

Our Mission:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ



RELATIONAL

We share life with one another in loving, challenging, Spirit-led community.



PRACTICAL

We apply the Bible to daily life and build Christ-centered homes.



GENERATIONAL

We bring children, students, and adults together as we follow Jesus.



MISSIONAL

We love Jesus by feeding, befriending, and blessing those in need.



INVITATIONAL

We invite others into our lives and into a relationship with God.

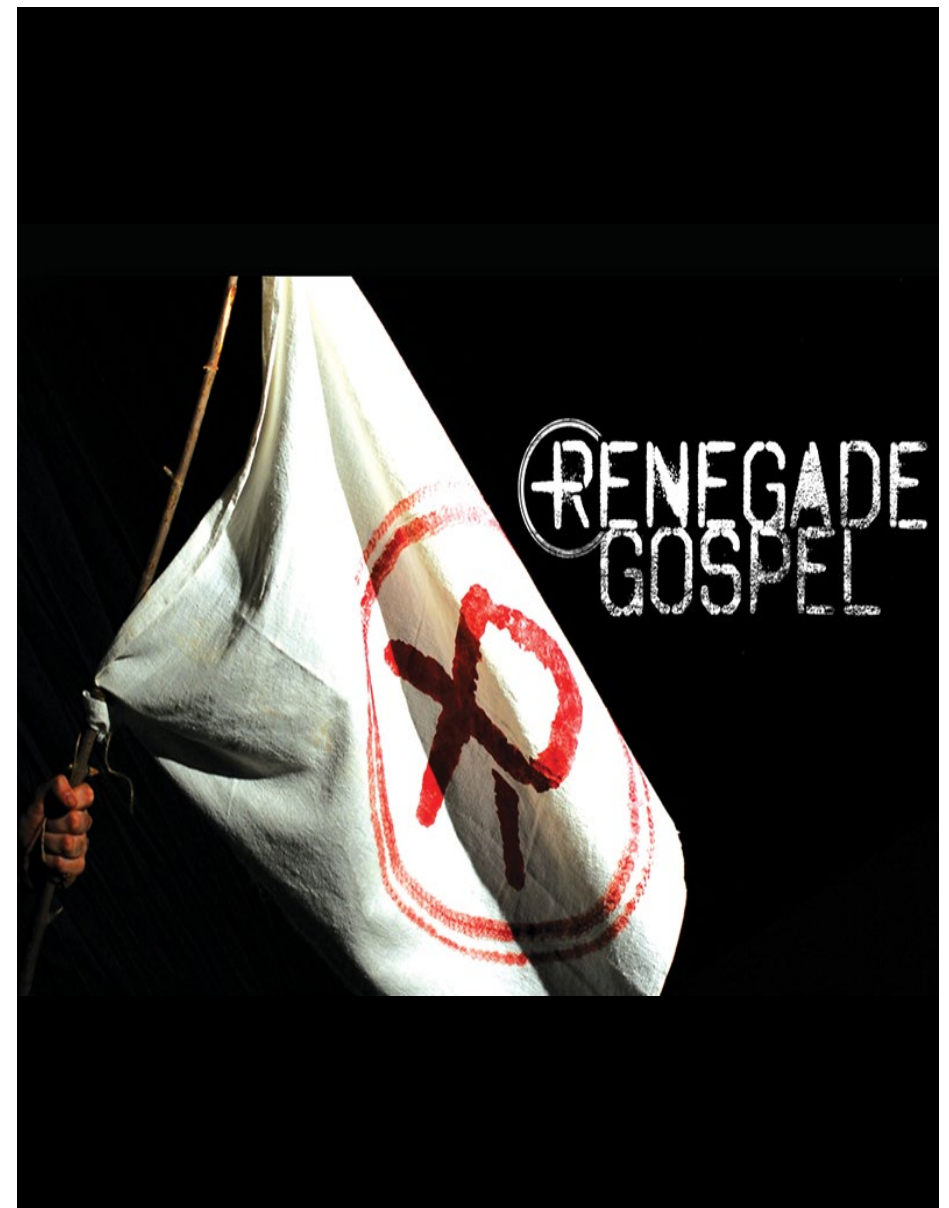
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Deep. Daring. Daily.

Welcome!

If this is your first time at FaithWestwood, we want you to know how glad we are you came. We also know it can be a little scary coming to a new church. That's why we want to do everything we can to help you feel at home, find new friends, and take the next step in your faith.

Green shirts, green sheets, green bags

If you have questions, ask anyone wearing a green FaithWestwood polo this morning. Or leave us a note on the green sign-in sheet in your bulletin, which will be collected with the offering. We also invite our new guests to pick up one of our "little green bags" in the foyer. Inside you'll find a little info and a small gift.

We hope that what you experience this morning brings you back next weekend. We'd love to see you again soon!

Meet Our Staff...

