

## Welcome!

If this is your first time at FaithWestwood, we hope you feel warmly welcomed today - and that you begin to see yourself as part of our church family.

If you have questions, ask anyone wearing a green FaithWestwood polo, or leave us a note on the green Connection Card found in the pews. We also invite our new guests to pick up a free gift at the Connection Center.

## Meet Our Staff...

Each week we 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.dinoso@faithwestwood.com.



## This Week At FaithWestwood...

Mon., 8/13 1-1:45 p.m.	Tai Chi	Children's Large Room
Mon., 8/13 6:30-8 p.m.	Grief Share	Caring Ministry Room
Wed., 8/15 1-3 p.m.	CareMATers	Student Ministry Room
Wed., 8/15 5-7 p.m.	FaithWorks Pantry	Pantry
Thu., 8/16 1-3 p.m.	Blanketed w/Prayer	Caring Ministry Room
Thu., 8/16 1-1:45 p.m.	Tai Chi	Children's Large Room

### FaithWestwood mugs for sale!

Help FaithWestwood be more eco-friendly by purchasing a stainless steel mug for only \$13.

Stop by the coffee bar and check one out today!



#### MESSAGES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Want to watch more messages or get another copy of the bulletin? You can find them online at [www.faithwestwood.com](http://www.faithwestwood.com).

## Our Mission:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

### How can I live the mission? Be a BLESS friend!

- B**egin with prayer  
Pray for a few people in your life who may be living far from God. Ask God, "How do you want me to bless them?"
- L**isten with care  
Ask them questions, and love by listening more than talking. Pay attention to their dreams and pain. Listen for evidence of God's work in their lives.
- E**at together  
Share meals with those in your life who are still finding their way back to God. Practice hospitality and deepen relationships by eating together.
- S**erve with love  
Watch for opportunities to show you care by serving them in practical ways. Allow them to serve you, as well. By serving and being served they will begin to experience the love of Jesus.
- S**hare your story  
As you begin to earn trust with someone who may not yet know Jesus, look for opportunities to share how he is changing your life and the world.

## Stay CONNECTED

[www.faithwestwood.com](http://www.faithwestwood.com)

PRAYER CHAIN: [prayers@faithwestwood.com](mailto:prayers@faithwestwood.com)

WORSHIP SERVICES: Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.

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## Sermon Notes:

## Next Sunday:

### Worship Like You're Already in Heaven

Trapped in the day to day, life gets small. We get hemmed in by what's happening to us. Then we realize it's time to bust out of our bug-sized boundaries. That's why God gave John a grander vision of reality, a glimpse of the throne of heaven. In this two-Sunday series, Revelation 4 and 5 will expand our view, and we'll unite with heaven and earth in worshipping the Worthy One.

"Worship is an act of ascribing ultimate value to something or someone in a way that engages your entire being." -Timothy Keller

### August 19, 2018 - "Worthy Is the Lamb!"

"How can I worship a God who's doing such a lousy job of running the world?" It's a fair question.

Yet despite the horrors and dangers of life, we believe in a God who continues to work out his redemptive plan. That plan is like a scroll that needs to be unrolled and read. John said, "I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll." But shortly after that he said, "Then I saw a Lamb." May we join the multitude of angels saying, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"

# WORSHIP

## LIKE YOU'RE ALREADY IN HEAVEN

### Relaxed Traditional - 9 a.m.

Prelude	"Alleluia"	
	Brenda Bowers, piano; David Gerard, organ	
Welcome	Pastor Steve Todd	
Call to Worship	Pastor Steve Todd	
Hymn	"Come, Thou Almighty King"	#61
Greeting		
Blest Be the Tie		
Opportunities	Donna Sandoval	
Offering	"Blessings Over Me"	
	Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director	
	Meredith Flynn, accompanist	
Act of Praise	"Majesty"	#176
Offering Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer	Pastor Steve Todd	
Hymn	"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"	#724
Children's Time	Leah Dinoso	
Hymn	"See the Morning Sun Ascending"	#674
Scripture	Bruce Bowers	
	Revelation 4:1-11	
Message	Pastor Steve Todd	
	"Holy, Holy, Holy!"	
Hymn	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	#64
Hymn	"Rejoice the Lord Is King"	#715
Blessing	Pastor Steve Todd	
Shalom		

### Casual Contemporary 10:45 a.m.

Preservice Songs	"Here Is Our King"
Welcome	Pastor Steve Todd
Call to Worship	Pastor Steve Todd
Songs	"Because of Your Love" "At Your Name"
Opportunities	Donna Sandoval
Offering	"Transfiguration"
Song	"Holy Is the Lord"
Children's Time	Leah Dinoso
Scripture	Kayla Bowers
	Revelation 4:1-11
Message	Pastor Steve Todd
	"Holy, Holy, Holy!"
Hymn	"Holy, Holy, Holy"
	#64
Song	"Revelation Song"
Blessing	
<b>Today's musicians:</b> Camryn Bowers, acoustic guitar, vocals; Shane Campagna, bass guitar, vocals; Steve Gollehon, drums; Drew Havens, cello; Bucky McCann, keys; Trish Todd, acoustic guitar; Kayla Whiteman, vocals.	

### Mission offering today - Outside the Walls

We are planning for the biggest year ever of Outside the Walls. This is the week each year when FaithWestwood "skips church" to go out and serve at different ministries across Omaha. Several of our projects require supplies and investments made ahead of the event. Today's offering will provide funds to cover these costs.

You can also give to Outside the Walls with your mobile device by texting OTW to 402-316-5481 (instructions are inside this bulletin).

**August 5 mission offering - FaithWorks Food Pantry = \$1,435.15**



Deep. Daring. Daily.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

FaithWestwood is now the proud owner of a Little Free Library located south of the main entrance to the church, near Oaks Lane.

