

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.

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Refuse to Go It Alone



50 Days of Unleashing 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:

Jessica Bernard, Director, Love & Learn Child Development Center

I'm here to help:

- Plan and offer a Christian curriculum and environment for the children
- Train and manage teachers for Love & Learn
- Manage the day to day operations of Love & Learn
- Plan events and activities at Love & Learn



Contact me at jessica.bernard@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-2114.

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

October 30 - Replace Burnout with Balance

Usain Bolt may be the fastest human ever, but even he doesn't run all the time. And one reason he's endeared himself to so many is because he knows how to have fun. He loves to laugh and sing and celebrate. No one can run full speed all the time. You weren't made for that. People of hope know they need balance.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
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Nursery & PreK - The Great Adventure

Bible Story: God can show me the right way. Pillars of Clouds and Fire • *Exodus 13:21-22*

Bottom Line: God's way is perfect.

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." *2 Samuel 22:31, NIV*

Elementary - Fear, Inc.

Bible Story: You Refuse, You Lose (Joshua & Caleb) • *Numbers 13:1-14:38*

Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when others are afraid.

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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You guessed it!

Next summer is the summer high school students are headed to Costa Rica for their summer mission trip. This trip is open to ALL high school students who have completed their freshman year. If you would like more information about the trip, please stop by the Student Ministry table. The deadline to register is Nov. 6th.

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](https://www.instagram.com/faithwestwood_student_min)

Twitter: [@FW_StuMin](https://twitter.com/FW_StuMin)

Missions

Christmas in Costa Rica

We are excited this year to partner with Horatio and Ester Lopez, the missionary couple that serve the Bible School in Tirrases, San Jose, Costa Rica, and share a little Christmas Spirit.



Over the past 3 weeks, we have adopted all 71 children at the Bible School to purchase a gift for them. We have raised enough money to provide an age appropriate bible for each of the children and some Christmas Crafts. We have raised a blessing of nearly \$1,000 to help Horatio and Ester with expenses while they are on their sabbatical next year.



We look forward to continue this blessing of our friends in Costa Rica next week by welcoming our Missionary Partner, Carlos Mestayer, who will be a guest in worship with us on October 30.

Coming in November - Thanksgiving Meal Bags

Next week, we will kick-off our Thanksgiving Meal Bag program with instructions and a shopping list. Last year we ran out of bags and had to turn people away. So this year, our goal is to have 300 bags to give out on November 19.

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today - Central Middle School

As the first quarter of classes end at our local schools, our mission offering today will go to support our partnership with Central Middle School. The offering will help underwrite the cost of the curriculum for a Love & Logic parenting class that we will be teaching at Central in January, as well as provide support for the newly formed Parent Central group.

Last week's mission offering - Horatio & Ester Lopez = \$976

CareMATers Ministry Celebrates 4th Winter of Providing Sleeping Mats!

THANK YOU to everyone in our congregation who has contributed to this ministry — we are so grateful to you for being the Hands of Christ!

With today's blessing of over 60 CareMATs and their distribution to Youth Emergency Services, Open Door Mission and The Salvation Army, more than 630 sleeping mats made from plastic grocery sacks have now provided a clean, dry place to sleep for homeless members of our Omaha community, and 22 homeless persons in Des Moines, Iowa.

210 CareMATs have been completed so far in 2016 - which means you have donated over 210,000 clean grocery sacks for our weekly processing this year alone! Please keep up your donations as we are heading into the cold season when our mats are most needed.

We continue to meet most Wednesday afternoons in Fellowship Hall 1-3pm (NOT the second Wednesdays). Come and fellowship with our wonderful crew who serve in this amazing ministry. Or call Linda Hughes (402-895-6907) or Sandi Smith (402-334-7831) to see how you can help from home. Clean, intact plastic grocery sacks may be placed in the barrels in the upper and lower foyer areas of the church.

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.

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.

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

Interested in membership?

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

Church Conference

You are invited to attend the annual church conference on Sunday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m. here in the worship center.



The 5th Annual Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 30th - 2-4p.m. 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. Please bring to the office during the week. Thank you!

Welcome, Jen Robinson!

Please take a minute today to meet Jen Robinson, our new Director of Guest Connections. Today is her first day on the job!

You will find her in the foyer, shadowing Jen Stolp. If you are interested in volunteering as a greeter, usher, or Sunday morning coffee-maker, Jen Robinson can get you connected!



OCTOBER 23, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude "He Is Exalted"
Brenda Bowers, piano; David Gerard, organ

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

Call to Worship Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... O For a Thousand Tongues, #57

Children's Time..... Pastor Steve

Greeting - Blest Be the Tie Donna Sandoval

Opportunities/Celebrations Donna Sandoval

Offering..... "I Surrender All"
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise..... O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1), #57

Offering Prayer - The Lord's Prayer Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Freely, Freely, #389

Prayer Opportunity Vikki O'Hara

Hymn..... God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale, #122

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Gaylene Adler

Message Refuse to Go It Alone
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn (as time allows)..... I Want a Principle Within, #410

Blessing..... Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

OCTOBER 23, 2016

Sunday - 10:45 am

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd
Song.....“Expectation”
Cherubs.....“He’s Still Working on Me”
Children’s Time.....Pastor Steve Todd
Worship in Song.....“Because of Your Love”
.....“Let Everything That Has Breath”
Opportunities/Celebrations.....Brenda Bowers
Offering.....“If We Are the Body”
Prayer Opportunity.....Vikki O’Hara
Song.....“You Gave Your Life Away”
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.....Larry Berryman
Message.....Refuse to Go It Alone
Pastor Steve Todd
Song (as time allows).....“As It Is in Heaven”
Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Today’s Musicians: Camryn Bowers, acoustic guitar, vocals; Caitlin Christensen, vocals; Shane Goughnour, keys; Drew Havens, cello; Jeff Inman, drums, vocals; Logan Mears, vocals; Shaun Miller, electric guitar; Liz Polivka, vocals; Max Reisinger, bass guitar; Paul Ruhnke, saxophone.

SERMONS ON CD! Today’s message will be available on CD at the information desk next Sunday. Or, if you want to hear it sooner, you can watch it online after Tuesday.

Want to watch more messages or get another copy of the bulletin? You can find them online, at www.faithwestwood.com.

50 Days of Unleashing Hope

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Week 5

October 23, 2016

Refuse to go it alone

You can count on a friend to _____.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. Ecclesiastes 4:9

“But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.” Luke 10:33

You can count on a friend to _____.

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:10

“He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey . . .” Luke 10:34a

You can count on a friend to _____.

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Ecclesiastes 4:11

“Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.” Luke 10:34b

You can count on a friend to _____.

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. Ecclesiastes 4:12a

“The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said . . .” Luke 10:35a

You can count on a friend to _____.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12b

“He said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” Luke 10:35b