Each week we will introduce you to one of our staff members:

Jessica Bernard, Director, Love & Learn Child Development Center

I'm here to help:

- Plan and offer a Christian curriculum and environment for the children
- Train and manage teachers for Love & Learn
- Manage the day to day operations of Love & Learn
- Plan events and activities at Love & Learn



Contact me at jessica.bernard@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-2114.

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

February 21 - Discovering the Rebel Jesus

Popular paintings of Jesus portray him as a meek, mild-mannered, white guy with long hair and a perpetually serene look on his face. Those artists should have read the gospels! Jesus had enemies. And you don't get enemies by walking around looking serene. Jesus had a radical vision for the world. He started living it out loud, and that shook everything up.



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Annual Family Easter Egg Hunt & Play in the Park - Saturday, March 26th - 10:00 am

We are looking for donations of nut-free candy to fill the Easter eggs & bags we give out to all of the children! Donated candy can be left at the Children's Ministry check in table on Sundays or in the office during the week. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: Cave Quest Vacation Bible School June 19-23

Lent - Our Way First Week in Lent

Getting Started

A few props will help us: river rocks we find or purchase, Sharpie pens. Dear God, Help us to trust that you are right here with us as we make our Lenten choices. Amen

Lent provides us an opportunity to check out our priorities: What are some things we have that we cherish and make us grateful? What might be some things we want to add -- or subtract: (more time together, less time on our electronics, for example)

The Story - Luke 4:1-13

What are some things we know Jesus was "showing" people? What are some things we see people doing to follow Jesus' way? What are some things we are doing to follow Jesus' way?

Activities

For each priority we have made, we describe it with a word and write that word on a rock. We could note the things we are already doing and the things we are working on. When we finish, we can put the rocks in a place where we can see them. Thank you, God, for helping us get clear about our priorities.. Amen.



Interim Student Ministry Director: Holly Timberlake
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Middle School Program Director: Anthony King
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Each week we pray a scripture for our students. You're invited to join us in this prayer. This Week's Scripture But just as You who called _____ is holy, so may _____ be holy in all he/she does; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." From 1 Peter 1:15-16

Middle School and High School students - join us Wednesday evenings for Student Ministry. Dinner at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall - \$5 suggested donation.

Missions

Faith Works Pantry

“Attention Shoppers: This Week...

Bakers has a great price on Tuna, Cereal, Pasta, and Hamburger Helper.

Fareway has a great price on canisters of Oatmeal.”



Donations of food are a great way to help off set the costs of the pantry.

TeamMates Info & Training

We are hosting a Training and Information Session for the TeamMates mentoring program on Tuesday, February 23, from 6:30-8:30, in Fellowship Hall.

TeamMates is a school based mentoring program started by Dr. Tom and Nancy Osborne. Mentors are needed to meet weekly with students in grades 3-12.

Central Middle School Teacher Conference Meal

Thanks to all who brought food for the Teacher Conference Meal. We received many thanks from the teachers saying the meal was “delicious and just perfect.”

Together Donations

The Together donation barrel has been temporarily removed. We will resume donation of household items in the future.

Contact Information

For additional information or questions on these or other Mission Projects please contact Dawn Stock, dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today – Omaha Street School

The mission offering today will go to support the Omaha Street School. The Omaha Street School, is a faith-based alternative high school, that puts at-risk youth on the road to success.

February 7 Mission Offering - FaithWorks Pantry = \$1,625.27.

Next Session of GriefShare begins February 23rd

GriefShare is a national program which offers comfort and hope for people grieving the death of someone close—whether that loss was recent or well in the past. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A workbook assists you with note-taking, journaling and grief study. The videos feature more than 40 top experts on grief recovery, specific topics on living with grief, and real-life stories of people who have experienced losses similar to yours and mine. During the small group discussion time, you’ll have an opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a loss, learn about their experiences, and, if you wish, share your own.

The 13-week GriefShare program meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Conference Room on the upper level (enter at the back of the church.) To sign up for the next session, starting Tuesday, February 23rd, please email Vikki O’Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director, at 402-650-9489 (cell) or email: vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Hospital and Pre-Surgical Visitation

Our goal is to visit those in our congregation when you are hospitalized and to pray with you at the hospital before any surgeries you may require. These visits are made based upon a specific request from you or an immediate family member who lets us know that you have been, or will be, hospitalized. Our Congregational Care Director can be contacted 24/7 at 402-650-9489 or vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com and is available to be there at any time of the day or night.

Property Tax Reduction

Real Estate Property Tax Reduction may be available for people over 65 years old with incomes (reduced by unreimbursed medical expenses) less than \$40,300 (\$47,800 for couples) and disabled people with incomes (reduced by unreimbursed medical expenses) less than \$43,700 (\$51,000 for couples). For more information, call VAS at (402)444-6617 or visit www.vas-nebraska.com or call FaithWestwood member Barb Strominger at (402)489-7641. Deadline for applying for this Homestead Exemption is June 30th.

