



August 20-21, 2016

Ridge Lines: CONNECTING TO
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

PAUL'S FINAL DAYS



Welcome, Guests!

We pray that you felt encouraged by the love of Christ as you worshiped with us. We strive to create a grace- and hope-filled environment where you can take your next step toward Christ!

Please fill out a **Connection Card** from the rack in front of your chair, and bring it to the **Connection Center** in the lobby. The staff would love to meet you, answer questions, and give you a gift bag that includes a 10% off coupon for Christos Bookcenter and tickets for a complimentary Saturday night meal or Sunday morning coffee and pastries at one of our **HotSpots**.

Children are always welcome in our worship services. If your child becomes fussy, we can direct you to spaces which will allow you to see and hear what is going on in the services while attending to your child's needs.



Coming in September:

Year 2: Extending the Truth

Good news is to be shared with others. God's people must speak out the truth. Our goal is that by the end of year two all of us will be able to present the gospel in a winsome way.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Forty Year Detour: Learning to Trust God When Life is Hard

This fall Women's Bible Study kicks off a series on Numbers called "The Forty Year Detour: Learning to Trust God When Life is Hard." The Israelites left Egypt with high hopes of reaching the Promised Land in record time. Yet through their grumbling, disobedience, and rebellion, that journey turned into a teaching moment that lasted forty years, as they wandered in the desert, almost within sight of their destination.

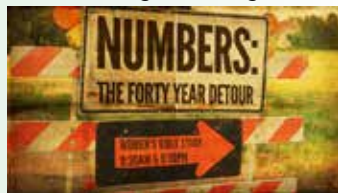
So often our own actions result in delay, confusion, and problems, yet we don't usually see the consequences in time to prevent them happening. Numbers has a great deal to teach us about God's loving consistency and faithfulness, even when we are faithless and full of doubt.

Women's Bible Study draws from all ages and meets both mornings and evenings on Wednesdays from September through May. We have a dynamic teaching team of six: Lorie Dahlstrom, Juli Fischer, Svea Merry, Angie Pankratz, Gretchen Steer, and Jann Wright. Each week includes a teaching lecture followed by Life Groups for discussion, prayer, and community. A full children's program for preschoolers is provided in the morning, and the evening session occurs during Kids' Clubs, so you can attend without having to arrange childcare. Women's Bible Study is free of charge.

Women's Bible Study begins September 14.

Register online at AutumnRidgeChurch.org/register.

For more information contact Jennifer Ouren at Ouren.Jennifer@AutumnRidgeChurch.org.



CONNECT BY SERVING

If God is tugging on your heart to make a difference in the lives of children, stop by the Children's Welcome Desk to pick up your volunteer application and talk to our Children's Ministry team.

Crowder in Concert! Sat. Oct. 1

7:30pm
with guests
**Tedashii and
The New
Respects**
details at AutumnRidgeChurch.org/arts

ONLY 300 SEATS REMAINING!

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sept 24/25 | Oct 1/2 | Oct 8/9
Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 9 & 10:30AM

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Our history, God's gift of salvation
- Our purpose, personality, and beliefs
- Our organization and where we're going
- How God made you for his purpose

ONE THING August 1-27

Send a Child to School Ready to Learn



Bring School Supplies and Drop Them in Baskets Labeled One Thing



Acts: Jesus' Witnesses Empowered by his Spirit

Begins September 6
9:30-11:00AM or 7:00-8:30PM

AutumnRidgeChurch.org/register

THIS WEEK: CLASSES & EVENTS FOR AUGUST 20 - AUGUST 26

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 9:00 am Sunday morning Traditional service
- 9:00 am Classes for infant to Grade 5 - Children's Wing
- 9:00 am Rochester MN Chinese Church Sunday School - Timothy Chapel
- 10:30 am Sunday morning Contemporary service
- 10:30 am Classes for infant to Grade 5 - Children's Wing
- 10:30 am Rochester MN Chinese Church Worship Service - Timothy Chapel
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Book of John - Upper Room
- 7:30 pm College-Aged (18-24 years) - Lighthouse

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- 6:30 pm Caregiver Support Group (open to all caregivers) - Luther Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 6:30 pm Volleyball - CENTER Gym
- 7:00 pm Fusion Young Adults - Lighthouse

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:15 am Side by Side Medical Spouses Summer Study - Luther Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Upper Room
 - 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Upper Room
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SUMMER VACATION PHOTO CONTEST

We'd like to see your Summer Vacation Photos. **E-mail your favorite photos to publicity@AutumnRidgeChurch.org**. We'll collect photos until Sept. 18. On the 19th we'll post them all to a Summer Vacation Facebook album. The 3 photos receiving the most likes before Sept. 26 from the Facebook community will be printed in the magazine and receive a prize.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR FALL PROGRAMMING!

In less than a month, we'll begin our fall programming at Autumn Ridge. You can register via the church app and on the Autumn Ridge website. You can go to each department's webpage to register and get details about programming or, for one-stop registrations, you can go to AutumnRidgeChurch.org/register. If electronic registration isn't an option for you, please contact the appropriate department at 507-288-8880 for assistance.

If you are struggling to raise a difficult teenage child, or if you are suffering because of the choices of a **PRODIGAL ADULT CHILD** of any age, you are not alone. Has your child been using or abusing drugs and alcohol, getting in trouble with the law, or generally leaving behind the morals you have taught them? Support is available in this confidential Bible study support group. Email lifegroups@AutumnRidgeChurch.org for further details.

Congregational News

THANK YOU for the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy extended to us after the death of our dad, George Livingston. We thank God for each of you and appreciate your kindness. With love, Desiree and Giuseppe Lanzino

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$ 75,000

MISSIONS THIS WEEK

New Life Family Services of Rochester has been serving the area for over 40 years. They are committed to providing pregnancy testing and prenatal care, as well as testing for related medical conditions. They currently have two opportunities for medical personnel in Rochester. A volunteer MD, NP, or PA is needed one day a week for basic medical tests. There is also a paid employment position for a part-time Client Care Nurse. More information at www.nlfs.com.



CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/CHRISTOS

M, W, TH: 10AM - 5PM; TU: 10:30AM - 5PM; SAT: 5 - 7PM; SUN: 8:30AM - 12PM

507-252-9090

He Walks with Me: Enjoying the Abiding Presence of God ~by Warren Wiersbe

This well-known Bible teacher explores God's biblical "I AM" statements, helping us to understand God's truths today and asking us to serve God now and not worry about the past.



Love in the Face of ISIS: Seven Prayer Strategies for the Crisis in the Middle East ~by Lorraine Varela

Christians being persecuted by ISIS escalates. The author provides seven specific prayer strategies to counter the rising violence with divine power, showing us the way Jesus responded.



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Saturday
5:30 pm

Band

Sunday
9:00 am

Choir & Orchestra

Sunday
10:30 am

Band

Would you like to give to Autumn Ridge Church? Simply text ARIDGE to 77977 **

**You will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to ARC (1 msg/request). Please be aware that msg & data rates may apply. For full terms & conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the privacy policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

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Students

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

www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership