

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:

Polly Pierce, Student Ministry Director

Polly comes to Faith Westwood from North Dakota and before that Texas, but grew up on a farm in southwest Iowa. She graduated from University of Sioux Falls with a Bachelors in mathematics. She has felt the tug from the Lord to work with youth for many years and has done so in various chapters of her life. Her golden retriever, Remi, takes up most her time at home. In her free time, Polly enjoys being outside in any capacity, from camping to a bike ride to a strolling walk. She's passionate about her faith and the faith formation of today's youth. It is her ambition to empower the youth to live lives of faith.



Contact: polly.pierce@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1006.

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 8, 2016 - I Quit Complaining

What's your go-to gripe? Politics? Schools? Coaches? Bosses? Churches? Yes, there's such a thing as a constructive complaint, but usually we complain out of habit. And it's negative. We grumble instead of being grateful. Now's the time to say, "I quit!"



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VBS Registration begins today!

Nursery & PreK - Better Together

Bible Story: God gives me good friends. David and Jonathan • 1 Samuel 18:1-4

Bottom Line: God gives me good friends.

Memory Verse: "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." Ecclesiastes 4:9, NirV

Elementary - Super Size Me

Bible Story: Because I'm Happyyyyyyyyyy! (Be content/Paul in prison) • Philippians 4:11b-13

Bottom Line: When you focus on God, He can help you to be content.

Memory Verse: "I have learned the secret to being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough." Philippians 4:12b, NirV



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High School Seniors

We would like to celebrate High School Seniors who are graduating this year on Sunday, May 15th at 9 & 10:45 service. If you are a High School Senior or a parent of one please send the following information A digital picture, the name of the school graduating from, and the students future plans before Monday, May 9th to Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com at 402-895-3394 x1013.

Wednesday May 4th

6:00-7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet Polly Pierce in the Fellowship Hall
We will have fried chicken, sides, dessert, and drinks (suggested donation of \$5)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Student Ministry Leader Meeting

Please Pray for our Students:

Scripture: The Lord is _____'s portion, therefore _____ will hope in Him. From Lamentations 3:24 (ESV)

Missions

Faith Works Pantry

Each month we stock the shelves of our FaithWorks Pantry through several sources; donated food, purchases at the Food Bank, and purchases at local stores.



The Food Bank has an ever-changing supply of items, but what they do have, can be bought at a significantly reduced rate with the dollars collected through our Pantry offerings.

The following items are rarely at the Food Bank and are what we usually end up purchasing at local stores each month; Peanut Butter, canned meat, canned fruit, and oatmeal.

Costa Rica Mission Trip

Our Costa Rica Mission Team has spent the week serving in San Jose, Costa Rica. They will return home late tonight. Join us on May 15, when they share their stories during worship.

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.

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 or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012.

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today - FaithWorks Pantry

FaithWorks is Faith Westwood's community food pantry, which is held twice per month. Your contributions help to supply food to an average of 60 families a month.

April 24 Mission Offering - Together = \$580.78

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 FaithWestwood 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!

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.

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

Calling ALL Families!



We will be celebrating May Day today 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.

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 made.

Interested in membership?

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

Baptism Orientation

Interested in baptism? We ask everyone that shows interest to attend the Baptism Orientation class. The next class is Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1013.

MAY 1, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude Linda Dasovic, organ; Lois Nelson, piano

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, #381

Welcome for Polly Pierce.....Pastor Steve Todd

Children's Time.....Leah Dinoso

OpportunitiesBrenda Bowers

Offering.....Linda Dasovic, Lois Nelson

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

Offering Prayer.....Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Nothing Between, #373

Scripture: Luke 14:16-24..... Gary Jones

Message I Quit My Excuses
Pastor Steve Todd

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

Communion..... They'll Know We Are Christians FWS-2223*
.....Stand By Me, #512
.....Jesus Calls Us, #398
.....In the Garden, #314
.....Have Thine Own Way, #382
.....When We Are Living #356

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.**

