

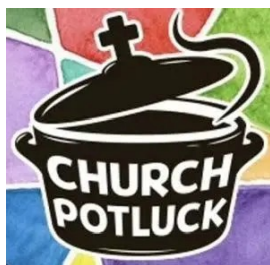


# 1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

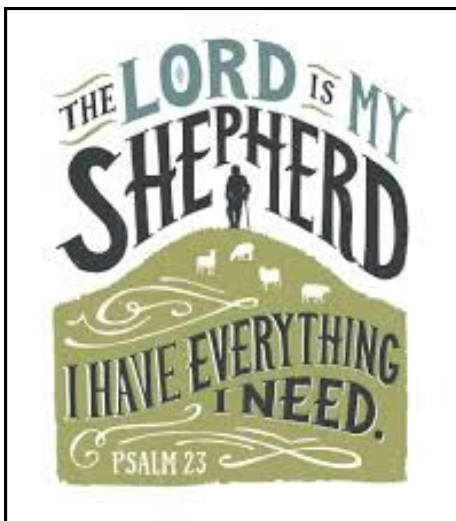
Weekly  
Communique  
April 26, 2026

## Church Potluck, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>



at 11:00am  
(after service)  
in the Outdoor  
Pavilion.  
All church  
members,  
family, and  
friends are  
invited.

Family Ministries is hosting an all-church potluck to celebrate the end of the school year. Bring a dish to share and join us for food and games! Water, lemonade, plates, and eating utensils will be provided. Some tables and chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs and drinks.



### April Change for Change

Will be collected for:  
UM Native American Ministries

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - April 26th

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**9:30 AM - Worship**- In Person and Live Streaming

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

**Sunday School** - PreK-5th Grade. Children are dismissed after Children's Message.

Nursery is available.

**Coffee Fellowship** - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

**Message:** "Don't Be a Woolly Bully"

### Those Serving This Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Celebration Bells: Jeff Mount

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Connections Team: Marty Buckingham

Volunteers: Donna Lange, Rich Buckingham

Acolyte: TBD

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Janice Von Heim

Flowers: In honor of Chuck and Marcia Hall's Anniversary and Chuck's Birthday.



### Blair Congregational Church Women's Fellowship Annual Guest Dinner

The Blair Congregational Church cordially invites you to be their guest for their annual Women's Fellowship dinner on Thursday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided for all guests.

The program for the evening is titled "In Remembrance of Mothers." Although not required to do so, we encourage each of you to bring a picture of your mother, as well as a favorite story to share. We look forward to honoring our mothers in this way and hope you will join us to do the same.

Our invitation is open to all members of your church, as well as any family or friends you would like to bring.

Please call Pam Wilhelm, before May 1st. 402-427-5630, if you plan to attend and she will call in the number of those who plan to attend.

Or RSVP to: Judy Combs, 402-689-4346 (call or text). Please leave a message if Judy is not available.

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**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm**  
**CONNECT PreK- 5th Grade begin in Chapel**  
**Youth meet in Youth room.**  
**April 22, 29 (last meeting for CONNECT).**  
**Confirmation meets in the parlor.**  
**April 29, May 6, 13 (last meeting of Confirmation, will meet in sanctuary)**  
**Confirmation Sunday, May 17**

**Last day of Sunday School - Sunday, May 10th**

A thief comes only  
to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
that they may have life,  
and have it in abundance.  
**John 10:10**



Meet Baker Boswell who was baptized on April 19th.  
Parents are Zane and Lexi Boswell with Aunt Hannah Mackie looking on.

**This Week at 1st Church in Blair...**

**Sunday, April 26th:**  
**9:30 AM Worship - S**  
**9:30 AM: Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade - Nursery is available.**  
**Coffee Fellowship** following Worship - FH  
**6:00 PM: Men's Book Club @ the Matson's**  
**6:00 PM: Cribbage - FH**

**Wednesday, April 29th:**  
**6:00 PM: Celebration Bells - S**  
**6:30-7:30 PM: Last day of CONNECT - LL; Confirmation - P**  
**7:00 PM: Chancel Choir - S**

**Thursday, April 30th:**  
**5:30 PM: TOPS - FH**

S = Sanctuary  
P = Parlor  
LL = Lower Level  
FH = Fellowship Hall

**Ways to Serve**

**Altar Flower Sign-Up**

More than one person or family may sign up for a Sunday. Sign up on the counter in the narthex or call the office @ 402-426-2165.



