

## Congregational

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the lovely Easter cards. It's very much appreciated. ~ Dale Laun

Thank you for all the beautiful Easter cards. I am overwhelmed with thanks for such a wonderful blessing. ~ Sherri Scott

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ben and Dr. Ana Creo on the birth of Gabriel Cole on April 3. He joins a sister, Chloe, age 3.



### GREETINGS FROM PASTOR STEER

Today I am in Thessaloniki, Greece with 40 Autumn Ridgers. We are traveling in the footsteps of Paul. Thessalonica was one of the churches Paul founded during his second missionary journey. He wrote two letters to this fellowship. Tomorrow we will move on to Philippi.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Easter services last weekend such a joyful occasion.

Your friend and pastor, C. John Steer

## devoted hearts 2015



APRIL  
24-25

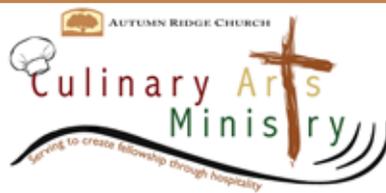
### KEEPING IT REAL: REAL WOMEN, REAL FAITH, AND A VERY REAL GOD

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](http://www.DevotedHeartsRochester.com) for additional information about these women, details about the conference, and to register.

Group tickets are available. For every 10 tickets purchased, you will receive one complimentary ticket. [ticket.devotedheartsrochester@gmail.com](mailto:ticket.devotedheartsrochester@gmail.com) or call 507-289-2415.



### SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

April 18 Menu: Brats/Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Brownies

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](http://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.

### OUR GIVING TO GOD

Given Last Week

Offerings: \$ 97,450  
Easter Benevolent: \$ 13,209

*Command them to do good,  
to be rich in good deeds, and to be  
generous and willing to share.*

1 Timothy 6:18

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**ONLY A FEW SEATS REMAIN—  
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

## 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](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

### INVESTING 101

HOW TO HAVE A PROFITABLE LIFE



## 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.

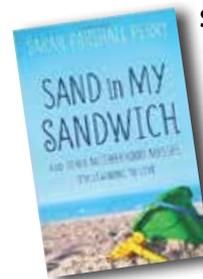
### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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](mailto:garyseaquist@gmail.com) or 287-9101.

## Christos Bookcenter

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

[ChristosOfAutumnRidge.com](http://ChristosOfAutumnRidge.com) • 507-252-9090



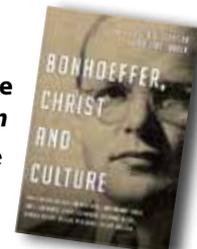
### Sand in My Sandwich: and other Motherhood Messes I'm Learning to Love by Sarah Parshall Perry

The author is mother of three children, two of whom are on the autism spectrum. She has experienced plenty of ups and downs, and says, "The hardest stuff is the quickest way to God." But from the chaos of her "ordinary" life, she pulls truth packed with humor, poignancy, and a naked honesty that will make you realize you are not alone in this thing called motherhood.

### Bonhoeffer, Christ and Culture

Edited by Keith L. Johnson and Timothy Larson

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was one of the most compelling theologians of the 20th century. The authors are Wheaton College professors and introduce new perspectives and interpretations of Bonhoeffer's life, witness, theology, and legacy.



### Equipping Ministers of Autumn Ridge Church

Senior Pastor ..... C. John Steer  
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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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# RIDGE LINES

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OF AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH

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# INVESTING IN MY CHARACTER

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.

APRIL 11-12, 2015



**MEET MICHAEL KIMPUR**

Sunday evening there will be "Sandwiches and Sodas" with Michael Kimpur at **6:00pm in the Common Grounds Cafe**. Michael is the subject of the book, *Poor Millionaires*. There is no charge for this event.

**GOING TO GUINEA**

Please pray for Autumn Ridgers Ivahn Dockter, Eugene Frank, and Pastor Woody Roland as they make final plans for their long-anticipated trip to Compassion Evangelical Hospital in May.

They will be working on establishing cellphone and Internet connections for the hospital, training staff in the use of the digital x-ray machine, and teaching a marriage seminar for local leaders.

They will also make preparations for the team traveling in November to build the solar electricity installation.

Once again, thank you for all who have supported this strategic ministry in Guinea.



**MATCHING GRANT**

The Rochester Area Foundation has graciously offered us a \$6,000 matching grant to do some much needed renovations in our Lighthouse Youth Home. Now we need your help to match it!

Please visit our website, [NextChapterRochester.org](http://NextChapterRochester.org), or check out this month's ARC Magazine to read more about the renovations, how they will help benefit our youth program, and how you can get involved.

For more information, call 529-5799 or visit [www.NextChapterRochester.org](http://www.NextChapterRochester.org).

*Next Chapter Ministries is committed to building relationships with people that have been impacted by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community.*

**ELECTRICIAN NEEDED**

**Compassion Evangelical Hospital Solar Solution**

In late October or early November, a team from Autumn Ridge will be travelling to Compassion Evangelical Hospital in Guinea, to install a solar solution for 24/7 electricity. The team is in need of a master electrician or, as a minimum, someone experienced in 3-phase and commercial electrical installations.

If you are interested in using your talents/skills to serve the Lord, this is an excellent opportunity. Please contact Ivahn Dockter at 250-0590 or [ivahndockter@gmail.com](mailto:ivahndockter@gmail.com).



