

September 5-6, 2015

*Ridge Lines:* CONNECTING TO  
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY



*Welcome, Guests!*

If you are a first-time guest, stop by the **NEWCOMER CONNECTION** in the lobby by Christos Bookcenter to meet some friendly people. The staff at the Newcomer Connection would like to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. 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**.

Please know that children are always welcome in our services. If your child gets fussy, we have a **PARENTS' ROOM**, located opposite the Christos Bookcenter that will allow you to see and hear what's happening in the sanctuary. An usher would be happy to assist you, if needed.



**Next Week! Three Years of Truth**  
**Isaiah 40:8 ~The word of our God will stand forever.**

## CONNECT WITH US

### ONGOING & UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Download the **AUTUMN RIDGE APP** from iTunes or Google Play for details.

#### CHILDREN

**Children's Ministry Volunteer Training**, Sept. 9, 6:30 pm, Common Grounds.  
**Kids' Club**: K16-5th Grade **begins** Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm **Sept. 16**.  
**Autumn Ridge Kids**: Infants-5th Grade during the services.  
**Barnabas**: Special Needs Ministry, ages 5-18, **Begins Sept. 13**. Sundays, 10:30 am, LC102.

#### STUDENTS

**Mosaic**: Grades 6-12, Sundays, 5:30-7:00 pm. **Resumes Sept. 13**.  
**High School Small Groups**: Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm, most meet offsite.

#### COLLEGE-AGED

Ages 18-24. Fridays, 7:00 pm in the Lighthouse. **Resumes Sept. 11**.

#### YOUNG MARRIEDS

**Our next dinner** is Saturday, September 26, after the 5:30 service, at **La Poblana** (1121 Civic Ctr Dr). Meet in the lobby or at the restaurant.

#### MEN

**Men's Fall Kick-off BBQ**: Sunday, Sept. 13, 6:00 pm, Common Grounds  
**Men's Bible Study**: Fridays, 6:00-7:30 am.

#### WOMEN

**Women's Bible Study (WBS)**: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 am & 6:30-8:00 pm.  
**Resumes Sept. 16**.  
**Precept study** on book of Luke **begins Sept. 8** at 9:30am or 7:00pm.

#### SENIORS (OASIS)

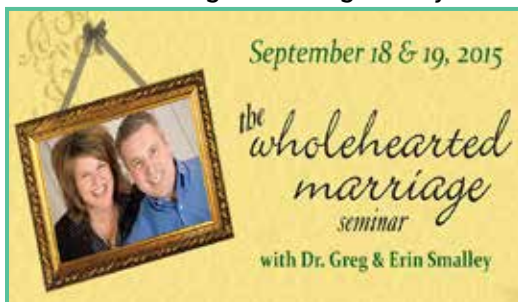
**Sept. 15** trip to Alpaca farm & museum. **Leave church at 8:15am**. \$10+lunch.

#### SERVING AT ARC

This week's ministry focus: **Upward Soccer**  
Upward Soccer is seeking Devotion Leaders for Sept.-Oct. Games are on Saturdays from 10:30-2:00. Devotions are provided. Contact Jordan Meyer if you can help at 288-8880 or [meyer.jordan@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:meyer.jordan@autumnridgechurch.org).

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

[AutumnRidgeChurch.org/smallley](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/smallley)



[AutumnRidgeChurch.org/wof](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/wof) for details



[AutumnRidgeChurch.org/walking-together](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/walking-together)



[AutumnRidgeChurch.org/arts](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/arts) for details



## THIS WEEK: CLASSES & EVENTS FOR SEPT 5 - SEPT 11

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 5:30 pm Emmaus Service
- 5:30 pm Classes for infant to K16 - Children's Wing
- 6:40 pm Saturday Night Dinner - Common Grounds Cafe

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00 am Adoration Service
- 9:00 am Classes for infant to K16 - Children's Wing
- 9:00 am Explore the Ridge campus tour - Main Lobby
- 9:00 am Rochester MN Chinese Church Sunday School - Timothy Chapel
- 10:30 am Rochester MN Chinese Church worship service - Timothy Chapel
- 10:30 am Explore the Ridge campus tour - Main Lobby
- 10:30 am Celebration Service
- 10:30 am Classes for infant to K16 - Children's Wing
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Class: Genesis - Common Grounds Cafe
- 5:30 pm Mosaic Student Night (grades 6-12) - **Not Meeting** until Sept 13

