

December 9-10, 2017

*Ridge Lines:* CONNECTING TO  
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY



*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 in the Common Grounds Cafe.

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. We do this through **our Vision** 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.





**to invite**

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

The children of Autumn Ridge will retell the story of Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, and the Wise Men through music and drama.

Out of the Box is written and directed by Autumn Ridger, Cindy Wiest. Kate Robinson directs the Children's choir. After the musical Pastor C. John Steer will give an advent message.

**Saturday, December 16 | 5:30pm**

**Sunday, December 17 | 9:00am and 10:30am**

Use this week's insert as an invitation you can give to your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**Dec 23**  
5:30pm Contemporary Service

**Dec 24**  
9:00am Traditional Service  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
3:00pm Family Service  
10:00pm Candlelight Service

**More details available at**  
[AutumnRidgeChurch.org/christmas](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/christmas)

**AUTUMN RIDGE -CHURCH-**

**FAMILY CAMP 25 YEARS 2018**

**July 28-August 3**

This summer will be our 20th year at Fort Wilderness in Northern Wisconsin. Registration will open in February.

**Prices for this year's camp are UNCHANGED from 2017.**

## 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.**

*See a K followed by a number (K18, K19, etc.)?*

*The number = the year a child starts Kindergarten.*

**Saturdays, 5:30pm:** Infant-5th Grade

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

**Barnabas (Special Needs):** Sundays, 10:30am, LC102

**Wednesday Night Kids' Club:** 6:30pm

*Jingle Jam! Wear red and green in celebration of God's generous gift to us: his Son, Jesus Christ.*

**Out of the Box Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, December 16, 9:00am-12:00pm. Bring children to their normal weekend classrooms.

**December 1 Thing:** Bell Ringing for Salvation Army. Sign up at [RegisterToRing.com](http://RegisterToRing.com) or call 507-288-3663

### students (Grades 6-12)

**Mosaic (Grades 6-12):** Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm

**Middle School Life Groups:** Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm

**High School Life Groups:** Will resume January 17

### men

**Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):**

*Mondays, 6:30pm, Upper Room*

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

*Wednesdays, 9:30am - Upper Room*

**Men's Wed. Night Bible Study:** 6:30pm, Upper Room

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

### fusion (Single Young Adults)

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

### missions & local outreach

**Interested in serving locally?**

*Check out your options on the local serving portal: [AutumnRidgeChurch.org/mercying](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/mercying).*

### women

**#WhenLifeStinks Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 9:30am & 6:30pm, Common Grounds Cafe

**A Time for Women**

*6:30pm on Thursday, Dec. 14, Summit Room*

**Side By Side (medical spouses)**

*Fridays, 9:30am, Summit Room*

### general events & classes

**Adult Bible Study:** Sundays, 10:30am - Upper Room

**Unity English** (English language class)

*Tuesdays, 9:15am, Den Rooms*

**Adult Choir Rehearsal**

*Wednesdays, 6:30pm - Sanctuary*

**Volleyball:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

**Celebrate Recovery**

*Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room*

**OASIS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*Tuesday, December 19, 12-2pm,*

*Common Grounds Café*

*Carols led by Pastor Alan Shoumaker*

*And door prizes given!*

*RSVP to Linda Ferguson at 282-7113 by Dec. 13*

*Cost of meal: \$10.00 (Pay at the Door)*

*Come and enjoy Christmas Dinner created by Chef Craig and served by our Pastors*

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

## FOOD 4 FRIENDS CHRISTMAS BOXES

BOXES AND INSTRUCTIONS  
CENTER LOBBY  
DEC 2-3 & 9-10

## A TIME FOR WOMEN

**6:30pm on Thursday, Dec. 14, Summit Room**

Devotions: *When God Finds You in Darkness*  
by Deb Mueske

Craft: Wool Applique  
by Leigh Ann Curtin and  
Linda Wadum



# Congregational News

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Everett and Marilyn Carr as they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on December 6.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Kathy Winsky whose father died on November 24.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to JP and Amy Stockton on the birth of a son, Luca Ty, on November 30.

**ELDER BOARD OPPORTUNITY** Every year several spots open for new elder board members. If you are interested in providing vision and leadership for the Autumn Ridge congregation and meet the requirements, please contact Mark Foley at [markfoley@hotmail.com](mailto:markfoley@hotmail.com) or 507-250-7345 to be considered for 2018. Each elder serves a 3 year term, attends a monthly meeting, and usually sits on one or more committees involving many other church oversight tasks. The requirements for serving as an elder are found in Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-7. You must also have been a member of Autumn Ridge Church for at least one year.

**DECEMBER GOAL:**

**\$ 770,000**

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:**

**\$ 77,415**

**REMAINING TO OUR GOAL:**

**\$ 692,585**

## MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Amos and Meredith A are working in a closed country. Flooding is currently devastating parts of that country. Pray that God would send relief from the rain and that he would use this event to draw people to himself.

## 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

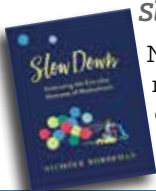
### *31 Proverbs to Light Your Path ~by Liz Curtis Higgs*

Liz Curtis Higgs leads us through a series of proverbs, mining the rich biblical text with depth and insight. She writes with personal application, clarity, tenderness, truth, humor, and depth.



### *Slow Down ~by Nichole Nordeman*

Nichole Nordeman's hit song has inspired moms everywhere to celebrate the everyday moments of motherhood. Now this book, a treasured keepsake, will inspire celebration of everyday moments.



## AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH | loving God 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

**Care**  
Karen Foster

**Next Generations**  
Jason Motte

**Missions**  
Woody Roland

**Generosity**  
Bob Stanhope

**Worship**  
Jamie Robinson  
Alan Shoumaker

**Administration**  
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**Enrichment**  
Dan Farm

**Life Groups & Serving**  
Paul McDonald

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

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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)