

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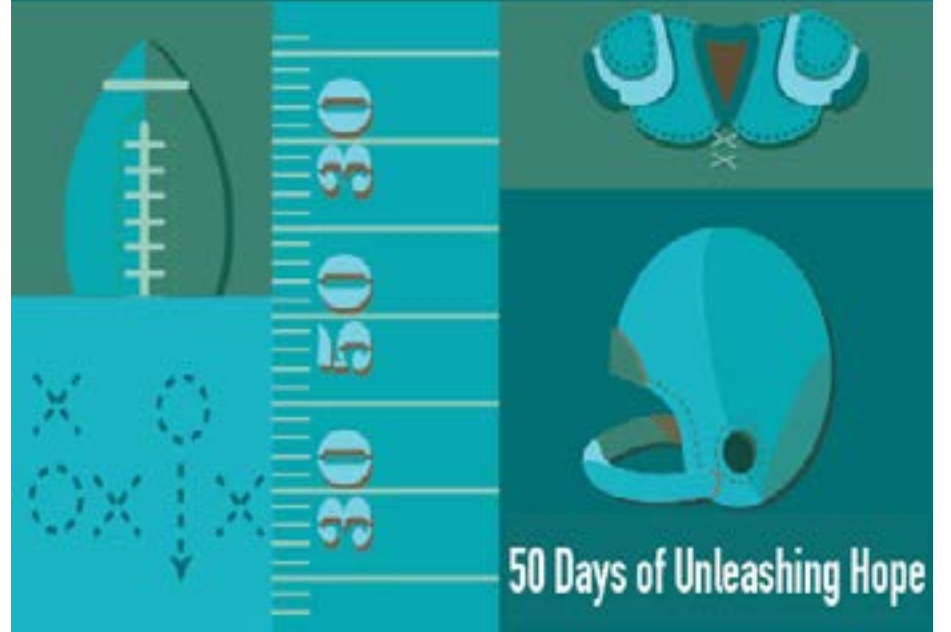
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WORSHIP SERVICES: Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.
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Play Great Defense



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:

Brenda Bowers, Assistant to Pastor Steve Todd

I'm here to help you:

- Schedule appointments with Pastor Steve.
- With weddings - if you want to have a wedding here, I am your initial contact.
- If you need to put an item in the bulletin.



Contact me at brenda.bowers@faithwestwood.com/402-895-3394x1011.

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

Sharing Hope

FaithWestwood exists to share the hope of the gospel. That's where disciple-making begins.

- There are many "without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).
- Our passion is to bring them "the hope held out in the gospel" (Colossians 1:23).
- We share "not only the gospel but our lives as well" (1 Thessalonians 2:8).
- We celebrate God's saving story from the scriptures, so that through "the encouragement they provide we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

November 13, 2016 - A Hope Worth Sharing

Here's what FaithWestwood is not. We're not a pay-to-play place. We're not a place where you show up on Sundays, get a jolt of religious Red Bull to energize you, and then pay whatever it's worth.

Here's what FaithWestwood is. We're a community that belongs to Jesus. We're shaped by Jesus. We're sent by Jesus. We're always ready to share his gospel of hope. We pray daily, give daringly, care deeply. We try to see people the way God sees them and let the bold love of the Holy Spirit guide us from there.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
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402-895-3394 x 1002

Nursery & PreK - Hand in Hand

Bible Story: I am thankful for my family. Aaron Helps Moses • *Exodus 17:8-13*

Bottom Line: I am thankful for people who help me.

Memory Verse: "Always give thanks to God." *Ephesians 5:20, NIV*

Elementary - Spotlight - Do you see what I see?

Bible Story: The Choice (Samuel anoints David) • *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Bottom Line: Honor others by giving them a chance.

Memory Verse: "Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves." *Romans 12:10, NirV*

All About That Baby Bible Verse:

For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. - *Romans 6:6-7*

AATB Song of the Week:

He Shall Reign Forevermore



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce
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402-895-3394 x 1005

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 today!

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](#)

Missions

Central Middle School – Office Help

Central Middle School is in need of volunteers to help on the morning of Wednesday, November 9, to stuff report cards into envelopes. Please contact Dawn Stock if able to help.