New Home?

Home Blessings Available

FaithWestwood will now be offering the United Methodist “Service of Home Blessing.” This brief service may be done at any time but is especially appropriate when you have recently moved to a new home or apartment. Some families combine this with a “house warming” or “open house,” while others include close friends and family, and others just immediate family. To arrange a home blessing, contact Vikki O’Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director, at vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com or 402-650-9489. When your house is blessed you will receive a special plaque to display in your home.

What’s Happening

Renegade Gospel:

The Rebel Jesus

Today we are beginning a church-wide worship series for Lent. Jesus didn’t come to start a religion He came to start a revolution. We will have the opportunity to look at the life of Jesus. The book, written by Mike Slaughter, is available for purchase in the foyer for \$10. FaithWalk Groups will have a leader guide and video teachings to take the study deeper.

If you are not in a FaithWalk Group, this is a great time to join one. Instead of giving something up for Lent you can add joining a group. We invite you to visit with us at the Renegade book table to get more information about FaithWalk Groups, or contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1013.

Susanna Circle

The Susanna Cir. will meet on February 17th at 10:30 am. Due to the construction that began Feb. 1, we will meet in the Conference room, which is across from the Office. We have two chapters left in our book. So come with some ideas of what we can do next. If you would like to join our group please call Gaylene Adler at 402-895-3926

Amazing Grays

AMAZING GRAYS will meet on Feb 16 at 12:00 noon. Reservations for lunch should be made by Monday, Feb 15 by either signing the attendance card on Sunday morning or calling Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530. Our guest speaker will be Matt Carmichael who is a member of the Omaha Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. He will provide insight into a day in the life of a firefighter and how their work goes well beyond what we see on the news.

Interested in membership?

Contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1013.

Library and Book Group News

Our library has just purchased several new children’s picture books that are on display in our library upstairs. We also have many nice Christian fiction books along with bible commentaries, devotionals and bible resources.

Come and join us in the library for book groups, too. In March we will be discussing “Olive Kitteredge” by Elizabeth Strout (Tuesday, March 8 at 1 p.m.) and “All The Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr (Wednesday, March 30th at 1 p.m.). Call Cindy Urich at 402-708-8910 for more information, including other books we will be reading.

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude Jan Anderson, Jill Anderson

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Call to WorshipPastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....All Hail the Power, #155

Little Angels..... “Love and Obey”
Sue Hamilton, director

Children’s Time.....Pastor Steve Todd

Greeting - Blest Be the TieDonna Sandoval

OpportunitiesDonna Sandoval

Offering..... “Prayer for the People”
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise.....Blessed Be the Name, #63

Offering Prayer - The Lord’s PrayerPastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Come Christians Join to Sing, #158

Prayer Opportunity Vikki O’Hara

Hymn.....My Jesus I Love Thee, #172

Scripture: Mark 13:1-6; 1 John 2:18-19..... Katherine Kirby

Message Counterfeit Jesus
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn (as time allows).....I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

***This hymn is from The Faith We Sing book, which is different from our hymnal. Please read the lyrics from the screen.**

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Sunday - 10:45 am

- Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd
- Worship in Song“Open Up the Heavens”
..... “All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”
..... “Redeemed”
- Children’s Time.....Pastor Steve Todd
- OpportunitiesDonna Sandoval
- Offering.....“Come to the Feast”
- Prayer OpportunityVikki O’Hara
- Song “Cornerstone”
- Scripture: Mark 13:1-6; 1 John 2:18-19..... Laura Blumenthal
- Message Counterfeit Jesus
Pastor Steve Todd
- Song (as time allows)“This I Believe”
- Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

This morning’s musicians: Shane Campagna, electric guitar, vocals; Becky Dorn, vocals; Elise Dorn, vocals; Drew Havens, cello; Jeff Inman, drums, vocals; George Laughery, keys; Logan Mears, percussion, saxophone, vocals; Max Reisinger, bass guitar, vocals; Donna Sandoval, worship director; Itsy Silva, vocals; Kayla Whiteman, vocals.

SERMONS ON CD! Today’s message will be available on CD at the information desk next Sunday. Or, if you want to hear it sooner, you can watch it online after Tuesday.

Want to watch more messages or get another copy of the bulletin? You can find them online, at www.faithwestwood.com.

Sermon Notes

The FaithWalk Experience
 At FaithWestwood we talk about becoming deep, daring, and daily disciples. You may be wondering what does that mean and how would you get started. We invite you to join Pastor Steve for The FaithWalk Experience. We believe God has big things in store for us. And in order for us to become the strong mission-focused church God wants us to be, we are asking as many people as possible to take The FaithWalk Experience. Register with Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1013.

March 4-6 - Weekend Schedule
 Friday: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 12:15 p.m. -2:30 p.m.