

# 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.

## Stay CONNECTED

[www.faithwestwood.com](http://www.faithwestwood.com)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** [prayers@faithwestwood.com](mailto:prayers@faithwestwood.com)  
**WORSHIP SERVICES:** Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.  
**LEAD PASTOR** Steve Todd

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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:

### Leah Dinoso – Director of Children's Ministry

I'm here to help you with:

- Volunteering in the many different areas of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
- Questions about Safe Gatherings Certification
- Resources for your family's faith life at home
- Working together with the family to raise "Spiritual Champions"



Contact me at 402-895-3394x1002 or leah.dinoso@faithwestwood.com.

## Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

### Holy Week Services:

Thursday, March 24 - Maunday Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 - Easter Services, 9 & 10:45 a.m.

### March 27 - Risen Rebel King

Resurrection has never been easy to believe. Even Jesus's disciples weren't ready to believe it. But Jesus kept showing up – after he was crucified, certified dead, and buried. Sounds like a ghost story, and that was the first explanation the disciples thought of. Then Jesus ate with them. They touched him. He showed them his wounds from the cross. And they learned that this is what God said would happen to the coming king. Still today, the rebel Jesus leads a renegade kingdom destined to renew the earth.



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

### Family Project – Holy Week Box

This is a family activity that give you a chance to share some of the Holy Week story together, using items from the box as a focus and stimulus to chat and pray.

Each day from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday you share a Bible story together, either reading it or retelling it, and chat about the item in the box to which it relates, then say the Lord's Prayer together. It's a simple devotional idea for just 8 days.

These 'Holy Week Boxes' are available from the Children's Check-In table or in the gym where Children's Ministry meets currently.

### Following Jesus means doing God's work every day.

Today we heard the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet. Jesus set an example of acting in humility and service.

As a family discuss the following questions:

\*What are some ways you can serve God at church?

\*What are some ways you can serve God at home?

\*What are some ways you can serve God at school?

\*What are some ways you can serve God no matter where you are?

Prayer: Loving God, we know that following your Son, Jesus, isn't always easy.

We are ready to accept the challenge, take up our crosses, and be followers of Jesus. Help us to find ways to serve others. Amen.



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Middle School Program Director: Anthony King  
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### Middle School and High School students

Wednesday 6:30-8:30p (begin in gym)

#### Farewell to Anthony!

On Wednesday, March 30th, we will have a farewell for Anthony. We invite anyone who wants to join us in saying good bye to attend at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center (Gym).

#### Please pray for our students!

Scripture: May \_\_\_\_\_ put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. From Romans 13:12b

## Missions

### Faith Works Pantry – Savvy Shoppers

Breaking News - Savvy Shoppers continue to help fill Pantry shelves.

**Super Saver** - Old Orchard Apple juice 64 oz., \$.99  
- Best Choice Diced Tomatoes 2/\$1

**Baker's** - Chef-Boyardee Pasta \$.88, Kellogg's  
- Kashi Cereal \$1.99, when you buy 3.

### Faith Works Pantry – Green Thumbs

Another great way to supplement our FaithWorks Pantry food supply is to provide fresh produce. For those that garden, would you consider planning and planting a little extra this spring and donating the produce to the Pantry upon harvest? Please contact Dawn Stock if you can help in this way.

### Central Middle School – Office Help

The office staff at Central Middle school is in need of help getting report cards ready on Wednesday, April 13, from 9:00-11:00 am. Contact Dawn Stock if interested.

### 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 – Jay and Susan Mundy

The Mission Offering for today is for Jay and Susan Mundy, members of our church, who are pilot missionaries for Africa Inland Mission in Nairobi, Kenya.

**March 13 Mission Offering - FaithWorks Pantry = \$933.52**



### Expecting a Baby? Please let us know!

Please let our Blessed Beginnings ministry know as soon as you are pregnant! We have a gift for you to use throughout your pregnancy and want to be able to walk with you and pray for you, your family and your baby during your pregnancy! We also arrange for pastoral visitation when you are hospitalized and deliver your baby. To make the ministry team aware of your pregnancy, please contact Vikki O'Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director, at vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com or 402-650-9489.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## What's Happening

### Annual Family Easter Egg Hunt & Play in the Park

**Saturday, March 26th, 10 a.m.**

We are looking for donations of **individually wrapped, 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!

### Interested in membership?

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

### United Methodist Women Annual Spring Luncheon

Mark your calendars for our Annual Spring Salad Luncheon which will be on April 27th at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$8:00. The program this year will be sponsored by the Humanities of Nebraska and will be on "Promise in a New Land" Nebraska Homesteading, given by Cherrie Bean-Callaway.

The program is free of charge so if you can't make it to the Salad Luncheon you can come for the program which should start at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets for the lunch will go on sale in April.

### Family Easter Celebration on Sunday, March 27th

**9:00 & 10:45 services**

We love to see families worship together and we will be celebrating our Risen Savior on Easter morning with our families. There will be Nursery available to children under 3 and there will be NO Sunday School on Easter morning!

### Everybody Wins

- The law of the jungle is to eat or be eaten.
- The law of nature is that only the adaptable survive.
- The law of economics is that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

But Jesus didn't come to bring a law.

He came bringing good news for all people.

Saying yes to him creates a win-win situation - for you and everybody around you.

FaithWestwood is one of 35 Metro churches reaching out to our city with the "Everybody Wins" series in April. Check it out at EverybodyWins.net.

MARCH 20, 2016

## Sunday - 9 am

Prelude .....Handbell Choir  
Gary Addison, director

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Call to Worship .....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Hosanna, #278

Children's Time.....Pastor Steve Todd

Greeting - Blest Be the Tie .....Brenda Bowers

Opportunities .....Brenda Bowers

Offering.....Handbell Choir

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

Offering Prayer - The Lord's Prayer .....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, #277

Prayer Opportunity .....Vikki O'Hara

Hymn..... Filled with Excitement, #279

Scripture: Luke 9:51-62 ..... Ben Havens

Message ..... The Way of the Cross  
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn (as time allows).....All Glory, Laud and Honor, #280

Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