**CAMP FONTANELLE SPRING SERVICE DAYS**

Join us for any or all of our Spring service days. Help get the site ready for summer camp!  
**May 2nd, 9am**  
**Questions? Office 402-478-4298 or**

**Order Outdoor Worship Pavilion Memorial Bricks, Order by 4/30**

Blair First United Methodist Church invites you to purchase an engraved personalized brick so that you can cement your legacy or the legacy of your loved one(s) at Blair UMC forever. Your contribution from the sale of the brick goes toward funds for the Outdoor Worship Pavilion. The brick is a way to remember a loved one, honor the special people in your life, and/or leave your legacy. Bricks will be placed in the ground around the concrete pad. You may purchase as many bricks as you like. Bricks are \$150.00 each.

**Help Needed**

We're looking for an intern to learn the technology desk. This is an unpaid position but could possibly turn into a paid position in August. See Pastor Doug for more information.

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by signing your estate planning documents now. You will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry after your death.

**If you or an immediate family member is in the hospital and need a visit, please notify the office.**

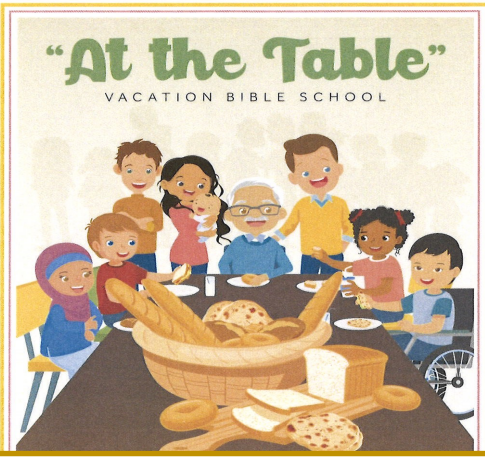
# 3rd - 5th Grade Lock-In,, April 17



## 1st United Methodist and 1st Lutheran VBS!! July 20-24

Register Here:

[FUMC & FLC](#)  
["At the Table"](#)  
[VBS Registration](#)  
[July 20-24 @ 9am-12pm](#)



Join us @  
FLC  
2146 Wright St

**ALL  
PreK-5th  
graders  
welcome!!**

**WHEN:** July 20-24, 9am-12pm  
**WHERE:** 1st Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St. Blair  
**WHO:** All 3-year-olds—5th graders (grade finished)  
**COST:** \$10/child suggested donation (\$30 family maximum)  
If this fee is burdensome, please contact us. No child will be turned away.

**CONTACT:** Erika Cada @ 402-533-0918 or [ecada@firstlutheranblair.org](mailto:ecada@firstlutheranblair.org)  
Danielle Jensen @ 402-426-2165 or [education@blairumc.org](mailto:education@blairumc.org)

Fifteen 3rd-5th grade students enjoyed a lock in from 5:30-11:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17.

Participants enjoyed games, food, and fellowship.

Thank you to those who made this event possible: Danielle Jensen, Nicole Clapper, Amy Larsen, Layla Kern, and Monica Hirschert.



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**We GATHER**  
*To Thrive In Community.*  
**GROW** *To Be Like Jesus.*  
**GO** *To Be Hope*  
**Gather->Grow->Go->**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed	2
3 9:30 AM Worship Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 All Church Potluck in the Pavilion. 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	4	5 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms (P)	6 6:30-7:30 Confirmation (P) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	7 5:30 PM TOPS (FH)	8 Office Closed	9 7:30 AM Methodist Men Location TBD  8AM- Noon All Church Recycling Washington Co. Recycling
10 Graduation Sunday Gifting of Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH)	11	12 6:30 PM N.O.W. (P)  TBD 7:00 PM Family Ministries (FH)	13 9:30-3:00 PM W.I.C. (FH) 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation (S)  7:00 PM Chancel Choir (S) last rehearsal till fall	14 5:30 PM TOPS (FH) 6:00 PM Christmas Market (S) 7:30 Eagle Scout Ceremony (P)	15 Office Closed	16
17 Confirmation Sunday  9:30 AM Worship Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)  (Blair HS Graduation)	18	19 7-8:30 PM Special Olympics (FH)	20 9:30 AM Methodist Women (P)	21 5:30 PM TOPS (FH)  7:00 PM Leadership (P)	22 Office Closed	23 Fellowship Hall in use.
24 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	25 Office Closed 	26	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed 5:30 PM TOPS (FH)	29 Office Closed	30
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Annual Conference in Kearney, NE