Thanksgiving Meal Bag – 300 Bags

Each year, through our FaithWorks Pantry, we provide Thanksgiving Meal Bags to families in our area. Last year, we had to turn away nearly 50 families. To ensure this does not happen again this year, we are preparing 300 Thanksgiving Meal Bags.

We rely on our congregation to do the shopping and donate the fixings, and a check for \$15 to cover the cost of the Turkey. Please see the insert flyer for a Grocery Shopping List to take with you. We ask that all items be placed in a reusable shopping bag and returned by Sunday, November 13.

Costa Rica Travel – Interest & Availability

There is a tremendous amount of energy and love from our congregation surrounding our kids in Tirrases right now. And as we heard from Carlos last week, amazing things are happening in Tirrases.

If you have an interest in going on an adult or family Mission Trip to Costa Rica, to experience first hand what is going on, please give me a call or email. I am trying to gauge the availability and interest within our congregation. No commitments yet, just interest.

SAVE THE DATE – December

ABIDE - Christmas Caroling, December 6, 6-8 pm.

ABIDE - Lights of Hope Display Grand Opening, December 13, 6-8 pm

Contact Information

For additional information or questions on these or other Mission Projects please contact Dawn Stock, dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today – FaithWorks Pantry

Our mission offering today will go to support our FaithWorks Pantry and the Thanksgiving Meal Bags that will be given out on Saturday, November 19.

Last week’s mission offering - Carlos Mestayer = \$1,800

Turn Your Required Distributions into Charitable Donations

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70-1/2 and older take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD’s) from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who don’t need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to the church, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the mission of the church while effectively lowering your tax bill.

Donating IRA assets can be a financially rewarding strategy for both you and the church. As always, you should talk with your financial representative or tax advisor before making a decision that alters your tax situation.

Please be aware that you may make tax-free 2016 transfers from your IRA or Roth-IRA if:

- You are 70-1/2 years old or older
- Your tax-free transfers do not exceed \$100,000
- The transfers are made by December 31st
- Your tax free transfers are made directly from your IRA or Roth-IRA directly to the church

We have found that it can take from a few days to a few weeks to complete tax-free transfers, so if this is something you would like to complete prior to the end of this year, please take this into consideration.

Please call Rich Anderson in the church office if you have questions: 402-895-3394 x1004

FREE MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS BEGIN TODAY

Starting this morning, our FaithWestwood Health and Wellness Ministry will be offering FREE, CONFIDENTIAL blood pressure screenings in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM, and immediately following the 9 AM service until 10:45 AM.

No appointment is needed, and screenings will be offered the first Sunday of every month.

Susanna Circle

The Susanna Cir. will be meeting on November 16th at 10:30 am in the conference room. We are studying the book "Healing Where It Hurts" . If you would like more information call Gaylene Adler 402-895-3926

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.

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 FaithWalk Experience.

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 Tuesday, Nov 15 at 12:00 noon. Reservations must be in by Monday Nov 14 by either signing the attendance card on Sunday morning or calling Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530. Cindy Van Bibber will present the program on the new Omaha National Cemetery

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Today: join Pastor Steve in new student room

Pastor Steve invites everyone to join him following each worship service today for a 20- to 30-minute conversation on what we can expect at FaithWestwood in 2017 and our opportunity to Share Hope by our giving. Join us in the new student ministry room (upper level, past chapel, end of hall) and take a look around! You can come 10:15 or at 12:00. There will be time to respond to your questions!

Evening Reception with Bishop Saenz

You are invited to meet the new Bishop at a reception on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. The reception will be held at St. Luke UMC, 11810 Burke St., Omaha.

The evening will consist of a meet and greet time, refreshments, and a special message from the Bishop.

For more information, contact the Missouri River District office at 402-934-5441 or missouririver@greatplainsumc.org.

Interested in membership?

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude “Our Great Savior”
Jill Anderson, piano; David Gerard, organ

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, #127

Children’s Time..... Leah Dinoso

Opportunities Donna Sandoval

Offering..... “A Tribute to the Armed Services”
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise..... Alleluia, #162

Offering Prayer..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... A Charge to Keep, #413

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18..... Becky Torrens

Message Play Great Defense
Pastor Steve Todd

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

Communion He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought, #128
..... Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, #133
..... Children of the Heavenly Father, #141
..... This Is My Father’s World, #144
..... I Stand Amazed, All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name, #155
..... Hallelujah, What a Savior, #165

Blessing..... Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

