

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.



INVITATIONAL

We invite others into our lives and into a relationship with God.



MISSIONAL

We love Jesus by feeding, befriending, and blessing those in need.

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CONNECTED

www.faithwestwood.com

PRAYER CHAIN: prayers@faithwestwood.com
WORSHIP SERVICES: Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.
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Love is the Enemy - December 27, 2015



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:

Anthony King, Impact & Student Music Director

I'm here to help you:

- Sign up for the Impact After School Program if your student goes to CMS.
- Get involved in the Student Ministry worship band
- Plug into Student Ministry small groups
- Find a FaithWalk group if you are a young adult.



Contact me at anthony.king@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1005.

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

January 3 - Choosing Happiness

Every new year comes with a prospect of doing somethings differently or perhaps even better. We hope and pray for less suffering and more happiness. We can learn from Martha and Mary's relationship with Jesus how to enjoy a brighter year ahead. Rev. Chuck Cornwell, guest preacher.

Prayer Requests

Prayers of comfort and thanksgiving are printed for one week. You may submit an update at any time by writing your request on your green registration sheet, or by email to: prayers@faithwestwood.com. Prayer requests not marked "Private" on the green registration sheets are sent to the prayer chain and printed in the bulletin. Prayer requests must be received by 9 am on Wednesday morning to be included in the bulletin that week.

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CHILDREN'S
Ministry

Nursery & PreK - Story Sparklers

Bottom Line: God gave us Jesus.

Memory Verse: "God has given a Son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Bible Story Focus: The wise men come to see God's Son. The Wise Men • Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

Elementary - New Year's Resolution

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

One small change can make a huge difference in your life. This year, follow Jesus' example and resolve to pray every day and see what amazing things God will do. Luke 11:1-13

HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Talk with your kids about any New Year's resolutions they (or you) may have.

How do you make sure that you follow through so that resolutions don't just turn into a wish list? Come up with a plan of action to incorporate prayer in your daily life. End with a prayer for guidance and strength.

AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- How did Jesus teach his disciples to pray? - Why should we ask God for what we need? - Why is it important to talk to God?

AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse: "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." - Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

God desires relationship with his people. Relationships don't thrive in silence.

Prayer isn't just a laundry list of needs we bring to God; it is a chance to connect with the creator of the universe. Look for every opportunity you have to develop a strong God relationship in the days ahead.

MS|HS

STUDENT
Ministry

Interim Student Ministry Director: Holly Timberlake
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402-895-3394 x 1013

Middle School Program Director: Anthony King
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Middle School Ministry (Grades 6-8) - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm
@ FaithWestwood

High School Ministry (Grades 9-12) - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm
@ FaithWestwood

We are currently on holiday break. Come and join us on Wednesday, January 6th!

Missions

FaithWorks Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food and paper products are always welcome. Donation bins are located outside of the church office.



Central Middle School Administrative Help - January 8

Central Middle School is looking for 3 volunteers that could help in the office on report card distribution day, Friday, January 8, from 9:30-11:30.

Supplies for Costa Rica Mission Trip - Ongoing

We will be collecting supplies for the Costa Rica Mission Trip from now until January 15, 2016. A collection box will be located outside the office.

- **Sewing & Craft Items** - Clothing Patterns, notions, knitting, crochet, embroidery supplies, fabric, sewing machines, fabric or glass acrylic paint, brushes.
- **Household Items** - Twin sheet sets and towels.
- **Children's Items** - Bible crafts, school supplies, and soccer balls.
- **Items for In-Country CFCI Missionaries & Office** - Digital Camera with Video Option like Canon EOS or 32" Monitor, Laptop Computer. If you are interested in donating any of these items please contact Dawn Stock before purchasing to ensure compatibility.

Contact Information

For additional information or questions on these or other Mission Projects please contact Dawn Stock, dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012

Mission Offerings

Helping Hands

This morning's mission offering is for our Helping Hands fund which provides financial assistance to those in need from our congregation.

Last week's offering: Carlos Mestayer = \$1,145.39

Severe Weather Policy

Taking into consideration any Millard School closures, cancellation of Church activities due to severe weather conditions will be initiated and/or confirmed by the Senior Pastor and/or Director of Business Administration. In general, the Church will remain open, unless conditions present a safety concern for staff and/or groups scheduled to meet at the Church.

When the decision is made to close the church, an announcement will be placed on the church's phone system and on the church's homepage (www.faithwestwood.com). All scheduled daytime and evening events (meetings, small groups, bible studies, support groups, etc.) will be cancelled and the church office will be closed (unless staff is notified otherwise).

Please note the Child Development Center (CDC) has a separate policy with regard to severe weather. Generally, the CDC closes only when UNO closes.

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.

Interested in membership?

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

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.

What's Happening

New Sermon Series begins January 10



FINGERPRINTS

Putting Our Values on Everything We Touch

Your fingerprints are an expression of your uniqueness. At FaithWestwood, our uniqueness finds expression in five values. It's how we do life in Jesus. The more we know him, the more relational, practical, generational, missional, and invitational we become. Our aim is to put these prints on everything we touch!

Baptism Orientation

Interested in baptism? Our next Baptism Orientation is on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Register with Jen Stolp at jen.stolp@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1017.

DECEMBER 27, 2015

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude	Linda Dasovic, Lois Nelson
Welcome.....	Anthony King
Call to Worship	Anthony King
Hymn.....	Go, Tell It on the Mountain, #251
Children's Time.....	Leah Dinoso
Special Music	Barbens
Greeting - Blest Be the Tie	Donna Zito
Opportunities	Donna Zito
Offering.....	Chancel Choir Ensemble
Act of Praise.....	Emmanuel, Emmanuel, #204
Offering Prayer - The Lord's Prayer	Anthony King
Hymn.....	What Child is This, #219
Prayer Opportunity	Vikki O'Hara
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.....	Gary Jones
Message.....	Love is the Enemy Anthony King
Hymn (as time allows).....	We Three Kings, #254
Blessing.....	Anthony King
Shalom	

