise Keepers, Wildfire, Men at the Cross, and Iron Sharpens Iron. In addition, Dr. Rigsby speaks in chapel services for teams in the National Football League.

Register at www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org.

EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS

Purchase your Easter memorial plant today. Order forms are available at a table in both lobbies. Return your completed form to the Information Desk or the church office with your payment of cash or check made out to Autumn Ridge Church.

Deadline for orders is March 25.



SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

March 28 Menu:

Baked Manicotti, Tuscan Style Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Peach Tart

The Saturday Night Dinner is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (12 and under). Please reserve your dinner by Friday at noon online at AutumnRidgeChurch.org/meals

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CAFE

Join us for hospitality and fellowship in the CENTER, and enjoy food items for the whole family from light, kid-friendly foods to box dinners, even salads and soup. Each à la carte item is either \$.75 or \$1, and box dinners are only \$4. We serve each Wednesday from **5:15-6:30pm**. No reservations needed.

WELCOME, GUESTS

If you are a first-time guest, stop by the NEWCOMER CONNECTION in the lobby by Christos Bookcenter to receive your gifts. The staff at the NEWCOMER CONNECTION would like to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

GIFTS FOR FIRST-TIME GUESTS

Come to the NEWCOMER CONNECTION to select a book to take home with you at no charge. Please take a gift bag that includes information about our church and our ministries. The bag also includes a coupon good for a free Saturday Night Dinner for your entire family, a coupon for the Sunday morning CENTER Café, and a 10% off coupon for Christos Bookcenter.

New Sermon Series
see more at
www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org

February 28-March 1 JESUS EXPLAINS HIS CROSS Mark 8:27-38	March 21-22 JESUS AT THE LAST SUPPER Mark 14:12-26
March 7-8 JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN Mark 9:2-13	March 28-29 Palm Sunday JESUS IN THE GARDEN Mark 14:32-51
March 14-15 JESUS AT BETHANY Mark 14:1-11	April 3 Good Friday JESUS ON THE CROSS Mark 15:21-47

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Children are always welcome in our services, but if your child gets fussy, please move to the Parents' Room which is located opposite the Christos Bookcenter.

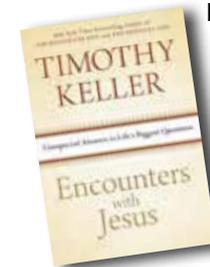
CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Join us Friday evenings for support to become free from addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. Childcare is provided. We have worship at 7:00pm, small groups at 8:00pm, and Solid Rock Cafe at 9:00pm. For more information contact Gary Seaquist at garyseaquist@gmail.com or 287-9101.

Christos Bookcenter

Mon-Thurs: 10am-6pm, Sat: 5-7pm, Sun: 8:30am-12:30pm

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Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life's Biggest Questions by Timothy Keller

Popular author, Tim Keller, shows how the central events and meetings in Jesus' life can change our own lives forever because the people who met Jesus Christ in person faced the same big life questions we face today. This book will expand your mind and stir your heart.

Good News for Weary Women: Escaping the Bondage of To-Do Lists, Steps, and Bad Advice by Elyse M. Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Fitzpatrick attests that a woman's highest calling is to believe in and love the gospel, and then to live life in the light of all Jesus has done for her. Don't feel as if the weight of the world is on your shoulders, and your worth is measured by your to-do lists. Are you exhausted? There is hope!



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Friday May 8, 7 PM

\$25 and \$35

The best in Christian music today,
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**AROUND 150 TICKETS LEFT -
ACT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

Equipping Ministers of Autumn Ridge Church

Senior Pastor C. John Steer
Executive Pastor, Children Pat Wester
Adoration Worship Allen Hightower
Students Jason Motte, James Allen
Community & Leadership Dev Andy Kumpel
Ministry Development Karen Foster
Care and Enrichment Dan Farm
Missions Woody Roland
Next Chapter Ministries Andy Kilen

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RidgeLines deadline is 1 week prior to published date



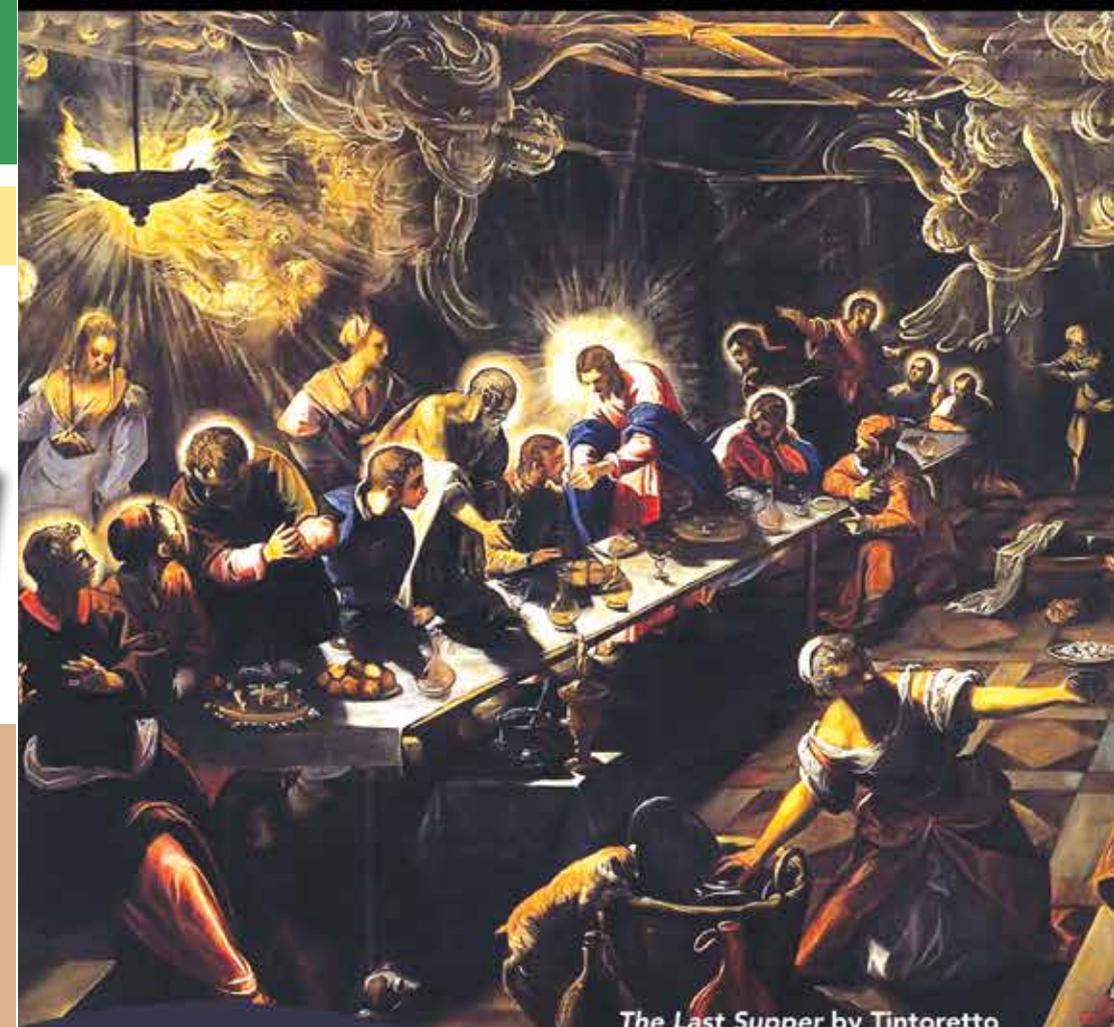
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RIDGE LINES
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JESUS AT THE LAST SUPPER



The Last Supper by Tintoretto

Saturday 5:30 PM Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday 10:30 AM

Our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who love God and serve people.

MARCH 21-22, 2015



COMING BACK TO THE STATES

Our missionaries in Albania, Amos and Meredith, are beginning to make plans for their first ministry home assignment in the States. When they return to Albania, they will be looking for a location to begin a new church plant. So far, they have taken a few survey trips to other cities and regions in Albania and are asking for the Lord's direction. They are specifically looking for a "less-reached" city where they can begin this work.

"I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls to Christ."
~David Brainerd

SEEKING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are seeking a qualified individual to work fulltime (32 hrs/wk) with our Children's Ministries Team at Autumn Ridge Church.

This person will be responsible for assisting the Children's Ministries staff in administrative support functions. Excellent computer skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher are essential.

This person will also oversee the Children's Welcome Desk, assisting in recruiting and training volunteers, and will work as a part of the Children's Ministries Team to implement the vision of Autumn Ridge Church in the lives of children.

Contact Pastor Pat Wester at 288-8880 or e-mail him at wester.pat@AutumnRidgeChurch.org for additional information.



WILL YOU BE A MENTOR?

Next Chapter Ministries currently needs mentors for a 7-year-old girl, a 6-year-old girl, and two teen girls. Being a mentor is not a program that you have to make time for. It's building relationships with someone by including him or her in what you are already doing...whether it's hanging out at your house, playing games, or reading a book at the library. There are as many ways to do this as there are individuals. Next Chapter has support and training materials for you and will be glad to answer any questions you have about mentoring.

For more information, call 529-5799 or visit www.NextChapterRochester.org.

Next Chapter Ministries is a local organization committed to building lasting relationships with people that have been affected by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community with the Gospel of God.

2015 RESURRECTION RUN

All runners, joggers, and walkers are invited to join us for the annual Autumn Ridge **Resurrection Run** on **Saturday, April 4 at 10:00am**.

This 5K run will start and finish at the church. Please meet at the Skybridge.

Following the run we will enjoy refreshments in the Upper Room and a brief biblical challenge on running the Christian race.

Register at www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org. There is no charge for the run, but registration assists with planning refreshments.

Registration closes on Thursday, April 2.



Ushering is a vital part of the ministry of Autumn Ridge. It's a great way to meet new people, and let them know you're glad they're here. You get to share a smile and greet people as you direct them to their seats.

Being a member of our ushering staff may be a good place for you to connect by serving at Autumn Ridge.

If this sounds like a great area for you, please contact serving@autumnridgechurch.org.



BAKLAVA, TURKISH COFFEE, AND THE HOLY LAND

All are invited to a presentation by those who recently returned from the Holy Land.

Travelers will have souvenirs from their pilgrimage on display, and there will be a slide presentation and time for questions. Baklava pastry and Turkish coffee will be served.

All are welcome. Please join us on **March 29 from 2:30-4:00pm in The Upper Room** (2nd room on the right when you enter from the skybridge).

EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE

Live Simulcast will be hosted at Calvary Evangelical Free Church April 10-11, 2015

Empowered To Connect is a two-day conference for adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders, and professionals, designed to help them connect with children from hard places in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be.

\$20 per person/\$30 per couple. Register at www.calvaryefc.org/resources/news/685-empowered-to-connect-adoption-conference

Registration deadline: April 2, 2015.

April 10-11, 2015, Simulcast 9am - 5pm. Check-in 8:15-8:45am

Coffee and light snacks will be available during morning and afternoon breaks. No childcare.

Contact Kathy Bergquist with questions: KBergquist88@gmail.com.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

March 25 Second Mission Trip
April 1 No WBS lecture - Spring Break



KEEPING IT REAL: REAL WOMEN, REAL FAITH, AND A VERY REAL GOD

April 24-25, 2015

Autumn Ridge Church

Liz Curtis Higgs, Marian Jordan Ellis, and Nicole C. Mullen are this year's guests. Go to www.DevotedHeartsRochester.com for additional information about these women, details about the conference, and to register.

Register before March 31, and the ticket price is only \$48. Group tickets are also available. For every 10 tickets purchased, you will receive one complimentary ticket. devotedheartsrochester@gmail.com or call 507-289-2415.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TRAIL LIFE BOYS

Meets every other Monday
6:15 to 7:45pm
Next meeting: **April 6**

For more information, go to www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/children or email

Children@AutumnRidgeChurch.org.



Explore the Ridge

If you are new to Autumn Ridge, the "Explore the Ridge" class is a wonderful way to meet a pastor and explore our facilities. Find us in the Living Room off the main lobby this Sunday at 9:00am or 10:30am.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUBS

6:30 - 8:00pm

K15 Preschool - 5th Grade

March & April Meeting Dates:
3/25, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29

March 25: Aloha Fest - Pull out your sunglasses, flip-flops, and shorts tonight as we wait PATIENTLY for the arrival of summer.

April 1: No Kids' Club - Spring Break

DISCIPLEKIDS WEEKEND CLASSES

Saturdays at 5:30pm:

Classes for infant - K15 Preschool

Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am:
Classes for infant - 5th Grade

Elementary students are encouraged to attend class for one hour and then attend a worship service with their families during another service.

BARNABAS MINISTRY

Sundays at 10:30am in the **Maninka Room**
Kids and teens with disabilities are invited to join us for a class on Sundays.

SAVE THE DATE

SHINE Festival

June 15-18: 6-8PM

Harriet Bishop and Bamber Valley Schools



March: New Hats

Benefitting: Heavenly Hats

See flyer at any Children's check-in station for more information.

Young Adult Ministries



SINGLES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. Meeting in March at the home of Al & Marilyn Leske (2417 19th Street NW, Rochester).

YOUNG MARRIEDS DINNER

You are invited to our next dinner on Sunday, **March 29 at Newt's North** (5231 E Frontage RD NW). Meet us after the 10:30 service near the Living Room or join us there.

Student Ministries



Mosaic Student Night:

Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm

(Not meeting March 29 or April 5)

Middle School Small Groups:

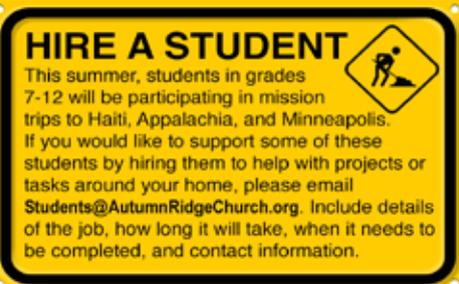
Sundays (during Mosaic)

(Not meeting March 29 or April 5)

High School Small Groups:

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

(Not meeting April 1)



MOMS AND TEEN DAUGHTERS

Save the Date!

Healing Hearts Walking Together Conference: Oct. 2-3, 2015



REGISTER FOR FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp is August 1-7, 2015

Charlie Cleverly, our speaker for this year, is coming all the way from England. Please pick up a registration form at the Info Link or in the Living Room. Registration information is included on the form. Register soon, as space and lodging options are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions about Camp? Email Pastor Andy Kumpel at Kumpel.Andy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org or Mark Foley at markkfoley@hotmail.com.

www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/familycamp