**REGISTER FOR FAMILY CAMP AT FORT WILDERNESS!**

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 [Andy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Andy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or Mark Foley at [markfoley@hotmail.com](mailto:markfoley@hotmail.com).

For detailed information about Family Camp, visit the Autumn Ridge website at [www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/familycamp](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/familycamp)



**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TRAIL LIFE BOYS**

Meets every other Monday 6:15 to 7:45pm

Next meeting: **April 20**

For more information, go to [www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/children](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/children) or email [Children@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Children@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).



**SUNDAY CAFE CLEANING CREW**

Sunday morning we serve hundreds of people in the Center Café. If you are looking for a place to serve only once a month, consider helping clean up between 10:15 and 11:15 on Sunday morning. Contact Christopher Zoellner at [kitchen@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:kitchen@autumnridgechurch.org) or 288-8880.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE 2015**

Whether you have lost a loved one this year or in a previous year, we invite you to join us as we remember them and give glory to God for their lives. Refreshments will be served following the service.

**Sunday, May 3 • 6PM • Timothy Chapel**

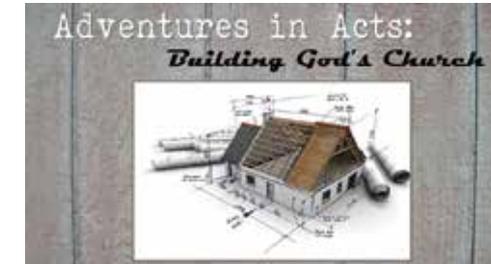
We ask that you register for this service by writing your name, the name of your loved one, and your relationship to them on a welcome card or on a registration card that can be found at the reception desk upstairs and at the Information Link in the Main Lobby.

For more information, contact Pastor Dan Farm at 288-8880, [Farm.Dan@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Farm.Dan@AutumnRidgeChurch.org), or Gail Shores at 289-1140.

**OASIS**

Please join us for good food and fellowship at the **Stewartville Pizza Ranch on Tuesday, April 21, 12:00pm**. Cost is \$9.63 per person.

**RSVP** by Sunday, April 19 to Bob and Mary Ellen Manthei at 281-8044.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**April 15 Opposition**  
**April 22 Standing Trial for your Faith**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUBS**

**6:30 – 8:00pm**

K15 Preschool – 5th Grade

**April Meeting Dates:**  
4/15, 4/22, 4/29

**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, 6:00 – 8:00pm  
Harriet Bishop and Bamber Valley Schools

**Science Camp**

June 29 – July 2, 9:00 – 11:30am  
Children completing 3rd – 5th Grades

**FCA Youth Sports Camp**

July 6 – 9, RCTC Field House  
Children completing 1st – 7th Grades

**Art Camp**

July 13 – 16, 9:00 – 11:30am  
Children completing 3rd – 5th Grades

**Creation Camp**

July 27 – 30, 9:00 – 11:30 am  
Children completing K – 5th Grade

**Upward Soccer**

August 3 – October 10  
Registration begins April 27  
Children entering K – 5th Grade in the fall  
For information and registration go to [www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/soccer](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/soccer)



**April:** Gift Cards  
**Benefitting:** Safe Families  
See flyer at any Children's check-in station for more information.

**Student Ministries**

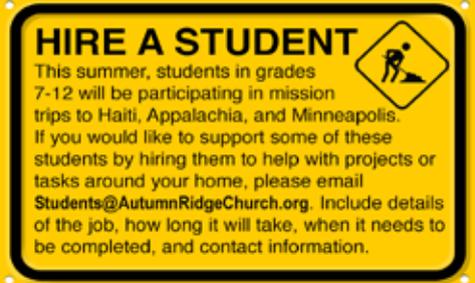


**Mosaic Student Night:**  
Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm

**Middle School Small Groups:**  
Sundays during Mosaic

**High School Small Groups:**  
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

**Missions Training April 19:**  
Minneapolis and Appalachia 4:00-5:30pm  
Haiti: 7:00-8:30pm



**MOMS AND TEEN DAUGHTERS**

**Save the Date - October 3**

**Walking Together Conference**

Moms and daughters often struggle through the teen years, setting patterns that can be difficult to overcome. Healing Hearts' *Walking Together Conference* will give you powerful biblical tools to improve a great relationship or bring healing to a troubled one. If you are a mom or teen daughter, don't miss this incredibly important opportunity. It can only change your life for the better! For more information or to register, go to [healinghearts.org](http://healinghearts.org), and click on **Mother/Daughter Conference**.

**Young Adult Ministries**



Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. Meeting in April at the home of Jeff and Jo Kuball (4415 Stratford Lane NW, Rochester).

**YOUNG MARRIEDS DINNER**

You are invited to our next dinner on **Saturday, April 18 at HuHot Mongolian Grill** (Apache Mall). Meet us after the service near the Living Room or join us there.



**Kids and Screen Time: How to End the Family Feud**

**April 18 | 9:00am - 12:00pm**



Jim & Lynne Jackson

- Keep technology from saturating your time and negatively impacting relationships
- Engage your child in conversation
- Model self-control and balance

**Tickets \$10/person, or \$15/person at the door**

**Purchase tickets and register online at [AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org)**