



March 11-12, 2017

Ridge Lines: CONNECTING TO THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

Easter Flowers

Easter is quickly approaching, and it's time to order flowers for our Easter flowering crosses. Please consider ordering lilies or mums in honor or memory of loved ones. Orders may be placed online on our website, AutumnRidgeChurch.org/Easter. If you prefer to pay by check (payable to Autumn Ridge Church), order forms are available at the Connection Center in the front lobby or the church office during the week. Feel free to order as many plants as you would like, but **the deadline for orders is Monday, April 10.**

These Easter flowers will be used to decorate our two Easter flowering crosses and provide lovely family photo opportunities. The flowers will be available to take home beginning at 1:00pm on Sunday, April 16. You may also stop by the church lobby any time April 17 - 19 and select your flowers to take home.

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 complementary 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.

A little about Autumn Ridge

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who love God and serve people.

Our Vision is to equip Autumn Ridgers, in the power of the Spirit, to be disciples where they live, work, and play, and to share our hope in Jesus.



TAKE THE FEAR OUT OF SHARING ABOUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS

We'll use Jesus' own model for disciple-making:

1. Jesus invited people to come and see
2. Jesus encouraged some to "follow me"
3. Jesus challenged his followers to become fishers of men
4. Jesus promoted multiplication by telling them to "go and bear fruit."

Saturday, March 25, Edwards Room, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Led by Pastor Woody Roland



EXTENDING THE TRUTH CONVERSATION STARTER:



"Have you ever felt a desire to tell someone about an incredible experience?"

Want to engage in a conversation with a colleague, neighbor, family, or friend? This simple conversation starter can help to start learning more about them . . . so we can start loving them more.

FULLY CONNECT WITH US

We believe the best next step to strengthen your commitment to the ministry at Autumn Ridge comes when you fully connect with us in three crucial areas: Life Groups, Giving, and Serving. Visit our website or app and click on **"Fully Connect with Us"** and become fully connected.



CONNECTED: EMOTIONALLY - FOCUSED COUPLES

Too often, the close connection God wants married couples to enjoy can become strained or even broken. Couples can attempt to repair the damage by applying wise principles to their marriage, but no advice or newfound skills will make a difference unless they feel emotionally safe, close, cherished, and respected together. It's that strong emotional connection that truly motivates spouses to build a healthy marriage.

Facilitator: Pastor Dan Farm
Saturday, March 18, 2017
7:00 pm -- Upper Room
Sunday, March 19, 2017
9:00 and 10:30 am – LC 101

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

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

Kids' Club (preK-Grade 5): Wednesdays, 6:30pm

1 Thing for March: Kids' Choice - purchase World Vision animals

students (Grades 6-12)

Mosaic (6-12th grade): 5:30pm, Sundays

Middle School Life Groups: 5:30pm, Sundays

High School Life Groups: Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Spring Formal: March 17, 6:30-9:30pm, CENTER, buy tickets online.

college-aged (ages 18-24)

College-Aged: Sundays, 7:30pm - Lighthouse

fusion (Single Young Adults)

Tuesdays, 7:00pm: in the Lighthouse

missions & local outreach

Coming March 25 - April 1: Your opportunity to participate in a one-week missions trip to Honduras to visit the Barahonas, Autumn Ridge supported missionaries. Contact Bonnie Davids at bdavids@centurytel.net.

men

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

Men's Coffee Club, Discussions, and Presentations: Wednesdays, 9:30am - 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. 1 Cor 10-11 - Unity in the Lord's Supper.

A Time for Women: Thursday, Mar. 9, 6:30pm - Summit Room. Nepal Ministry and Paper Beads.

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

general events & classes

Adult Bible Study: Book of Revelation

Sundays, 10:30am - Upper Room

Precept Study (men and women)

Tuesdays, 9:30am and 7:00pm - Luther Room A
Philippians: How to Have Joy.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 6:30pm - Sanctuary

Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room

A Time for Women Spring Craft Retreat

Saturday, Mar. 25, 9am-4pm - Summit Room

OASIS Senior Adults

Tuesday, Mar. 21, 12:00pm, Common Grounds Cafe, Food with Culture (German food)

\$8.00 per person.

Erika Kelly will be talking about God's infinite plan for our life. Please call Marilyn Leske by

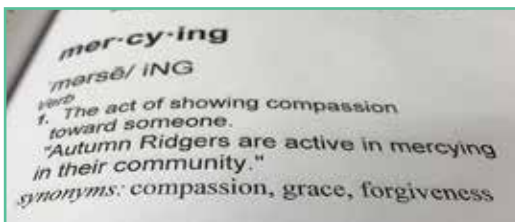
March 17 at 252-0544 or email her at

leske.am@gmail.com to register.

More information about our activities are available at AutumnRidgeChurch.org or the church app.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY NEEDS YOUR HELP

to provide the conduit of love, compassion, and connection to Christ for children from toddlers through middle schoolers every Friday night as their parents attend Celebrate Recovery. This is a volunteer position, but may become a paid part-time position. Volunteers need to be 18 or older and will need to complete a background check if we don't already have one on file. Call Gary Seaquist at 507-287-9101 or e-mail garyseaquist@gmail.com for more information.



Find opportunities to show "love in action" to our congregation and the broader community at AutumnRidgeChurch.org/merciful.

Congregational News

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Brian Berreth and family on the March 3 death of his father, Marvin.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Tara Maier and her family. Tara's brother, Tim Woods, died March 1.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Dave Dalley and his family. Dave's father died February 21.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael and Breanna Berven on the birth of a son, Ethan Paul, on February 28.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher and Gabriela Buller on the birth of a baby boy, Elijah Daniel, born February 25.

We **CONGRATULATE** Dale Wiens who has driven 3,000,000 miles in his truck without an accident. Truck drivers keep the economy going. Our communities would grind to a halt without them. Well done, Dale!

Giving to God's Work Last Week: \$ 74,911

MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Join us on March 12, after the 10:30 service, for Sandwiches and Sodas with Elise H. in the Common Grounds. Elise recently spent 18 months in Asia and will share about her experiences there.

CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER

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

Being There: How to Love Those Who Are Hurting ~by Dave Furman

This deeply personal, painful, and hopeful book offers insight into the support needed by medical professionals, caregivers, and friends of those suffering with chronic pain.



Prayers for Prodigals: 90 Days of Prayer for Your Child

~by James Banks

This book inspires parents to maintain a sustained daily prayer effort for wayward children. God, who answers prayer, is the key in children returning to God and to their parents.



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

www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org
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Senior Pastor
C. John Steer

Executive Pastor
Pat Wester

Care
Karen Foster

Next Generations
Jason Motte

Missions
Woody Roland

Generosity
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Dan Farm

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Paul McDonald

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You may contact our staff via email at:
Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org

If you want to contact the Elder Board with your questions or concerns, send an email to elders@autumnridgechurch.org

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