

# 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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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:

### Jill Anderson, Chancel and Cherubs Choir Director

I'm here to help you:

- If you have a child in kindergarten through fifth grade interested in joining a children's choir
- If you would like to sing with the Chancel Choir



Contact me at [musicjra@aol.com](mailto:musicjra@aol.com).

## Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

### Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected

What do you want God to give you? A better job, strength to get through the week, help making a tough decision? You might ask God for good health and happiness. But here's the gift we never expected. That God would wrap himself in human flesh and take on our humanity. He came to bring us a new life we could never achieve on our own. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

### December 4, 2016 - God Is Dangerous

We modern people wince when we read in the Bible about fearing God. Usually if we fear someone, it means they cannot be trusted. But this awesome - even fearsome - God can be trusted. He sent his Son to defeat the forces of evil, and he sends us into battle with him. It's not without danger, but the outcome is assured.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso  
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### All About That Baby Elementary Dress Rehearsals:

Saturday, December 3rd & 10th (attendance on the 10th is mandatory to perform) - 10:00-12:00

PreK Dress Rehearsal - Dec. 10th, 11:30-12:00

Party following the rehearsal on the 10th for ALL kids involved in the pageant!

### Nursery & PreK - Hand in Hand

Bible Story: : I am thankful for friends. Elijah and the Widow • 1 Kings 17:7-16

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: So He Thought He Should Dance (David Dances Before God) • 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Bottom Line: Honor God by giving Him credit.

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



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce  
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### Poinsettia Donations

Beginning Sunday, December 4th Advent poinsettia donations can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation is \$15. Forms are available this Sunday at the Student Ministry table and will be in your bulletin next Sunday.

## Missions

### FaithWorks Pantry – NEWS – UPDATES

On our first night in our new space we served nearly twice as many families as usual; 55 families came through the new pantry in a 2-hour window.



A special thanks to the students at Willowdale Elementary and the Southwest Omaha Kiwanis for providing a donation to our Pantry this week.

### Thanksgiving Meal Bag Giveaway

God is Good. We had just enough Thanksgiving Meal bags to meet the need, 302 people came last Saturday and received a meal bag. Our congregation provided a total of 310 bags. Thank you to all who donated and the over 40 volunteers who extended a warm welcome and blessing from our church.

### ABIDE Christmas Caroling – December 6

Please join us Christmas Caroling with our Lighthouse Couple in our ABIDE neighborhood on Tuesday, December 6, from 6-8 pm. We will meet at the church at 5:30 and carpool. This is a great opportunity to bring the sounds of Joy and Hope to the neighbors.

If you would be willing to make Christmas Cookies for this event, please contact Dawn Stock.

### 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 – United Methodist Student Sunday

Our mission offering today will support United Methodist Student Sunday.

Last week's mission offering - ABIDE = \$758.67



### Christmas Eve Ushers

As Faith Westwood's Christmas Eve services are nearing, please consider serving as an usher or a greeter. There are 3 services that need 8-10 ushers and 4-6 greeters each in order for the Christmas Eve services to be welcoming.

An email will go out using Sign Up Genius to select your favorite serving position and time, or you can sign up at the Information desk.

Why not consider serving with a friend or with family members? Start a new holiday tradition as part of the Faith Westwood family! contact Jen Robinson, Director of Guest Connections for more information! jen.robinson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1013.

### Hospitality Team

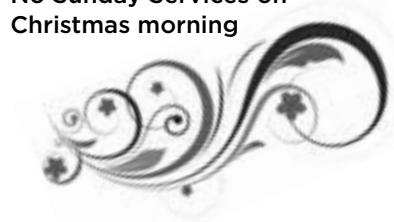
There are 365 days per year, 24 hours per day, which gives us 8760 hours per year. Why not consider serving as a member of the hospitality team? It's only 13 hours per year which is .0015% of your time! Please contact Jen Robinson, Director of Guest Connections for more information! jen.robinson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1013.

### Upcoming Holiday Services

**Christmas Pageant**  
Sunday, December 11,  
9 and 10:45 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Services**  
Saturday, December 24  
3 p.m. - Family Friendly  
5 p.m. - Traditional  
8 p.m. - Contemporary

**No Sunday Services on Christmas morning**



### Women's Bible Study

We invite you to join us for an Advent Study. We will be using the daily devotional book, One True Story by Tim Chester. The study begins on Monday November 28th @ 6:30 p.m. we meet at FaithWestwood in room 228. Please pick up your own copy of the book. If you have any questions contact Viv Runnels at drunnels2@cox.net or 402-339-0630.

### Baptism Orientation

Interested in Baptism? Our next Baptism Orientation is Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. For more information contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1006

## What's Happening



**Under Wraps Devotionals**  
Advent series devotionals are now available in the foyer for a suggested donation of \$10.

### United Methodist Women

The Unit meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on December 7th at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. We will have a light breakfast and then a Christmas program given by Lois Nelson and Linda Dasovic. We also have our Silent Auction. The ladies bring gifts or baked goods and we all bid on them. It is lots of fun, sometimes there is a real competition of bidding on a certain item. All ladies are invited to come.

### IGNITE Prayer

All are invited to a time of prayer on Tuesday December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. We are looking forward to meeting in this new space. We will provide some structure to the prayer time and there will be a time of silent prayer. We also will send you home with prayer resources. If you have questions or need more information contact Kris Echliman at skeschliman@cox.net or 402-250-3263.

### Interested in membership?

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

### Christmas Pageant

Have you ever wondered if sheep can talk? Have you ever wondered what the Shepherd's thought that night seeing the Angels appear in their fields? Have you ever wondered what Christmas is really all about? Well we have a wonderful way of answering all of these questions.



On December 11th, at both the 9 and 10:45am services right here at FaithWestwood, young and old come together to share the news of Jesus' birth through the telling of All About That Baby. This is a journey with Shepherds as they embark on an adventure that is truly All About That Baby. So grab your family and a few friends and join us! It's a morning you won't want to miss!

### Traveling Tasters

Traveling Tasters will be going out for the last time on December 1st at 5:30 pm. We are going to Famous Dave's on Anne St. This group is open to all adults, couples or singles. We have had a lot of fun thru these years. If interested in coming call Gaylene Adler 402-895-3926 so she can make reservations.

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

## Sunday - 9 am

Prelude ..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
David Gerard, organ; Lois Nelson, piano

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

Call to Worship ..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, #384

Advent Candle Lighting..... Chad & Lindsey Haffke

Song ..... Waiting, Waiting, vs. 1

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

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

Opportunities/Celebrations ..... Donna Sandoval

Offering..... "Healer"  
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise..... Emmanuel, Emmanuel, #204

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

Hymn..... There's a Spirit in the Air, #192

Prayer Opportunity ..... Vikki O'Hara

Hymn..... Toda la Tierra (All the Earth is Waiting), #210

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:39-44 ..... Terry Lammert

Message ..... God is Expectant  
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn (as time allows)..... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #211

Blessing..... Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

