



Dec. 26-27, 2015

*Ridge Lines:* CONNECTING TO  
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

HOPE HAS ARRIVED

*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.



**Quarter 2: Community:** December 19-27

**"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another** with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." ~Colossians 3:16

## ONGOING MINISTRY OFFERINGS (check website or ARC App for specific details)

Children	Disciple Kids (weekend programs)	Infant-PreK	Sat., 5:30pm	Children's Wing
	Disciple Kids (weekend programs)	Infant-Grade 5	Sun., 9:00 & 10:30am	Children's Wing
	Barnabas Ministry (Special Needs)	5-18 years	Sun., 10:30am	LC102
	American Heritage Girls	Girls 5-18 years	1st & 3rd Mon., 6:15-7:45pm	Children's Wing
	Trail Life USA	Boys K-Grade 5	1st & 3rd Mon., 6:15-7:45pm	Upper Room
	Kids' Club (midweek programs)	PreK-Grade 5	Wed., 6:30-8:00pm	Children's Wing
Students	Mosaic/Middle School Small Groups	Grades 6-12	Sun., 5:30-7:00pm	Summit/Lighthouse
	High School Small Groups	Grades 9-12	Wed., 6:30-8:00pm	Lighthouse/off-site
	College-Aged	18-24 Years	Fri., 7:00-9:00pm	Lighthouse
Men	Morning Bible Study	Men	Fri., 6:00-7:30am	Upper Room
	Wednesday Night Small Groups	Men	Wed., 6:30-8:00pm	Upper Room
	Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	Men	Tues., 6:55-8:30pm	Upper Room
Women	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)	Women	Thurs., (irregular - see website)	Summit Room
	Side By Side	Women	Fri., 9:15-11:30am	Summit Room
	Single Moms Bible Study	Women	Wed., 6:30-8:00pm	Hyde Room
	Women's Bible Study (WBS)	Women	Wed., 9:30-11:00am	Sanctuary
	Women's Bible Study (WBS)	Women	Wed., 6:30-8:00pm	Common Grounds
General	Celebrate Recovery	All	Fri., 7:00-9:00pm	Upper Room
	Financial Peace Univ. (done for 2015)	All	Sun., 9:00-10:15am	Upper Room
	OASIS (senior adults)	All	3rd Tuesdays, lunchtime	Common Grounds
	Precepts (done for 2015)	All	Tues., 9:30-11:00am   7:00-8:30pm	Luther Room

**CONNECT BY SERVING:** The Communion Ministry is of vital importance to our weekend services. We are looking for a volunteer who enjoys working with people as well as preparing communion. This volunteer would serve once a month by helping to organize a Communion Serving Team. No previous experience is necessary. Contact April Rowe at [Rowe.April@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Rowe.April@AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or (507) 288-8880.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

**Beginning the week of January 17**, we will be starting a new sermon series called *The Story of Scripture*. Over the course of 31 weeks we will journey through the entire Bible.

We are now forming Life Groups and Book Clubs that will gather together weekly to go deeper. This gives groups of all sizes the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply what they have experienced during the sermon series.

We'd encourage you to consider hosting one of these groups in your home. If you would be willing to host a gathering, or if you are interested in joining in the journey please simply email: [Lifegroups@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Lifegroups@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).



## THIS WEEK: CLASSES & EVENTS FOR DEC 26 - JAN 1

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 5:30 pm Emmaus Service
- 5:30 pm Classes for infant to K16 - Children's Wing
- 6:40 pm NO Saturday Night Dinner

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 9:00 am Adoration Service
- 9:00 am Classes for infant to K16 - Children's Wing
- 9:00 am NO classes for K-5
- 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 Celebration Service
- 10:30 am NO classes for K-5
- 10:30 am Classes for infant to K16 - Children's Wing
- 10:30 am Special Christmas Adult Bible Class. No Genesis class - Common Grounds
- 5:30 pm NO Mosaic (Grades 6-8 small groups & 9-12 large group) - Christmas Break

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 6:30 pm Volleyball - CENTER Gym

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 6:00 pm New Year's Eve Communion Service - Sanctuary

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY, CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Upper Room

**Much of our regularly scheduled ministry programming is on Christmas Break and will resume the week of January 10.**

## UPCOMING MINISTRY/PARTNER EVENTS

Ministry/Event	Date(s)	Details
Kids' Club Leader Training	Wed., Jan 6	6:30-8:00pm in the Summit Room.
2016 Student Ministries Winter Whiteout	Sat., Feb 6	Middle and High School Students. Register on the website.
Women's Bible Study Winter Sessions	Wed., Jan 13	The Gospel of Mark: Jesus, the Servant Leader.

## SHARE THE NEWS

We express our gratitude to the children for their marvelous musical last weekend. The actors were awesome, the singers were splendid, and the entire performance was perfect. We are grateful for all those who worked with our children in creating such a Christ-honoring event. ~C. John Steer

We would like to express our thanks to the dozens of people who served tirelessly to make our special Christmas presentations in December such an inviting and memorable experience for our congregation and our guests. God has been glorified as we've been faithful to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

# Congregational News

**CHANGES ARE UPCOMING FOR AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH!** On January 10, 2016, Hospitality Hot Spots are debuting at ARC! They will be located in the Common Grounds, upstairs in the Lighthouse, and in the Gathering Place at the top of the stairs.

Also, on January 10, the 10:45 am Genesis Class will relocate to the Upper Room. This change will allow the Barnabas ministry to use the gym for their class.

**2015  
Year-End  
Giving  
Update**

**DECEMBER GOAL:  
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:  
REMAINING TO OUR GOAL:**

**\$ 550,000  
\$ 129,000  
\$ 227,643**

## MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Next weekend we will be commissioning Justin and Rebekah V, along with their children, to ministry in Gulu, Uganda with International Justice Mission (IJM), a Christian organization that works to protect the poor from violence in the developing world. IJM's Gulu office focuses on serving widows and orphans who have been robbed of their property. Please pray for them as they conclude their final preparations before leaving for this challenging ministry.

## CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

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

MON - THURS: 10AM-6PM, SAT: 5-7PM, SUN: 8:30AM - 12:00 PM

507-252-9090

### *Simplify: Ten Practices to Unclutter your Soul* ~by Bill Hybels

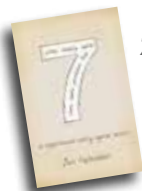
Simplified living requires uncluttering your soul and removing stuff that leaves your spirit drained. Then you can start doing what does matter. Find steps to sweep the clutter from your soul.



### *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess* ~by Jen Hatmaker

Consider cutting back possessions, food, stress, and other excesses.

A simpler life is a godlier one; a good read if you desire to live out New Year's resolutions year-round.



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[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:

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### Senior Pastor

C. John Steer

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### Life Groups

Paul McDonald

### Worship

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

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