

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:

Brenda Bowers, Assistant to Pastor Steve Todd

I'm here to help you:

- Schedule appointments with Pastor Steve.
- With weddings - if you want to have a wedding here, I am your initial contact.
- If you need to put an item in the bulletin.



Contact me at brenda.bowers@faithwestwood.com/402-895-3394x1011.

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

Go for the Gold

It's Olympics time. Athletes from all over the world have been training years for this moment. While they're at Rio, we'll be watching and cheering them on. The early Christians sometimes imagined themselves on the field for the big games. They knew that God's people are being trained and tested every day. Jesus is our coach. The faithful who have gone before are cheering us on. And the prize we pursue is godliness.

August 7, 2016 - Develop a Distinguishing Eye

When you watch the Olympics, often the announcers are former competitors in that sport. They see details the rest of us don't notice. Through years of training and experience they have developed an eye for technique and excellence. Jesus's followers train with God's word. If we don't want to remain novices, we must learn to recognize good and evil. Godliness requires a distinguishing eye.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
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Save the Date:

Sunday, August 14 - Movin' Up Sunday and Backpack Blessing

Paper Towel Rolls Needed

Children's Ministry is collecting cardboard paper towel rolls for a Sunday school project. We need LOTS of them (around 100) by August 5th. You can drop them off at the Children's Check in table on Sunday morning or to the office during the week. Thank you in advance!

MAKE IT STICK: (Parent Cue)

Summer Games 2016: Faster, Higher, Stronger

Bible Event: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal, 1 Kings 18:22-39

Make this week's lesson real: Ask your kids about troubles they might be facing at school, with friends, on sports teams, etc. Give them advice where appropriate. Beyond that, let them know that even though we might not always have the answer, God does. Pray together, trusting God to come to the rescue in his fast and perfect timing.

Parent Time: What you need to know - Elijah was a bit of a lone wolf, one of the last to stand for God in a nation that had turned to false idols. This was the setting of Elijah's great victory against the prophets of Baal, but it would later lead to a season of depression and despondency for Elijah. Do you ever feel like you're out there on your own? Know that God is with you. Ask him to make his presence known. Trust him to come through for you.



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce
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Interim IMPACT Director: LeAnn Adkins
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Visit the student ministry table in the foyer for information about LIFE-LIGHT, a Christian concert that everyone is invited to over Labor Day weekend.

Missions

Outside the Walls

One Sunday in August, in lieu of our traditional Sunday morning worship service, we do a church-wide event called Outside the Walls. Our goal is to engage our congregation in mission and service opportunities throughout Omaha. Last year we had 242 people serving in more than 12 different locations. This year Outside the Walls is set for August 28.



Registration for Outside the Walls will begin on August 7.

Outside the Walls -Partner Highlight



Together was founded as a collaborative effort through Omaha's diverse faith community. From the very beginning the faith community saw the value of combining financial and other resources to create an expert center to help people that are most in need.

Together is a Homeless Prevention Agency. They provide support to help keep people in their homes, whether that may be temporary rent or utility assistance during a tough month, a pantry of groceries or diapers, or referral to other programs that can help.

Together was instrumental in helping Faith Westwood to establish our Faithworks Food Pantry, recognizing that hunger and poverty know no zip code. Faith Westwood continues to support Together through quarterly mission offerings and Food Drives at local stores. Our last food drive for Together at Hy-Vee on July 16, collected over 2,500 pounds of food for the Together Pantry.

During outside the walls we will have two opportunities to serve Together, both are great options for families to serve. One group will work in the neighborhood garden outside of their location on South 24th street. The other group will seek food donations outside of Super Saver in Millard

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today - Outside the Walls

Over the next 7 weeks our mission offering will be for Outside the Walls. All money donated will be put towards our project expenses and the surplus will be divided and donated to the participating partner organizations.

July 24 Mission Offering - Outside the Walls = \$554.95

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 or 402-895-3394 x 1006.

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.

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.

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

Christian Music Concert

Do you enjoy Christian music? LIFELIGHT is an opportunity for you. Over Labor Day weekend in Sioux Falls, hundreds of people come out for a weekend long Christian concert! FaithWestwood is going and so should you! Swing by the Student Ministry table for more details or contact Polly Pierce at polly.pierce@faithwestwood.com.

Disciple Fast Track

Fast Track is an adaptation of the original, bestselling Disciple Bible Study: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study. It is ideal for busy people who want to fit a comprehensive Bible study into their schedule. Class facilitators are Steve & Kris Eschliman and Jeff & Loretta Neemann. Please let Kris Eschliman know by email or phone, kris.eschliman@gmail.com or 402-250-3263, by Sunday, August 7th if you would like to participate so that study books can be ordered. First class is on August 24th, 6:30 p.m. at the church and is where you will receive your study books, schedule and overview of the study. Cost of the study books are \$36.00.

Traveling Tasters

The Traveling Tasters will be going out on August 4th at 5:30pm to the Olive Garden at 16929 Lakeside Hills Cir.

This group is open to all adults, couples or singles. Please let Gaylene Adler know if you plan on coming so she can make reservations. (402) 895-3926

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 Valley 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. Flyer's are available on the information table if you are interested in going on the trip. Contact Gaylene Adler at 402-895-3926 for more information or to register.

JULY 31 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude	"Love Lifted Me" Jill Anderson, piano; David Gerard, organ
Welcome.....	Jason Buss
Call to Worship	Jason Buss
Hymn.....	I Know Whom I Have Believed, #714
Opportunities	Donna Sandoval
Offering.....	"Amazing Love! How Can It Be" Jill Anderson, David Gerard
Act of Praise.....	He Is Lord, #177
Offering Prayer - The Apostle's Creed.....	Jason Buss
Prayer Opportunity	Vikki O'Hara
Hymn.....	Hymn of Promise, #707
Children's Time.....	Leah Dinoso
Hymn.....	Make Me a Servant*
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.....	Becky Torrens
Message	Sacrifice for Success Jason Buss
Hymn (as time allows).....	How Firm a Foundation, #529
Blessing.....	Jason Buss
Shalom	

***This hymn is from The Faith We Sing book, which is different from our hymnal. Please read the lyrics from the screen.**

JULY 31, 2016

Sunday - 10:45 am

Welcome..... Jason Buss

Worship in Song “Rock of Ages”
..... “Soul on Fire”

Opportunities Donna Sandoval

Offering..... “How Sweet the Sound”

Song “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Prayer Opportunity Vikki O’Hara

Song “Lead Me to the Cross”

Children’s Time..... Leah Dinoso

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27..... Marilyn Berryman

Message Sacrifice for Success
Jason Buss

Song (as time allows) “All the People Said Amen”

Blessing..... Jason Buss

Today's Musicians: Shane Campagna, electric guitar, vocals; Ryan Goughnour, keys, vocals; Drew Havens, cello; Jeff Kolega, drums; Max Reisinger, bass guitar, vocals; Donna Sandoval, worship director.

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.faithwestwood.com.