

## Our Mission:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

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### 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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**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:

### Randy King, Hospitality Director

I'm here to...

- Extend a welcome to our members and guests
- Help you make a connection through Hospitality service
- Help you with room reservations.



Contact me at 402-895-3394 x1017 or [randy.king@faithwestwood.com](mailto:randy.king@faithwestwood.com)

## Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

### May Worship Series - I QUIT!

Fed up? Sick of the status quo? It's time to say, "I quit!" Quitting doesn't brand you as a quitter. Maybe it means you're ready for change. God says that in order to embrace new ways we have to quit our old ones.

### May 1, 2016 - I Quit Making Excuses

Excuses are an art form! They require a perfect blend of creativity and passivity. They are reasons stuck in denial. What excuses do you have ready for God? How will they be received? Now's the time to say to your excuses, "I quit!"



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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.

### Preschool - My Neighborhood

Bible Story: I can love God and love people Love God, Love People • Matthew 22:34-40

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: Keep Calm and Persevere (Help others have perseverance) • Hebrews 12:12-15

Bottom Line: When life gets hard, remember you can help others persevere.

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 weak." Isaiah 40:31, NIV



Interim Student Ministry Director: Holly Timberlake  
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Interim IMPACT Director: LeAnn Adkins  
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### Burgers & Bingo

We invite families to join us for this fun fellowship event!

April 27th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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

**Dunking for Dollars:** Help us make VBS free again this year and have fun doing it! We will have a dunk tank at Burgers & Bingo - dunk the children's and student ministry leaders and help make VBS free for the community!

### Weekly Prayer for Students

Pray for Students

Scripture: May \_\_\_\_\_ remember the deeds of the LORD; May \_\_\_\_\_ remember Your miracles of long ago. May \_\_\_\_\_ meditate on all Your works and consider all Your mighty deeds. From Psalm 77:11-12

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



## Faith Works Pantry Savvy Shoppers Weekly Deals

Hy-Vee - Pasta, \$.88  
 Hy-Vee - Tomatoes, \$.75  
 Hy-Vee - That's Smart Mac 'n Cheese, \$.44

Baker's - Kroger Apple Juice, \$1  
 Baker's - Hunt's Spaghetti Sauce, \$1

## Costa Rica Mission Trip

Our Costa Rica Mission Trip arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica last night. They will spend the week serving the children in Tirrasses, and the ladies in Pavas, painting, delivering a sewing machine and making home visits. They will return home late on Sunday, May 1.

## Abide Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up

We are happy to serve with Abide on Saturday, May 14, from 8:30-noon, as part of the annual Spring Clean-Up. We have a huge need for pickup trucks and trailers that we can load and take items to the dumpsters. If you are able to help, please contact Dawn Stock for more information.

## Save the Date

Saturday, June 11, Abide Block Party at Fontanelle Park - Volunteer shifts between 8:30am and 2:00 pm. More info to come.

## Contact Information

For additional information or questions on these or other Mission Opportunities, please contact Dawn Stock, [dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com](mailto:dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com) or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012.

# Mission Offerings

## Mission Offering Today - Together

Today's offering will help our Mission Partner, Together, keep families in their homes. In addition to a food pantry, they provide assistance with rent and utilities, and resettle homeless veterans into apartments.

**April 17 Mission Offering - Student Mission Trip Supplies = \$1,043.25**

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Calling ALL Families!



We will be celebrating May Day on May 1st by going Ding-Dong Ditching in FaithWestwood's neighborhood. Join us as we share candy and an invitation to VBS with our neighbors. We will meet in the Foyer immediately following the 10:45 service.

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

## 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.

## United Methodist Women

The Unit meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have a light breakfast followed by a program presented by Mason Morgan, on *The Big Garden*. Then we will have a short business meeting. This will be our last meeting until September 7th. All women are invited.

## Traveling Tasters

The Traveling Tasters will be going out on May 5th at 5:30 p.m. to the Farm House, located at 3461 S 84th St. Traveling Tasters is a group of adults, couples or singles who enjoy dining together. Please call Gaylene Adler at 402-895-3926 if you plan on coming so reservations can be

## 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.

APRIL 24, 2016

# Sunday - 9 am

Prelude .....Jill Anderson, piano; David Gerard, organ

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Call to Worship .....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Easter People, Raise Your Voices, #304

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

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

Opportunities .....Donna Sandoval

Offering.....Be Joyful and Sing to the Lord  
 Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise.....He Is Lord, #177

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

Hymn.....Freely, Freely, #389

Prayer Opportunity .....Vikki O'Hara

Hymn.....O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice, #391

Scripture: Luke 18:18-27, 19:1-10 .....Kristina Ronfeldt

Message ..... When We Get in the Game, Everybody Wins  
 Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn (as time allows).....Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #400

Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

