

# 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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# EVERYBODY WINS



**Faith**  
WESTWOOD

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:

**Holly Timberlake, Small Groups/Interim Student Ministry Director**  
I'm here to help you...

- Take your next step of faith into an adult FaithWalk Group.
- Take your next step of faith into membership.
- Take your next step of faith into confirmation.
- Take your next step of faith in Middle School ministry.
- Take your next step of faith in High School ministry.



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## Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

### April 17 - When Hearts Break, Everybody Wins

- Some of us cry easily. We see a 30-second commercial with a cute puppy, and we're wiping our eyes.
- Others of us aren't wired that way. It takes a deep, personal loss to bring us to tears.

Jesus didn't protect his heart. His heart went out to those who grieved, who were abused, who were blinded by pain and prejudice. Jesus wept for them. What breaks your heart?



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**SAVE THE DATE:** Cave Quest Vacation Bible School June 19-23. Registration begins May 1st.

### Dunking for Dollars for Vacation Bible School

Come dunk your favorite leaders at Burgers & Bingo and help out VBS too!!! See details at bottom of page.

### Nursery & PreK - My Neighborhood

**Bible Story:** We can love God and love people with our friends. Early Church • Acts 2:42-47

**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

### Elementary - Hangin' Tough

**Bible Story:** The Tough Kept Going (Cloud of Witnesses) • Hebrews 12:1 (Supporting: Hebrews 11)

**Bottom Line:** When life gets hard, remember how others persevered.

**Memory Verse:** "But those who trust 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



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

We invite you to pray for our students, each week we pray a different scripture. This week's Scripture: May \_\_\_\_\_ be merciful, just as his/her Father is merciful. From Luke 6:36

### Family Service Night

This Wednesday April 13th @ 6:30 p.m. Sign up today!

### Speaker - Mel Bretel

Wednesday April 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

Little Ceasars Pizza, Salad, and Dessert in the Fellowship Hall (Suggested Donation \$5)

### Burgers & Bingo

Wednesday April 27th

We will provide hamburgers, last names A-M please bring desserts and N-Z please bring salads.

## 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.bakers-plus.com/communityrewards](http://www.bakers-plus.com/communityrewards) Our church ID/NPO is 37909.



Savvy Shoppers Weekly Deals  
Baker's: Kroger Peanut Butter, 2/\$3  
Super Saver: Chef Boyardee pasta, \$.86  
Fareway: Malt O Meal bag cereal 5/\$5

### Food Drives for Together Inc.

We are happy to continue to support our Mission Partner Together Inc. through food drives at local west Omaha stores. Together was instrumental in getting our Faithworks Pantry started and continues to support our pantry with perishable items. Last year our six food drives collected 10,800 pounds of food and nearly \$1,000 for Together.

Volunteers are needed in 2-hour shifts. To Sign-Up, see the attached insert for times and dates available. Questions contact Wayne Brunz at 402-658-5706.

### 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

Today is the last day to sign up! We are pleased to team up with Student Ministries for our Family Serve Night on Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-8:30. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin and drop in the offering bucket.

## Mission Offerings

### Mission Offering Today - Native American Ministries

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

**April 3 Mission Offering - FaithWorks Pantry = \$ 1,286.50**

### CareMATers Ministry NEEDS YOU!

Did you see us on WOWT-TV and Yahoo News around Thanksgiving?

Have you viewed our instructional video at <https://vimeo.com/150394708> or on the Faith-Westwood website under CareMATers Ministry?

We need your help and would welcome you to join us in being a blessing to the homeless members of our community by helping us process the bags we use to make 3'x6' sleeping mats from plastic grocery sacks. Donated bags need to be sorted and flattened weekly before we cut the bags into 6" strips and then crochet them into the mats.

We have donated over 500 sleeping mats in three years with over 100 donated since January 2016. Donation sites/organizations include: Siena/Francis House, Open Door Mission, Salvation Army, Dept. of Veteran's Affairs, Table of Mercy, Beautiful Gate, and Community Alliance.

We meet the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of the month in Fellowship Hall from 1-3pm. We average 17 to 23 men and women volunteers each Wednesday and enjoy fellowship while being the hands of Christ as we process the donated bags from the congregation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will NOT meet on Wednesday April 27th -- please join us and attend the UMW Spring Salad Luncheon in Fellowship Hall that day!

For more information contact: Linda Hughes - 402-895-6907 or Sandi Smith - 402-334-7831 or just come and join us!! EVERYBODY WINS!

### Alcohol Awareness Month - Talk Early, Talk Often Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use

Since 1987 the month of April has been designated as Alcohol Awareness Month - a month to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues. This year's theme is "Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use." Please stop by and see our Faith Community Nurses at the Health and Wellness table where they have some great articles about kids and teens and alcohol use, as well as more general information if you are concerned you may have a loved one with a substance-abuse problem.

### 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](http://www.vas-nebraska.com) or call Faith-Westwood member Barb Strominger at (402)489-7641. Deadline for applying for this Homestead Exemption is June 30th.

## What's Happening

**Amazing Grays**  
AMAZING GRAYS will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 12:00 noon. Reservations for lunch should be made by Monday, April 18 by either signing the attendance card on Sunday morning or calling Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530. Our FaithCommunity Nurses, Sandi Vyhldal and Cheryl Gray, will be here to introduce us to their role in the church.

### 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.

### Can You Bring A Member to Church?

We have people at Faith-Westwood who love to attend our Sunday services but cannot drive themselves to church. Picking up a person for either the 9 AM or for the 10:45 service would be so appreciated (even if you could only drive a person a couple times a month). Right now we especially need drivers for the 10:45 service. If you could help with this aspect of our Angels on Wheels ministry please call Cindy Uhrich at (402) 708-8910.

### Interested in membership?

Contact Holly Timberlake at [holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com](mailto:holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com) or 402-895-3394 x 1013.

## Spring Salad Luncheon and Program

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.  
Tickets \$8.00

Tickets will be available April 17th & 24th in the Foyer at FaithWestwood, or for reservations call: Gaylene Adler - 402-895-3926 or Jan Anderson 402-333-2584

### The Program:

Cherrie Beam-Callaway as "Mariah," is a native Nebraska storyteller with the Nebraska Humanities Council. Twelve sets of families homesteaded in Nebraska. Cherrie has been making history come alive for 35 years giving programs to over 97,000 children and adults. She depicts an Irish Nebraska settler between 1847 and 1885. You'll be transported in time with stories of loneliness, success, failure and most importantly becoming an American.



APRIL 10, 2016

## Sunday - 9 am

Prelude .....Brenda Bowers, piano; David Gerard, organ

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Call to Worship .....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Grace Greater Than Our Sin, #365

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

Greeting - Blest Be the Tie That Binds .....Donna Sandoval

Opportunities .....Donna Sandoval

Offering....."Give Thanks"  
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise..... Majesty, #176

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

Hymn..... "My Hope is Built, #368

Prayer Opportunity ..... Vikki O'Hara

Hymn..... He Touched Me, #367

Scripture:John 3:1-10 ..... Katherine Kirby

Message .....When Free Stuff Is Really Free, Everybody Wins  
Pastor Steve Todd

Membership Covenant .....Pastor Steve Todd

Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

APRIL 10 2016

**Sunday - 10:45 am**

- Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd
- Worship in Song ..... “This Is Amazing Grace”  
.....“Your Grace Is Enough”  
..... “Cornerstone”
- Children’s Time..... Pastor Steve Todd
- Baptism..... Pastor Steve Todd
- Opportunities ..... Donna Sandoval
- Offering.....“Grace Like Rain”
- Prayer Opportunity ..... Vikki O’Hara
- Scripture: John 3:1-10..... Emma Barben
- Message .....When Free Stuff Is Really Free, Everybody Wins  
Pastor Steve Todd
- Song .....“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
- Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Today’s Musicians: Marea Campagna, vocals; Shane Campagna, bass guitar, vocals; Becky Dorn, vocals; Drew Havens, cello; Jeff Inman, drums; Bucky McCann, keys; Shaun Miller, electric guitar; Max Reisinger, vocals; Trish Todd, acoustic guitar.

Sermon Notes

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