



November 26-27, 2016

*Ridge Lines:* CONNECTING TO  
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

**AUTUMN RIDGE WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS**

## Wrapped in Love... Sharing the Gift



Mary Beth Carlson

Thursday, December 1, 2016 | 7:00 PM

Autumn Ridge Church – Sanctuary

\$ 10 Concert w/Dessert



[AutumnRidgeChurch.org/wrapped-in-love](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/wrapped-in-love)

## Welcome, Guests!

We pray that you are encouraged by the love of Christ as you worship 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 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.



### Extending the Truth Conversation Starter:

**"How do you handle pressure? When the pressure is really on, what do you need from your friends?"**

We are embracing a year-long focus called Extend the Truth. Want to engage in a conversation with your colleague, neighbor, family, or friend? Above is a simple conversation starter we can use to start learning more about them . . . so we can start loving them more.

## Big Boxes for Food 4 Friends



extend  
the TRUTH

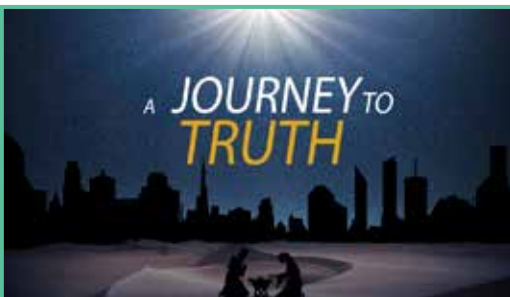


### BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND IN THE CENTER LOBBY!

You can pick up boxes and instructions for your family or Life Group to bless a family in our Food 4 Friends program. Plan and prepare now for this important opportunity to Extend the Truth of Christ's love at Christmas.

## CONNECT BY SERVING

Does the ordinance of the Lord's Supper have a special significance to you? Would you like to help others experience that fellowship with Jesus? Saturday communion leaders help to prepare the communion elements and organize the servers for one Saturday a month. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact April Rowe at [Rowe.April@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Rowe.April@AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or 288-8880.



The children of Autumn Ridge are working diligently to prepare to lead the congregation in worship during all of the services the weekend of December 17-18.

They will be helping us remember that Christmas was God's idea to bring us to Himself. Bring your friends and family!

A poster for "The Joy of Christmas" with a blue background. It features a yellow starburst at the top left, a yellow and blue Christmas tree in the center, and the text "Come and Celebrate Christmas with Autumn Ridge Church" at the top. The main title "the JOY of CHRISTMAS" is in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it says "Dr. Alan Shoumaker directs the choir and orchestra in a Christmas celebration. Featuring fresh arrangements of the best-loved Christmas carols and holiday classics." The dates and times are "SATURDAY, DEC. 10 | 5:30PM" and "SUNDAY, DEC. 11 | 9:00AM and 10:30AM". At the bottom, it says "Admission is free".

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## AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH MINISTRY EVENTS

### children (Infant-Grade 5)

**Don't know where to go? Check out the Children's Welcome Desk in the lobby.**

**Saturdays, 5:30pm:** Infant-PreK

**Sundays, 9 & 10:30am:** Infant-Grade 5

**Kids' Club (PreK-Grade 5) Hall of Fame Night:**

Wednesday, Nov. 30. Dress like a person you'd like to honor (parent, coach, teacher, Biblical character, etc.)

**Barnabas (Special Needs):** Sundays, 10:30am

**1 Thing for December: Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Sign up at [RegisterToRing.com](http://RegisterToRing.com) or call 507.288.3663

**December 17:** Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal, 9:00-11:30am

### students (Grades 6-12)

**NO Mosaic,** Sunday, Nov. 20

**NO Middle School Life Groups,** Sunday, Nov. 20

**High School Life Groups:** Wednesdays, 6:30pm

**Summer Missions Trip Informational Meeting:**

Sunday, Dec. 4, 10:30am - Lighthouse

### college-aged (ages 18-24)

**Sundays, 7:30pm:** in the Lighthouse

### fusion (Single Young Adults)

**Tuesdays, 7:00pm:** in the Lighthouse

### men

**Men's Bible Study Fellowship:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm - Upper Room

**Men's Coffee Club, Discussions and Presentations:**

Wednesdays, 9:00am - Upper Room

**Wednesday Men's Study:** 6:30pm - Upper Room

**Men's Bible Study:** Fridays, 6:00am - Upper Room

### women

**Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays 9:30am & 6:30pm. Numbers: the 40 Year Detour. Wk 12 - When the Detour's Over - Jann Wright