As a registered LFL we can provide books to adults and children to read, to keep, to share. Likewise, we accept donations that are age appropriate, "G rated." We will monitor the library for inappropriate materials. Book donations may be brought to the church office. Feel free to write a little note inside the cover of the book telling what you liked about the book. Questions may be directed to Marilyn Berryman at 402-850-0012.

Many thanks to Bob Slothower, Larry Berryman, Gary Petersen and Marilyn Berryman for making it possible to BLESS our community.



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MSHS  
STUDENT  
Ministry

ALL Student Ministry students and families are welcome!



To all of the incoming 6th graders: WELCOME to FW STUDENT MINISTRY!!! We are so excited to welcome you in this family!!!

*It is our heart at FW Student Ministry to engage today's youth by providing a welcoming environment to navigate and build a foundation of faith.*

# MISSIONS

## Outside the Walls

### Outside the Walls August 26

FaithWestwood is gearing up for this year's Outside the Walls. For those who don't know, this is the week when we "skip church"... dedicating a Sunday morning to go out and make a difference in our community. There is an insert in this bulletin for the purpose of signing up... not all projects are listed yet, so if you don't see your favorite... look for future communications or bulletin inserts.

### FaithWorks Pantry -- Savvy Shopper

Here are items in this week's ads that are in high demand at the FaithWorks Pantry

Baker's: Jif Peanut Butter, \$.99, buy 5, with card  
General Mills cereals, \$1.99, buy 5, with card

Hy-Vee: Knorr Pasta/rice sides, 5/\$3, with card  
Hy-Vee pasta sauce, \$.99



### School Supplies for Central Middle School

FaithWestwood is collecting school supplies to BLESS families at Central Middle School this year. Beginning today, there is a collection box in the foyer. Here is the list of needs.

pencils and pens  
dry erase markers  
highlighters  
big erasers  
headphones  
pencil sharpener (manual)  
loose-leaf paper  
single subject spiral notebooks

composition notebooks (no spiral)  
folders  
Kleenex boxes  
Clorox wipes containers  
thick markers  
glue sticks  
24 pack crayons  
12 pack colored pencils  
Book: Wonder by R.J. Palacio

## BAPTISM ORIENTATION

Interested in baptism? Learn about it at a one-hour class on Wed., August 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. If you have any questions or would like to register contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1006

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Mark your calendars!

September 2nd - no Sunday school - Nursery available

### Serve In Love... Love & learn Open House

We will be serving a meal at Love & Learn's Preschool Open House on Monday, August 27th in the Fellowship Hall.  
Sign up to donate food items or to help serve the meal at

[tinyurl.com/LLOpenHouse18](http://tinyurl.com/LLOpenHouse18)



What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future.

If you're interested in learning more about the group, email Katie Snyder. We are offering it just for you! Classes begin Thursday August 30th at 6:15pm in room 230 - Alumni welcome (retaking class is free with your existing kit!) Kjsnyder@hotmail.com <https://fpu.com/1070231>

## Women's BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to an 8-week study on "Praying the Lord's Prayer" by J.I. Packer (get your own copy and read chapter 1&2 before the first meeting). We will begin Monday, September 10th 6:30 p.m. in the Library. If you have questions, contact Viv Runnels 402-339-0630 or drunnels2@cox.net



## Choir Opportunities

The Little Angels, Cherubs, and Chancel will all be starting on August 22. The kids - 6:30 - 7:15, and Chancel 7:30 - 8:30. For more information on the Little Angels, contact Sue Hamilton, jim.suehamilton@gmail.com, or 402-658-0212. For Cherubs and Chancel, contact Jill Anderson, musicjra@aol.com, or 402-677-3704.

Now would be a great time to join the bell choir! We are in need of new players. We practice on Monday evenings in the bell choir room from 7 to 8 p.m. We play at the early service on the third Sunday of the month from September to May. If you have any questions, talk to a bell choir member or contact Gary Addison at 402-896-4096 or Bob Miller at 402-895-4622.



## You're Invited!



The FORWARD IN UNITY Process Team of the Great Plains Conference invites you to learn more about the options shared by the Commission on a Way Forward, a group of 32 people who have worked to preserve unity within the denomination despite differences over human sexuality.

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., is leading town hall meetings in all 17 districts leading up to the special session of General Conference in February 2019 in St. Louis. Each meeting will feature details of three proposals and will provide an opportunity for discussion. You're invited to come listen, learn and, most importantly, share.

**Date:** Saturday, August 25, 2018  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Luke UMC  
11810 Burke St., Omaha, NE

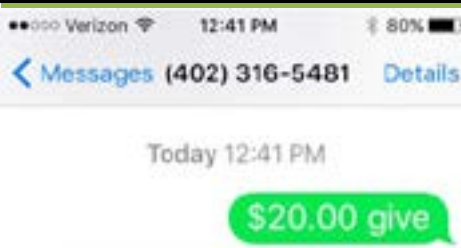
Refreshments will be served.

Bishop Ruben Saenz invites us all to set a reminder and join him, "in praying The Lord's Prayer and Psalm 23 each day from 2:23 to 2:26 a.m. or p.m. - a daily reminder of the 2/23-2/26, 2019, General Conference dates in St. Louis. Pray for the mission and witness of The United Methodist Church. Pray for the General Conference delegates gathering in St. Louis. With the Spirit's help, and with faith in the risen Christ and each other, we will find a way forward into God's future as the Church."



COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD  
Council of Bishops  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Give by TEXT



1. Text (402) 316-5481
2. Any \$dollar amount and Offering Code
  - GIVE is for the General Fund
  - OTW for the Mission Offering
3. Follow prompts to set-up account
4. Save as a contact for future text giving