

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:

Leah Dinoso - Director of Children's Ministry

I'm here to help you with:

- Volunteering in the many different areas of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
- Questions about Safe Gatherings Certification
- Resources for your family's faith life at home
- Working together with the family to raise "Spiritual Champions"



Contact me at 402-895-3394x1002 or leah.dinosa@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 15, 2016 - I Quit Living in Fear

When Luke Skywalker said he wasn't afraid, Master Yoda replied, "You will be. You will be." Fear can look like worry, insecurity, terror, panic, paranoia, dread, or anxiety. But you are not doomed to let fear run your life. David in the Bible prayed, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." It's time to say to fear, "I quit!"



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Register for VBS today

Register your child for VBS in the foyer or through the website at FaithWestwood.com.

Nursery & PreK - Better Together

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, NIV

Bible Story: Good friends comfort each other. David and Jonathan Say Goodbye • 1 Samuel 20:3-42

Elementary - Super Size Me

Bible Story: I Hurt Him for the Grapevine (Naboth's vineyard) • 1 Kings 21:1-19, 27

Bottom Line: When you focus on what you don't have, it can make you miserable.

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,



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce
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Interim IMPACT Director: LeAnn Adkins
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Mission Trip Notebooks in Foyer

Faith Westwood Student Ministry mission trips are right around the corner! For the next few Sunday's, we will have notebooks in the foyer - swing by and leave words of encouragement or prayers for the participants while they are on the trip!

We can't wait to go in the name of Christ and serve others! Thank you for your prayers and supporting us as we venture out to serve and to love.

High School Mission Trip: Dallas, June 5th-10th
Middle School Mission Trip: Des Moines, July 10th-15th

Missions

Faith Works Pantry

We are so thankful for a donation to the Faith Works Pantry of more than 500 items from the students at the Millard West National Honor Society.



Faith Works Pantry – Savvy Shoppers

Bag n Save/Family Fare: Creamette/Ronzoni pasta 10/\$10, Our Family tuna \$.69

Hy-vee: Hy-vee pasta 10/\$10

Baker's: Kroger vegetables 2/\$1, Bumble Bee tuna 2/\$1, Barilla Pasta 10/\$10

Fareway: Faraway vegetables \$.58

Costa Rica Mission Trip

Our Costa Rica Mission Team returned home late last Sunday evening. They will be sharing their experiences on Sunday, May 15.

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. If you are interested in helping with the neighborhood clean up, please contact Dawn Stock. There is also a need for pickup trucks and trailers that we can load and take items to the dumpsters.

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 – United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR is the global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church working in more than 80 countries. EVERY PENNY you give to UMCOR reaches the destination for which it was intended.

May 1 Mission Offering - FaithWorks Pantry = \$1,342.95

Blanketed with Prayer Ministry Touches, Comforts and Blesses Many!

Our Blanketed With Prayer Ministry Team, ably led by Darline Redd and Sandy Smith, makes a real difference in the lives of those in our congregation and our community! Among the items made by this ministry each year are dozens of crocheted prayer shawls, fleece blankets, quilts, crocheted baby blankets, and knit/crocheted hats and scarves. All these items are given to those in our congregation, their family and friends, who are going through a difficult time due to a health crisis, grief, or other life challenge; to new babies in our congregation through our Blessed Beginnings ministry, and to new babies enrolled in our Love and Learn Child Development Center; and to community organizations to be distributed to those in need of warm hats and scarves during the winter months.

How This Ministry Serves Members of Our Congregation

Whenever you have a family member or friend who is ill or grieving you may request a prayer shawl (women) or prayer blanket (men) to give to them. These come packaged in a gift bag, with a special tag that explains that those who made the shawl/blanket prayed for the recipient as they were making them, that they were blessed in worship, and they are a gift from our church assuring the recipient that he or she is wrapped in the prayers of our church and in God's love. To request a prayer shawl or blanket, simply email, text or call Vikki O'Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director at vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com or 402-650-9489 and indicate the name of the recipient and when you would like to pick up the shawl/blanket. There is NO CHARGE for these items.

Everyone is invited to attend our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month from 1-3 p.m. in the Conference Room.

For more information on volunteering contact: Sandi Smith at 402-616-1697 or smiths4@cox.net or Darline Redd at 402-681-1441 or tinkered@cox.net.

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

Chancel Choir Concert

You are invited to an evening of sweet music and dessert on Sunday, May 22 at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center. There will be a free will donation for the dessert.

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.

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.

Amazing Grays

AMAZING GRAYS will meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 17. Reservations for lunch should be made by Monday, May 16 by either signing the attendance card on Sunday morning or calling Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530. "Senior Programs at the YMCA" will be presented by Macy DeWispelare.

The Amazing Grays Annual Outing

You are invited to go with the Amazing Grays to Clarinda, Iowa on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. The morning will begin with a reception of coffee, tea and pastries at the Nodaway Vally Historical Museum. Then we will have a guided tour through the Carnegie Art Museum and Glenn Miller's birth place. Lunch will be at the Ice House.

This fun bus tour is open to all adults. The tour price is \$107, due by August 10. Contact Gaylene Adler at 402-895-3926 for more information or to register.

Interested in membership?

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

MAY 8, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude David Gerard

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Call to WorshipPastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Great is Thy Faithfulness, #140

Video

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

Greeting - Blest Be the TieDonna Sandoval

OpportunitiesDonna Sandoval

Offering..... Help Us Accept Each Other
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

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

Offering Prayer - The Lord's PrayerPastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... The Gift of Love, #408

Prayer Opportunity Vikki O'Hara

Hymn..... Your Love, O God, #120

Scripture: Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-3 Katherine Kirby

Message I Quit Complaining
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn (as time allows)..... His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

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.

