

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.

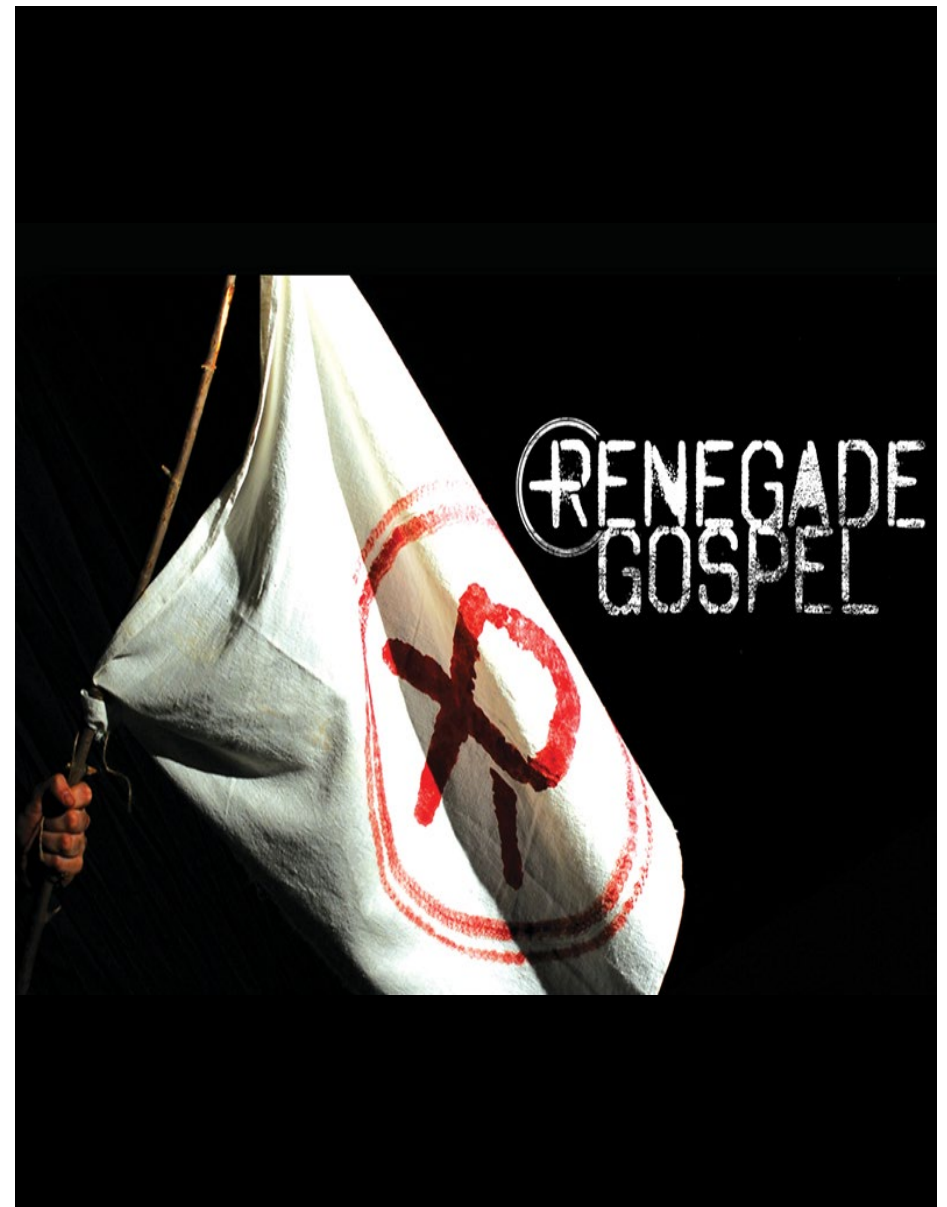
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Deep. Daring. Daily.

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:

Rich Anderson, Financial & Information Management Director

I'm here to:

- Process electronic giving or payments to FaithWestwood.
- Coordinate processing of payroll and preparation of Financial Statements with FaithWestwood's accountant.
- Provide giving statements to full members or others who contribute to FaithWestwood.
- Add visitor information into our database.
- Enter and/or track congregational attendance and report numbers to the Conference office.
- Make changes to our database, i.e., addresses, phone numbers, emails, membership dates, baptism dates, marriage dates, birthdates, etc.



Contact me at rich.anderson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1004.

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

March 13 - Seeing Jesus Today

You may not often notice Chevy's subcompact Aveo when you're driving in traffic - until you're in the market for one. Then you'll see them scooting around town everywhere. We don't tend to notice what we're not looking for. In the same way, we don't see Jesus, because we're not looking for him. We picture him as an ancient figure from history. But Jesus said that those who seek will find, even today.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
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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

Following Jesus must be our top priority.