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- Labor Day Church offices closed

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 9:30 am Precept Bible Study on the Book of Luke - Luther Room
- 6:30 pm Volleyball - CENTER Gym
- 7:00 pm Precept Bible Study on the Book of Luke - Luther Room

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:00 am Men's Ministry Bible Study - Upper Room
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Upper Room
- 7:00 pm College-Aged Ministry - Lighthouse

## UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Ministry/Event	Date(s)	Details
Middle School Retreat	Sept 25-27	Village Creek Bible Camp, Lansing, IA
High School Retreat	Oct 23-25	Camp Foster YMCA, Spirit Lake, IA
Men's Retreat at Ft. Wilderness	Sept 10-13 or 11-13	Check Men's website for details.
Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	Sept 15, 6:55pm	Check Men's website for details.
Promise Keepers Men's Conference	Oct 9-10	Grace Church Eden Prairie. <a href="http://PromiseKeepers.org">PromiseKeepers.org</a>
Woman2Woman Mentoring	Oct 1	Check women's website for details.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$ 87,263**

## MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Elise H. is being sent by Autumn Ridge Church to minister in Asia with Bethany Mission during the next 16 months. We will have a prayer of commissioning for Elise in each of the Sunday services this weekend. On Sunday afternoon there will be an open house for Elise in the Upper Room (across from the church offices) between 2:00 and 4:00pm.

# THE GRAND ILLUSION

by Brad Anderson,  
Elder Board Chair

AS WE HAVE RECENTLY READ IN THE PRESS, the Ashley Madison website - which connects married people who want to have an extramarital affair - was hacked and nearly 37 million email addresses were leaked. Think about it: **37 million. An untold number of families will break apart.**

In 2000, a good friend of mine and groomsman in my wedding was in a very serious car accident and became a quadriplegic. His wife has stood by him for 15 years in a very difficult situation that most of us can't begin to imagine. What a contrast to Ashley Madison!

Love and hate (or perhaps worse, indifference), good and evil are real. As I go about my daily life in an environment of professional courtesy and "Minnesota nice," and interact with people who appear to have no spiritual need, it is easy to get lulled into thinking I am living in some type of moral neutral zone, void of the battle of good and evil. **It is a grand illusion.** I need only to look at the battle in my own soul to realize nothing could be further from the truth.

It is in the midst of this battle, we are called to be salt and light. Not to the church, but to the world. As is written: *"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.... In the same way, let your light shine before others."* *"And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."* (Matthew 5: 14,16; 2 Corinthians 5: 19, 20)

May the Spirit of God give us sensitivity to discern the battle we are in and the wisdom to be the ambassadors we are.

## CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

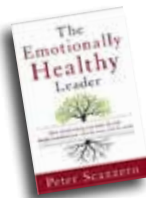
[AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/CHRISTOS](http://AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/CHRISTOS)

MON - THURS: 10AM-6PM, SAT: 5-7PM, SUN: 8:30AM - 12:30 PM

507-252-9090

### ***The Emotionally Healthy Leader: How Transforming Your Inner Life Will Deeply Transform Your Church, Team, and the World* ~by Peter Scazzero**

The author, a world authority on emotional health, offers new hope to anyone seeking to grow and develop as a leader.



### ***Every Child Welcome: A Ministry Handbook for Including Kids with Special Needs.* ~by Katie Wetherbee and Jolene Philo**

This book is filled with compassionate and practical help for church and special needs ministries. Every minister to children should read this in order to welcome children with learning, behavioral and physical disabilities.



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RidgeLines or ARC Magazine:

[Publicity@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Publicity@AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

DEADLINES: ARC Magazine-1 month prior to date

RidgeLines-1 week prior to date

**Saturday**  
**5:30 pm**

Band

**Sunday**  
**9:00 am**

Choir & Orchestra

**Sunday**  
**10:30 am**

Band

## Contact Us

**Call the church office at 507-288-8880**

You may contact our staff via email at:

[Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

### **Senior Pastor**

C. John Steer

### **Admin & Children**

Pat Wester

### **Counseling & Care**

Dan Farm

### **Missions**

Woody Roland

### **Serving**

Karen Foster

### **Small Groups**

Paul McDonald

### **Students**

Jason Motte

James Allen

### **Worship**

Allen Hightower

April Rowe

For a complete listing of our leadership team please visit the church website at:

[www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership)