

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

www.faithwestwood.com

PRAYER CHAIN: prayers@faithwestwood.com
WORSHIP SERVICES: Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.
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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday

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50 Days of UNLEASHING HOPE

Preview Sunday
"Everything Begins With Hope"



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:

Vikki O'Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director

I'm here to help you with...

- prayer: prayer chain, bulletin prayer list, worship prayer teams
- pastoral visitation: hospital, pre-surgical, nursing home/home-bound
- funeral officiating, all funeral arrangements; home/apartment blessings
- short-term counseling & referrals in times of challenge and crisis
- financial assistance, food pantry assistance for those in our congregation
- connect/serve with ministry teams: CareCallers, CarePartners, Blanketed with Prayer, Linus, CareMAT-ers, Angels on Wheels, Blessed Beginnings, MealTrain; Gardening Angels, Chancel/Foyer Décor Team, Red Cross blood drives
- connect/serve with support groups: DivorceCare, GriefShare, Single & Parenting, LifeHappens
- Reading Between the Lines and Women of Wisdom (women's book groups)



Contact me at: vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com or 402-650-9489 (cell, preferred)

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

September 25, 2016 - 50 Days of Unleashing Hope

A 7-Week Spiritual Growth Campaign Designed to Raise the Hope Quotient of Everyone. Come and bring a friend!



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
leah.dinoso@faithwestwood.com
402-895-3394 x 1002

Save the Date:

3rd Grade Bible is set for October 8-9. Bible 101 (the 3rd grade Bible family experience) will be Saturday, October 8th from 10am-12pm with a lunch provided. This class is for parents and their 3rd grade child. The presentation of the 3rd Grade Bibles will be Sunday, October 9th at both services. Please RSVP by October 2nd or direct any questions to Leah Dinoso at leah.dinoso@faithwestwood.com or (402)895-3394x1002.

Nursery and Preschool - Dive In!

Bible Story: I should go God's way. Jonah • Jonah 1:1-3:10

Bottom Line: I can trust God.

Memory Verse: "Trust the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NCV

Elementary - High Wire - Daring to Trust

Bible Story: Joseph in Charge (Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams) • Genesis 41

Bottom Line: When the pressure is on, you can trust God is with you.

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5, NIV

EVERYONE'S INVITED!

Save the Date - Bellevue Berry Farm & Pumpkin Ranch

Family Night

Wednesday, October 12th - 6-8 p.m.

\$7/per person or \$6/per person with a canned good donation



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce
polly.pierce@faithwestwood.com
402-895-3394 x 1005

Interim IMPACT Director: LeAnn Adkins
402-895-3394 x 1013

Student Ministry schedule is NOW AVAILABLE!!! Pick up your schedule at the Student Ministry table in the foyer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 21st, 6-8 p.m. --> Student Ministry, Meal begins at 6 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$3.

Missions



Opportunities to get to know ABIDE and Bridge Church
It was a blessing to hear from Ron Dotzler last week about the work of ABIDE. There are several upcoming opportunities to get to know ABIDE and Bridge Church.

- **Stronger Together Block Party – Sunday, September 25, 4:30 pm**
- **Worship @ Bridge Church – October 2, carpool from FWW @ 9:30**
- **Thanksgiving/Halloween Event – October /November TBD**
- **Christmas Caroling – December 6**

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact Dawn Stock, dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012.

FaithWorks Pantry – Savvy Shoppers

Help restock the FaithWorks Pantry shelves by shopping the sales!



This week at Family Fare:

Mac n Cheese: 2/\$1
Veggies: \$.29

This week at Hy-Vee:

Beans: 2/\$.88
Mac N Cheese: 5 pk./\$3.88

Coming in October

Christmas for Costa Rica!

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today –

Our offering today will go to support Carlos Mestayer, our Missionary Partner in San Jose, Costa Rica. Carlos is the guide for all of our Mission Teams that go to Costa Rica, with an amazing heart for the people he serves.



September 11 Mission Offering - Abide = \$790.74



Musicians Needed!!

If you are interested in joining a choir, now is the time! Handbell choir meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. No experience necessary! Contact Bob Miller, 402-895-4622.

Childrens' choirs rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15, and Chancel choir begins at 7:30 and runs for an hour.

For more information, please contact: for Little Angels (kindergarten and first grade) -- Sue Hamilton, jim.sue.hamilton@gmail.com, or 402-330-4930.

For Cherubs (second through fifth grade) or Chancel (adults) -- Jill Anderson, musicjra@aol.com, or 402-677-3704.

Susanna Circle

The Susanna Circle will be meeting on the third Wednesday, September 21st at 10:30 in the Conference room. We are studying the book "Healing Where It Hurts" by James Moore. If you would like to join us let Gaylene Adler know 402-895-3926

BLANKETED WITH PRAYER MINISTRY TOUCHES, COMFORTS AND BLESSES MANY!

Our Blanketed With Prayer Ministry Team makes crocheted prayer shawls, fleece blankets, quilts, crocheted baby blankets, and knit/crocheted hats and scarves which are given to: those in our congregation and their family and friends who are going through a difficult time due to a health crisis, grief, or other life challenge; new babies in our congregation through our Blessed Beginnings ministry; new babies enrolled in our Love and Learn Child Development Center; and to community organizations to be distributed to those in need.

When a family member or friend is ill or grieving you may request a prayer shawl (women) or prayer blanket (men) to give 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 the item, that it was blessed in worship, and that it is a gift from our church symbolizing that the recipient is wrapped in the prayers of our church and in God's love. To request a prayer/shawl or blanket, just email, text, or call Vikki O'Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director at vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com or 402-650-9489 (cell) 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 the monthly Blanketed With Prayer ministry team meetings on the second Wednesday of every month from 1-3 PM in the Congregational Care Room on the upper level. Team members turn in items they have made during the month, collect yarn for new projects, share ideas and patterns, and have a fun time of fellowship and creativity.

For more information on volunteering contact ministry team leaders Sandi Smith (402-616-1697 or smiths4@cox.net) or Darline Redd (402-681-1441 or tinkered@cox.net.)

What's Happening

The FaithWalk Experience

At FaithWestwood we talk about becoming deep, daring, and daily disciples. You may be wondering what that means and how would you get started. We invite you to join Pastor Steve for The FaithWalkExperience.

We believe God has big things in store for us. And in order for us to become the strong mission-focused church God wants us to be, we are asking as many people as possible to take The FaithWalk Experience.

Register with Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1006

Weekend Dates

November 11-13 or February 10-12

Weekend Schedule

Friday: 6:30p-9:00p
Saturday: 8:30a-12:30p
Sunday: 12:15p-2:30p

Amazing Grays

AMAZING GRAYS will meet at the church on Sept. 20 at 12:00 noon. Reservations for lunch should be made by either signing the attendance card on Sunday morning or calling Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530. Our program will be presented by Tracie from Fontenelle Forest.

Attention Students 4th through 12th graders!

We will be holding auditions for *All About That Baby* on October 2nd from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Audition opportunities include: Singing and acting parts for students 4th grade - high school.

All students who audition must commit to music rehearsals each Sunday during one of the Sunday School hours.

For more information or questions please contact Leah Dinoso at leah.dinoso@faithwestwood.com or Liz Polivka at lizpolivka1@gmail.com.

Interested in membership?

Contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1006.

Book Study: The Green Boat

Join us for a 4-week study on The Green Boat: Reviving Ourselves in Our Capsized Culture by Mary Pipher beginning Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. She shares her journey in facing major environmental issues and encourages others to join together to solve global problems with local solutions. We will meet at the church in room 226. The cost for the book is \$14. For more information and to reserve your spot contact Kathy Jeffers by September 26th at kdjefers@aol.com or 402-894-1934.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude "The Gift of Love"
Handbell Choir, Bob Miller, directing

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

Call to Worship Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... How Great Thou Art, #77

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

Greeting - Blest Be the Tie Donna Sandoval

Opportunities/Celebrations Donna Sandoval

Offering..... "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
Handbell Choir

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

Offering Prayer - The Lord's Prayer Pastor Steve Todd

Prayer Opportunity Vikki O'Hara

Hymn..... Because He Lives, #364

Scripture: Psalm 130:1-8..... Katherine Kirby

Message Everything Begins with Hope
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... My Hope is Built, #368
..... Hymn of Promise, #707

Blessing..... Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