Today we heard the parable that Jesus told about a man who hosted a large dinner and invited many guests. However, when it was time for the dinner, the excuses began to come in as to why they couldn't attend. Jesus reminded his disciple, and reminds us, that in order to follow him we must make him our first priority every single day, no excuses.

Prayer is one way we can make Jesus a priority every single day. We can pray the P.A.T.H.

P=Praise, A=Apologize, T=Thanks and H=Help



Interim Student Ministry Director: Holly Timberlake
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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)

Each week we pray a scripture for our students. You're invited to join us in this prayer.

This week's Scripture

May _____ tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might, so that all may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. From Psalm 145:11-2

Missions

Faith Works Pantry

Why not add a few items to your grocery list this week to help out the FaithWorks Pantry. Donations can be left outside the church office.



Fareway - Canned chicken breast \$1.99 a can and diced tomatoes 3/\$2.00

Bakers - Kroeger peanut butter 2/\$3.00 and tuna \$.69 a can.

Super Saver - Kellogg's cereal for \$1.88 a box.

Hy-Vee - General Mills Cereal for \$1.88 a box and soup for \$.39 a can.

UMCOR - Health Kit Assembly - March 30

Save the Date - On Wednesday, March 30, at 6:00 pm, in the lower foyer, we will be assembling Health Kits to help restock the supply for UMCOR.

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking.

Costa Rica Mission Trip - Reschedule

We will be headed back to Costa Rica with a Mission Team of 8, from Saturday, April 23, - Sunday, May 1. The following people will be going on the trip: Kathy Tripp, Diane Schierer, Jill Anderson, Darren Timberlake, Sydney Beran, Carol Satterlee, Chuck Cornwell, and Dawn Stock.

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 - One Great Hour of Sharing

This offering underwrites UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief) administrative costs. Which helps to keep the promise that 100% of every dollar given to UMCOR will go directly to those in need.

February 14 Mission Offering - Emergency Relief Fund = \$626.60.

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.

Baptism Orientation

If you are interested in baptism, our next Baptism Orientation is on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. The class is approximately one hour. For more information and to register, contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394x1013.

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.

Interested in membership?

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

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

Candy Needed

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!

Amazing Grays

AMAZING GRAYS will meet on Tuesday, March 15 at 12:00 noon. Reservations for lunch should be made by Monday, March 14 by either signing the attendance card on Sunday morning or calling Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530. Maurice Jackson will present a program on the Prison Ministry.

WHAT IS AMAZING GRAYS?

Amazing Grays is a group open to anyone age 55 and older, single or married. We meet the third Tuesday of the month (excluding June, July and August) in Fellowship Hall. We begin with lunch at 12:00 p.m. Meals cost \$3-\$5. Please call ahead for a reservation each month.

Lunch is followed by a program, usually presented by someone from the local community. In September we take a one day bus trip that is arranged through Hall Tours in Lincoln to points of interest. We have a lot of fun, and are always looking for new people to join us!

Found

A ring was found in Fellowship Hall the Wednesday after the February gathering of "Amazing Grays." Please check in the office to identify the ring if you believe it may be yours. Or see staff members Vikki O'Hara, Holly Timberlake or Randy King on Sunday morning.

Ready to say good-bye to that winter coat?

Bring your gently used or outgrown coats, jackets, rain coats or hoodies to Worship on Palm Sunday, March 20th. Help the children relive the way Jesus entered Jerusalem, with people placing their coats on the ground before him as a sign of respect. After our Palm Sunday procession we will be donating these coats and jackets to several of our FaithWestwood Mission Partners.

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.

Susanna Circle

The United Methodist Women Susanna Circle will meet on March 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will be starting a new book, so now is a great time to join! For information, call Gaylene Adler at 402-895-3926.

MARCH 6, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

PreludeLinda Dasovic, Lois Nelson

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Take Up Thy Cross, #415

Faith Community Nurse CommissioningVikki O'Hara, Pastor Steve Todd

Children's Time.....Dawn Stock

OpportunitiesDawn Stock

Offering..... "Jesus Makes All the Difference" Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise.....Praise God, #95

Offering PrayerPastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....I Am Thine O Lord, #419

Scripture: Luke 9:18-26 Becky Torrens

Message.....The Most Important Question You'll Ever Have to Answer Pastor Steve Todd

Prayer of Confession - The Great Thanksgiving - The Lord's Prayer

Communion..... Make Me a Captive, #421
.....Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone, #424
..... I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, TFWS*
..... O Young and Fearless Prophet, #444
.....Open My Eyes, #454
.....This Is My Song, #437

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.**