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers):** Thursday, Dec. 1, 9:15am - Summit Room

**Side by Side (medical spouses):** Fridays, 9:15am - Summit Room

### missions & local outreach

**The Reason:** A high-energy night of music and message about the Hope heaven sent that first Christmas night. Sunday, Dec. 4, 6:00pm - Mayo Civic Center.

### general events & classes

**Adult Bible Study: Book of Revelation**

Sundays, 10:30am - Upper Room

**Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesdays, 6:30pm - Sanctuary

**Volleyball**

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

**Celebrate Recovery**

Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room

**Precept Study (men and women)**

Tuesdays, 9:30am and 7:00pm - Luther Room

Acts Part 2: Jesus' Witnesses to the Gentiles

More information about our activities are available at [AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or the church app.

Next Chapter Ministries  
The Joy of Christmas  
WREATH SALE  
\$30  
RESERVE YOURS TODAY 507-529-5799 OR  
OFFICE@NEXTCHAPTERROCHESTER.ORG  
Next Chapter Ministries

**CALLING ALL CAROLERS!**  
**ALL AGES WELCOME!**  
Meet on Tuesday, Dec. 6 | 6:30pm  
in Cottage #1  
at Cottagewood Senior Communities  
**4220 55th St NW, Rochester**  
**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact: Jamie Urch 507-951-6371  
or [jism4u@gmail.com](mailto:jism4u@gmail.com)



# Congregational News

We **CONGRATULATE** Russ and Sarah Phillips on the birth of a daughter, Harriet Catherine, on November 9.

We express our **SYMPATHY** to Pastor Woody Roland and his family and the death of his brother, Harlan Hermann, who died on November 17.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$ 69,366**

## MISSIONS THIS WEEK

John and Julie E. work with the international leadership of CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). John recently returned from a trip to Togo, Africa, where he met with leadership and trained them in CRU's catalytic strategy of ministry. He also joined the staff in an evangelistic outreach onto one of the university campuses. Julie continues to provide support and counsel for third culture children and their parents. She is leading a team which will help give two conferences in January – in China and Turkey. Pray for them as they continue in these valuable ministries.



## CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

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

TU: 10:30AM - 5PM | WED-FRI: 10AM - 5PM | SAT: 5 - 7PM | SUN: 8:30AM - 12PM 507-252-9090

*Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely*  
~by Lysa TerKeurst

With biblical depth, honesty, and wit, Lysa shares her personal experiences of rejection, painful childhood and abandonment by her father, yet finding what it is like to live loved by God.



*Present Over Perfect* ~by Shauna Niequist

Written in a warm, vulnerable style, these essays focus on leaving busyness behind and rediscovering grace, rest, silence, simplicity, prayer, and connecting to people that matter the most to you.

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serving people

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Saturday 5:30 pm Band  
Sunday 9:00 am Choir & Orchestra  
Sunday 10:30 am Band

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**Senior Pastor**  
C. John Steer

**Executive Pastor**  
Pat Wester

**Children**  
Pam Cray

**Counseling & Care**  
Dan Farm

**Missions**  
Woody Roland

**Serving**  
Karen Foster

**Group Life**  
Paul McDonald

**Worship**  
Alan Shoumaker  
April Rowe

**Students**  
Jason Motte

**Administration**  
George Beech

**Generosity**  
Bob Stanhope

**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.

You may contact our staff via email at:  
[Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

If you want to contact the Elder Board with your questions or concerns, send an email to [elders@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:elders@autumnridgechurch.org)

For a complete listing of our leadership team, please visit the church website at:  
[www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership)