

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

**PRAYER CHAIN:** [prayers@faithwestwood.com](mailto:prayers@faithwestwood.com)  
**WORSHIP SERVICES:** Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.  
**LEAD PASTOR** Steve Todd

4814 Oaks Lane x Omaha, NE 68137  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday

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# Recharge Your Batteries



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:

### Holly Timberlake, Director of Adult & Family Discipleship

I'm here to help you if you are interested in....

- Small Groups
- Baptism
- Membership
- The FaithWalk Experience
- Discipleship
- Family Ministry
- Getting Involved with serving our neighbors at Central Middle School



Contact me at 402-895-3394x1006 | holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com.

## Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

### October 2 - Raise Your Expectations

Ask any coach. A team will not win a game if it expects to lose. Players must expect to win, even if it means aiming for an upset. If they come prepared, work as a team, follow the game plan, and give maxed-out effort, they believe it will put them in a position to come out ahead. And even if they didn't win the previous game, they have to come into the next one with high expectations. Jesus dared people to raise their expectations about what God can do in their lives. Many believed and saw amazing things.



**Children's Director: Leah Dinoso**  
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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 can trust God even when it's hard. Naaman • 2 Kings 5:1-14  
**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:** Family Re-Ties (Joseph Forgives His Brothers) • Genesis 42-45

**Bottom Line:** You can trust God no matter what.

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

### EVERYONE'S INVITED!

To 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. 28th, 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 about the work of ABIDE. There are several upcoming opportunities to get to know ABIDE and Bridge Church.

- **Stronger Together Block Party – Today, 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!

ALDI

Penne Pasta \$.79, Canned tomatoes \$.49, Canned beans \$.49

HY-VEE

Apple juice \$.99, Progresso soup \$.99

SUPER SAVER

Hunt's Pasta sauce \$.84

FAREWAY

Hunt's pasta sauce \$.48, limit 2. Chunky soup 3/\$3, requires coupon.

### Coming in October

Christmas for Costa Rica!

## Mission Offerings

**Mission Offering Today** – Our offering today will go to support scholarships for our high school students to go on a Mission Trip to Costa Rica next summer.

**September 11 Mission Offering - Abide = \$790.74**



### 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.

### 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.

### 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



### Today is the Blood Drive!

Take a few minutes this morning to stop by the gym and donate some blood. The blood drive will be open until 11:45 this morning.

### Interested in membership?

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

### 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.

### United Methodist Women

The Unit meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on October 5th at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. We will have a light breakfast and then our program will be given by Sandy Vyhldal and Cheryl Gray the churches Parish Nurses. After the program we will have our business meeting. All ladies are invited to join us.

### 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

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

## Sunday - 9 am

Prelude ..... "It Is Well with My Soul"  
Linda Dasovic, organ; Lois Nelson, piano

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

Call to Worship ..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Victory in Jesus, #370

Cherubs..... "Open Our Eyes, Lord"  
"Blessing"  
Jill Anderson, director

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

Greeting - Blest Be the Tie ..... Donna Sandoval

Opportunities/Celebrations ..... Donna Sandoval

Offering..... "May God Give You Strength"  
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise..... Jesus Name Above All Names\*

Offering Prayer - The Lord's Prayer ..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... My Hope is Built, #368

Prayer Opportunity ..... Vikki O'Hara

Hymn..... On Eagles Wings\*

Scripture: Isaiah 40:25-31..... Becky Torrens

Message ..... Recharge Your Batteries  
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Blessed Assurance, #369

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.**

