



1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly Communique

July 26th, 2026



"8 Who Ate".

It is time to sign-up for another round of "8 Who Ate". This social gathering is a way to meet new friends and connect with long-time friends over a shared meal. The idea is that a group of about 8 people will gather together for a potluck dinner at a host's home or share a meal out at a restaurant.

Sign up by clicking [this link](#) or calling the church office by August 31. If you are willing to coordinate a group by hosting at your home or making a dinner reservation for 8, please indicate this on the sign up. You will be contacted the first week of September with the names for your group. The hope is to gather in September or October.

Contact Jamie Folkers at folkers4@gmail.com or 402-709-4809 for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING OUTDOOR WORSHIP - July 26th

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

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

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

Nursery is available. Free time Activity for PreK - 5th Grade

Coffee Fellowship - following worship in the pavilion

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Message: "...Making Ozone"

Those Serving This Sunday, July 26th

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Connections Team: Roger and Linda Howland

Volunteer: Sue Gerdes

Acolyte: NA

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Joan Bryant

Flowers: To all July Birthdays from the Stewarts and the Halls.



**Blair First
members
walking in
Omaha
Pride
Parade
Saturday,
July 18th**

Marching with the East Nebraska District. Back row: Rev. Dr. Doug Griger, Craig Folkers, Aaron Matson, Joel Matson, and Jeff Mount.

Front row: Jamie Folkers, Allison Matson, Owen Matson, and Jan Mount.

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Summer Sundays

Study in service for Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month. **8/7**

Free Time Sundays: Preschool – 5th Graders

Come to the PreK room after the Children's Message for supervised activity time.

8/9, 8/16, & 8/23

Outdoor Worship: Busy bags will be available: **8/30**

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Bible Study: "Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning"

invites readers into the foundational stories of the Old Testament with clarity, depth, and imagination. Amy-Jill Levine presents Genesis as a living text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human. These familiar stories are often heard in fragments; here, they are explored with care, curiosity, and theological insight.

This study explores key stories from Genesis, including: The Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, The Near Sacrifice of Isaac, Jacob's Stairway to Heaven, Joseph's Saga. Levine does more than explain what happens in these stories. She shows why they matter, bridging ancient Scripture and modern life and inviting readers to engage the book of beginnings with wisdom and wonder.

Six-week study beginning Monday, September 14 (6:30) p.m.
or Thursday, September 17 (9:30 a.m.). Cost of books \$23

Sunday, July 12th Baptism of Franklin Lester Freese,

son of Morgan and Daphne Freese. Along with brother Samuel and sister Isabella.



This Week at 1st Church in Blair...

Sunday, July 26th, 9:30 AM: Outdoor Worship - Pavilion
Nursery available. Busy bags available.

Coffee Fellowship following Worship in the pavilion.

Cribbage, 6:00 PM: FH

Thursday, July 30th, 5:30 PM: T.O.P.S. – FH

Friday, July 31st: Office Closed

S = Sanctuary

P = Parlor

LL = Lower Level

FH = Fellowship Hall

Ways to Serve



Be sure to pick a name from the display near the sanctuary to deliver to that person a Random Act of Kindness.

Goal: empty the bowl of names before Labor Day.

Second Annual Christmas Market

December 11th & 12th



Spread the word that we are seeking vendors for this upcoming event.

Registration for Vendors:

[Christmas Market Vendor Sign Up](#)

Do you have a heart for prayer?

Join Blair First UMC Prayer Group on Facebook.

Consider naming the church as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan. If you have named other beneficiaries, consider naming the church as a secondary or backup beneficiary in the event the first beneficiary is deceased at the time of your death.

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

VBS 2026: "At the Table"

VBS 2026

A few snapshots of this years joint VBS with First United Methodist Church and First Lutheran Church at their location.

The theme this year was "At the Table" lessons given were about world hunger.

Thank you to all who made donations, and especially to those who planned and worked during the week: Olive Bruck, Susan Poling, Danielle Jensen, Jenny Bruck, Aubrey Bruck, Allison Matson, Khloe Gillespie, Monica Hirschert, Evie Bruck, Rhett Fischer, Heather Hansen, Trish Rand, and anyone who was missed during our crazy, busy week!



Coming in September!
Join Chancel Choir
And Bell Choir
and make a Joyful Noise!



Support Washington County Food Pantry

"Pack the Pantry"



Drive Thru Food Drive

Saturday, August 8th

8:00am-Noon

Family Fare Parking Lot

Help us fill the trailer with non-perishable food. We will also be collecting cash donations for Washington Co. Food Bank

Sponsored by Blair First United Methodist Church

Trailer use from  **AKRS** 

[FUMC: FUMC Pack the Pantry](#)

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK

August 15, 2026

8:00 am

**Blair First United Methodist Church
1656 Colfax**



Sign up to walk or make a donation today!
25% of funds raised given to Washington County Food Pantry

Sponsored by Blair First UMC and Blair First Lutheran

[Blair CROP Hunger Walk](#)

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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
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2 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship - FH 10:30 AM Acolyte Training – S 6:30 PM Cribbage – FH	3	4 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms - P	5	6 9-Noon PEO Meeting – P 5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – FH 6:00 PM Christmas Market - P	7 Office Closed	8 7:30 AM Methodist Men Breakfast – TBD 8 AM-Noon Pack the Pantry Food Drive
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