

## 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

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# Raise Your Expectations



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:

### Rich Anderson, Financial & Information Management Director

I'm here to:

- Process electronic giving or payments to FaithWestwood.
- Coordinate processing of payroll and preparation of Financial Statements with FaithWestwood's accountant.
- Provide giving statements to full members or others who contribute to FaithWestwood.
- Add visitor information into our database.
- Enter and/or track congregational attendance and report numbers to the Conference office.
- Make changes to our database, i.e., addresses, phone numbers, emails, membership dates, baptism dates, marriage dates, birthdates, etc.



Contact me at rich.anderson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1004.

## Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

### October 9 - Refocus on the Future

Let's say you're in your car on a cross-country road trip. A friend calls and asks, "Where are you?" You say, "I'm in Montana, but I'm not sure where." The friend asks, "Where are you headed?", and you know exactly. "I'm going to see my aunt and uncle in Portland." You even remember the address. Not knowing precisely where you are is okay, as long as you know where you're going. It's the same in life. Who you are isn't as important as where you're headed. God sees not just who you are today but who you are becoming in the future. What do you see?



**Children's Director: Leah Dinoso**  
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### 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.

### The 5th Annual Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 30th - 2-4pm in the front parking lot

Who will take home the T.O.T Best Trunk trophy this year?? Please contact Leah Dinoso at leah.dinoso@faithwestwood or (402)895-3394 x 1002 to sign up to host at a trunk. We are also collecting peanut free candy for Trunk or Treat.

### Nursery & PreK - The Great Adventure

**Bible Story:** God's plan is perfect. Moses in the Basket • Exodus 1:21-2:10  
**Bottom Line:** God's way is perfect.  
**Memory Verse:** "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

### Elementary - Fear, Inc. - Take your first step toward courage!

**Bible Story:** Basket Case (Birth of Moses/Mom and Miriam with the basket) • Exodus 2:1-10  
**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when you don't know what will happen next.  
**Memory Verse:** "Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9b, NIV



**Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce**  
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**Interim IMPACT Director: LeAnn Adkins**  
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### HEY STUDENTS!!!! Are you following FaithWestwood Student Ministries on social media?

Facebook, IG, and Twitter! Get there for updates and information about our events and reminders!  
Instagram: faithwestwood\_student\_min  
Twitter: @FW\_StuMin

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 5th., 6-8 p.m. --> Student Ministry, Meal begins at 6 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$3.

## Missions



### Christmas in Costa Rica

We are excited to partner with our Missionary School in Tirasses, Costa Rica, and provide Christmas presents to the 72 children that we visit each year.

An Angel Tree is located in the foyer. Select a child, receive a gift bag and instructions, and spend \$25 purchasing clothing and other needed items for the child. Bags need to be returned on or before October 23.

### FaithWorks Pantry – Savvy Shoppers

**Super Saver-** Best Choice Apple Juice \$.98

**Fareway** - Fareway Veggies \$.38, Skippy Peanut Butter \$1.48

**Hy-Vee-** Hy-Vee veggies \$.39

**Aldi** - Canned tomatoes \$.49, Kidney or chili beans \$.49, Penne pasta \$.79



### Coming in November

Thanksgiving Meal Bags for our FaithWorks Pantry

## Mission Offerings

**Mission Offering Today** – Our mission offering today will go to support World Communion Sunday.

**Last week’s mission offering - Costa Rica = \$904.36**

### 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.

### Susanna Circle

The Susanna Circle will be meeting on October 19th at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. We are still in the same book “Healing Where It Hurts”. If you would like more information call Gaylene Adler 402-895-3926

### Traveling Tasters

The Traveling Tasters will be going out on October 6th at 5:30 pm. We are going to Gerda’s German Restaurant at 5180 Leavenworth St. They are known for their Fried Chicken but have other offerings. There is limited parking in front of the restaurant and additional parking across the street. This group is for adults, couples or singles. We go out to try a different restaurant once a month. Please let Gaylene Adler know if you plan on coming, 402-895-3926

### 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

### Attention Students 4th through 12th graders!

We will be holding auditions for *All About That Baby* today 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.

### 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.

### EVERYONE’S INVITED!

To Bellevue Berry Farm & Pumpkin Ranch Family Night Wednesday, October 12th 6-8 p.m.  
\$7/per person or \$6 with a canned good donation

Bellevue Berry Farm & Pumpkin Ranch is located at 11001 South 48th St., Papillion, NE 68133



### 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

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## Sunday - 9 am

Prelude..... “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Drew Havens, cello, Brenda Bowers, piano

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

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

Children’s Time.....Leah Dinoso

Opportunities .....Donna Sandoval

Offering..... “Grace Alone”  
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise..... God Is So Good\*

Offering Prayer..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, #514

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12 .....Nayleigh Mossburgh

Message .....Raise Your Expectations  
Pastor Steve Todd

Prayer of Confession - The Great Thanksgiving - The Lord’s Prayer

Communion.....He Lives, #310

..... Amazing Grace, #378

.....How Can We Name a Love, #111

..... How Firm a Foundation, #529

.....I Stand Amazed, #371

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.**

