

December 23-24, 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.



# Thank you for joining us for our Christmas Eve Services -

If you are visiting us today, we thank you for allowing us to be a part of your Christmas celebration. Our prayer for you this Christmas Eve is that Christ, whose birth we commemorate, will live in your heart throughout the year.

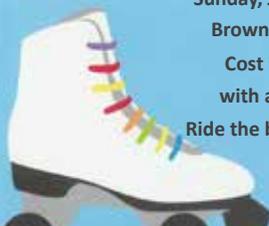
We realize that many of our guests today are in various stages of their faith journey. If we can be of assistance and help to answer questions you may have about the Christian faith, please do contact us. Contact information is on the back cover.

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The 5:30pm, 9:00am, and 10:30am services offer **care for infants through preschool. Care for children 2 years or younger** is available during the 3:00pm service. There is no childcare at the 10:00pm service.

*On Monday, December 25, the church offices will be closed.*

## Coming in January, 2018

**Lets Roll With ARC Families**  
 Sunday, January 21 2-5 PM  
 Brownsdale Rohler Rink  
 Cost is \$5 per person  
 with a \$20 family max  
 Ride the bus or meet us there  
  
**register online**

**Sisterhood, Encouragement, Fun, and Fitness**  
**join us for 6 weeks beginning January 9**  
 Tuesdays 8-9am | Fridays 6-7pm | \$10 per class  
 All Women 18+  
 30 min Devotional ~ 30 min Workout  
**Details & registration @ [Twelve1fitness.org](http://Twelve1fitness.org)**  
 TWELVE 1 FITNESS

**HIGH SCHOOL FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**  
 JAN. 14, 7:15-9 PM (AFTER MOSAIC)  
 5 ON 5—MAKE YOUR OWN TEAMS!  
 DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
**FREE SNACKS**  


**GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
 • so that you may believe •  
 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
 WEDNESDAYS: 9:30 AM AND 6:30 PM  
 BEGINS JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  


## WHAT AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH CAN OFFER YOU

**CHILDREN:** We offer DiscipleKids classes on Saturdays at 5:30pm for infant through preschool and on Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am for infant through Grade 5. We also offer a Kids' Club program for 4-year-olds through Grade 5 on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. [Children@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Children@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**STUDENTS:** Mosaic Student Night meets on Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for large group worship and separate middle and high school teaching time. Middle school small groups also meet on Sunday evenings during Mosaic. High school small groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. [Students@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Students@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**MEN:** Join us in discovering all that God created us to be as men. Our mens' studies are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and 6:00am Friday morning. [Men@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Men@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** A new study begins on Wednesday, January 17th at 9:30am or 6:30pm, *So that You may Believe*, from the book of John. Free childcare is provided. For information, contact [Women@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Women@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**FUSION:** Connects single young adults in fellowship, enfolds them into community, emboldens them in their faith in Jesus Christ, challenges them to grow spiritually, and identifies their gifts and passions in order to equip them to expand God's Kingdom. Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Lighthouse at Autumn Ridge. [Fusion@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Fusion@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**MISSIONS:** We are passionate about "Glocal" missions - local outreach in Southeastern Minnesota and global outreach in many countries. See how you can become involved in reaching your community and the world at [Missions@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Missions@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**LIFE GROUPS:** At Autumn Ridge Church, we encourage everyone to participate in a Life Group, where you will study the word of God, support and care for one another, and encourage each other as we grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Groups come in all shapes and sizes for all stages of life. Start a group or join a group today, and have a front-row seat to life-change. [LifeGroups@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:LifeGroups@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**CARE:** The Christian life is the best, but it's not always easy. Autumn Ridge Church offers support resources for navigating through life's pain and challenges. If you are in need of support during a difficult time, please contact us. [Care@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Care@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** This life-changing program uses Christ-centered steps and principles to help us break free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. We meet on Friday nights at 7:00pm. Childcare is provided. Contact Gary Seaquist at [garyseaquist@gmail.com](mailto:garyseaquist@gmail.com).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:** Through video teaching, class discussions, and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. The next FPU class begins Sunday, January 21. Visit [fpu.com/1055247](http://fpu.com/1055247).

**WORSHIP:** Autumn Ridge Church has two distinct styles of worship (contemporary and traditional), driven by a central set of core values. These values are foundational to our commitment to providing authentic, life-changing worship. [Worship@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Worship@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

# Congregational News

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Aaron and Belen Kiemele on the birth of a daughter, Ava Irene, on December 5.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Clavonne Holter and her family, whose mother, Wilma Pollard, died on December 13.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lois Schurman who will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 31.

<b>DECEMBER GOAL:</b>	<b>\$ 770,000</b>
<b>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:</b>	<b>\$ 159,407</b>
<b>REMAINING TO OUR GOAL:</b>	<b>\$ 450,943</b>

## MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Kevin and Colleen are working hard on two things: team building and language study. For the last three months they have been able to concentrate on both of those as they work with their team of other missionaries in another country they had only been acquainted with through email. They have been building good relationships and spending intensive time on the language. Their Christmas prayer is for many more of the people around them to know the Light of the World.

## 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

*He Holds My Hand: Experiencing God's Presence and Protection*

~by Carol Kent

This 365-day, Scripture-based devotional is written as if God is speaking his words of comfort and protection directly over you. God is your Comforter, Healer, Teacher, and your Joy.



*A Moment to Breathe: 365 Devotions That Meet You in Your Everyday Mess*

~by Denise J. Hughes

Stories that may echo your own, from 80 writers who connect with the hearts of women. These chronicles of everyday faith will encourage and offer hope to those around 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

[www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org)  
[www.facebook.com/AutumnRidgeChurch](https://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

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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)