



December 16-17, 2017

Ridge Lines: CONNECTING TO
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

Out Of The
BOX
A Christmas Musical

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.

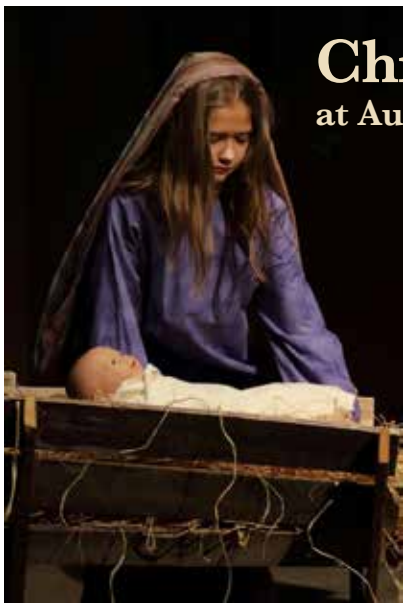
Children are always welcome in our worship services. If your child becomes fussy, we can direct you to spaces which will allow you to see and hear what is going on in the services while attending to your child's needs.



A little about Autumn Ridge

Our Ministry Focus is to equip followers of Jesus to understand their identity in Christ, discover their God-given gifts, and exercise them in love to build up Christ's kingdom.

Christmas Eve Weekend at Autumn Ridge Church



Saturday, December 23

5:30pm contemporary service

Childcare for infant - PreK. No Saturday Dinner

Sunday, December 24

9:00am traditional service

10:30am contemporary service

Childcare for infant to PreK during both services

3:00pm family service geared toward children

Childcare for infant to 2-years old

10:00pm candlelight service

No childcare provided



to invite

AutumnRidgeChurch.org/christmas

Next weekend we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Christmas is a time when many are open to the wonder and awe of God coming to Earth in the form of a little human baby. Let's use that openness to invite our friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to join us for any of our Christmas Eve weekend services.

The Saturday evening and Sunday morning services will be filled with Christmas carols and a Christmas homily by Pastor Steer and his youngest daughter, Hannah. The 3:00pm family service will particularly appeal to children. And the 10:00pm candlelight service will be a quiet, contemplative service. All services will be held in the sanctuary.

GOSPEL OF JOHN

• so that you may believe •

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS: 9:30 AM AND 6:30 PM
BEGINS JANUARY 17TH, 2018



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-K19

Sundays, 9 & 10:30am: Infant-K19

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

Wednesday Night Kids' Club:

NO regular Kids' Club. We're ringing bells at West Circle Hy-Vee from 6:30-8:00pm.

January 1 Thing: Canned Food Drive for In His Name

students (Grades 6-12)

Mosaic (Grades 6-12): On break until Jan. 14

Middle School Life Groups: On break until Jan. 14

High School Life Groups: On break until Jan. 17

Save the Date

Middle School Tubing, Jan. 28

High School Floor Hockey Tournament, Jan. 14

Winter Retreat: Feb. 9-11

fusion (Single Young Adults)

Tuesdays, 7:00pm: in the Lighthouse

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

women

Women's Bible Study: On break until January 17.

Side By Side (medical spouses):

On break until January 5.

missions & local outreach

Interested in serving locally?

Check out your options on the local serving portal: AutumnRidgeChurch.org/mercyng.

general events & classes

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

Unity English (English language class)

Tuesdays, 9:15am, Den Rooms

OASIS (Senior Adults) Christmas party:

Tuesday, Dec, 19 12pm. Reservations closed.

Volleyball: Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

Christmas Cookie Bake: Friday, Dec. 22

2pm and 6pm in the Common Grounds.

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room

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

Evensong Service

6:00pm, Sunday, December 17

Timothy Chapel

John and Gretchen Steer invite you to join them for a service of carols, prayers and scripture readings.

Following Evensong, hot mince pie and apple cider will be served in the Common Grounds Cafe.



July 28-August 3

Registration opens in February

Prices for this year's camp are unchanged from 2017

COOKIE BAKE WITH CHEF CRAIG

DECEMBER 22, 2PM AND 6PM

Cost: \$25, all materials provided

Go home with 3 dozen cookies

Visit the ARC website to register
Each session is limited to 50 people



Congregational News

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Mark Eberle whose father, Rodel, died on December 4.

We express our **DEEP APPRECIATION** to Pastor Alan Shoumaker, the choir and orchestra, and members of the tech team for the outstanding concert last weekend, *The Joy of Christmas*. ~Pastor C. John Steer

DECEMBER GOAL: \$ 770,000
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$ 82,235
REMAINING TO OUR GOAL: \$ 610,350

MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Ed and Valerie J, working in Papua, Indonesia, are looking ahead to new ministry opportunities in urban settings. They are cultivating connections with others who may be already working in these areas to see what possible partnerships might develop. They are asking for God's guidance as they explore this new direction and for safety as they travel to meetings.

CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER

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

God Hears Her: 365 Devotions for Women by Women
~by Our Daily Bread Ministries

Hannah poured out her heart to God, and He heard her. God is with you, and hears you. Be reminded that our God is bigger than the trials you face.



Happily Ever After: Finding Grace in the Messes of Marriage
~ by John Piper, Francis Chan and Nancy Wolgemuth

God designed marriage for our greatest joy. It's not a storybook ending, but a fresh beginning for the true "happily ever after" when we see the Bridegroom face-to-face.



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

www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org
www.facebook.com/AutumnRidgeChurch

Senior Pastor
C. John Steer

Executive Pastor
Pat Wester

Care
Karen Foster

Next Generations
Jason Motte

Missions
Woody Roland

Worship
Jamie Robinson
Alan Shoumaker

Administration
George Beech

Life Groups & Serving
Paul McDonald

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 (i 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

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