

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

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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:

Donna Sandoval, Worship Director

I can help you:

- Get plugged into our traditional adult choir, bell choir, K-5th grade children's choirs' or playing organ or piano for the traditional service. Volunteer for assisting in the serving or preparation of communion.
- Volunteer on technical ministry teams working with sound, camera, lighting and media production and projection.
- Audition for the 10:45 worship team or one of our creative teams like SWAT (Sunday Worship Arts Team), dramas, hymn singing, and scripture reading.
- Offer yourself wholeheartedly as we gather together to worship God!



Contact me at donna.sandoval@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1008

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

April 10 - When Free Stuff Is Really Free, Everybody Wins

Have you ever found it hard to receive a gift?

- Maybe you felt you didn't you deserved it.
- Maybe you were suspicious of the giver's motives.
- Maybe you feared it might obligate you to reciprocate.

But a gift that is truly a gift isn't about what you deserve. It doesn't have a hidden agenda. It doesn't demand an equal gift in return. A gift that is truly a gift is freely given - no strings attached. It's meant to be freely received.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
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SAVE THE DATE: Cave Quest Vacation Bible School June 19-23

All 5th grade students are invited to join Student Ministry in April every Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm.

Nursery & PreK:

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Key Question: Who can love you?

Bottom Line: I can love God and love people.

Memory Verse: Love the Lord your God with all your heart....Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39, NIV

Bible Story: Saul to Paul

Elementary:

Bible Story: Ascension/Pentecost | Matthew 28:20, Acts 1-2

Bottom Line: When life gets hard, remember God is with you.

Memory Verse: "But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak." Isaiah 40:31, NIV

Life App: PERSEVERANCE is refusing to give up when life gets hard.



Interim Student Ministry Director: Holly Timberlake
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Interim IMPACT Director: LeAnn Adkins
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Middle School and High School students

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

Student Ministry invites current 5th graders to join us this Wednesday, April 6th. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall with dinner, (Walking Tacos) move to the worship center for worship, and then have small group time.

April 13th - Family Service Night

Children's Ministry and Student Ministry invite families to join us for an evening of service. We have several opportunities available.

Weekly Prayer for Students

Scripture: Show _____ Your ways, O Lord, teach _____ Your paths, guide him/her in Your truth and teach _____, for You are _____'s God and Savior, may _____'s hope be in You all day long. From Psalm 25:4-5

Missions

Faith Works Pantry

The FaithWorks Pantry is now enrolled in the BakersPlus Card Community Rewards Program. Each quarter Baker's will donate a percentage of sales back to the Pantry. To register your BakersPlus Card go to www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards Our church ID/NPO is 37909.



Savvy Shoppers Deals of the Week

Baker's: General Mills Cereals, \$1.88; Old Orchard Juice, \$.99, limit 5 w/ digital coupon
Fareway: General Mills Cereals, 3 for \$5; Fareway Pork and Beans, \$.38
Aldi: toilet paper \$.59 for 4 rolls, Peanut Butter \$1.49 a jar, fruit \$.89 a can

Central Middle School

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.

Family Serve Night

We are pleased to team up with Student Ministries for our Family Serve Night on Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-8:30. A variety of opportunities will be available for families to serve side by side. Please see the insert in the bulletin. And sign-up by Sunday, April 10.

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 – FaithWorks Pantry

Our offering today is for the FaithWorks Pantry. Each month we serve on average 60 families, each going home with a minimum of 20 items, intended as a 3-day emergency supply of food.

March 27 Mission Offering - Helping Hands = \$1,394.30

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

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.

Interested in membership?

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

Traveling Tasters

The Traveling Tasters will be meeting on April 7th at 5:30 pm. We are going to a new restaurant called Azeca., located at 9429 S 142nd St. It is a Mexican restaurant and is one of Sandi and Walt Smith's favorite. Call Gaylene Adler at 402-895-3926 for information or directions.

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

This United Methodist Women's book club will meet on April 20th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We are starting a new book called "When People are Hurting," by James Moore. For more information call Gaylene Adler, 402-895-3926.

United Methodist Women

The Unit Meeting of the United Methodist Women will be on Wed. April 6th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have a light breakfast followed by a program presented by Heidi Sampson of Beautiful Gate. There will be brief business meeting after the presentation. All women are welcome.

APRIL 3, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude Linda Dasovic, piano; Lois Nelson, organ

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Have Thine Own Way Lord, #382

Children's Time.....Leah Dinoso

OpportunitiesBrenda Bowers

Offering..... "Grace"
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise.....God is So Good, FS*

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52Garry Truman

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

Communion..... There Is a Balm In Gilead, #375
..... Amazing Grace, #378
..... Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, #381
..... This Is the Day of New Beginnings, #383
..... Spirit of the Living God, #393
..... Stand By Me, #512

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.**

APRIL 3 2016

Sunday - 10:45 am

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Song.....“You Are Good”

Children’s Time.....Leah Dinoso

Worship in Song.....“My Redeemer Lives”
.....“All the People Said Amen”

OpportunitiesBrenda Bowers

Offering.....“If We’re Honest”

Prayer OpportunityVikki O’Hara

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52 Laura Blumenthal

Message..... When We Get Real, Everybody Wins
Pastor Steve Todd

Communion.....“Holy Spirit”
.....“Another Hallelujah”

Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Today’s Musicians: Shane Campagna, acoustic guitar, vocals; Shane Goughnour, keys, vocals; Drew Havens, cello; Jeff Inman, drums, vocals; Logan Mears, saxophone, vocals; Shaun Miller, electric guitar; Max Reisinger, bass guitar, vocals; Kayla Whiteman, vocals.

Sermon Notes

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.faihwestwood.com.