



# Weekly Communique

May 4, 2025



Blair First United Methodist Church

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**COMING SOON - PLANS ARE BEING MADE.**

**NEXT PLANNING MEETING**

**MAY 13, 6:00 PM IN THE PARLOR.**

1st Annual Blair First United Methodist Church

**CHRISTMAS  
MARKET**

December 13th & December 14th



**Save the dates!!**

*Fifth Annual Gateway to West  
Breakfast Fundraiser for the local  
food bank!!*

*Will be serving food at the  
Gateway to the West days on  
June 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:30.*

*More info later! If you have any  
questions, please call Craig Folkers  
(402-306-3730).*



**May Change for Change**  
"Native American Ministries"

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**Sunday, May 4th,**

**Worship with Holy Communion**

**Prayer Shawl Presentation to High School Seniors**

**9:30 AM (Live Stream and In-Person)**

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

*Sunday School is in Session. Nursery is available.*

**Coffee Fellowship**

Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** John 21:1-19

**Message:** "The Epilogue"

## Those Serving This Sunday, May 4th

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Chancel Choir / Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Gabe Goeken

Cameras and Screens: Layla Kern and Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Acolyte: TBD

Connections Team:

Leaders: Ron and Nancy Williby

Volunteers: Todd and Carol Hansen

Flowers: In honor of Doug's parents' 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Coffee Fellowship: Ron and Nancy Williby

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Sunday School is in session.

## 9:30 am Outdoor Worship Services In the Worship Pavilion.

**Sunday May 25th**

**Sunday, June 29th**

**Sunday, July 27th**

**Sunday, August 31st**



Please friend

Danielle Jensen's Family Ministries

Facebook page

for Youth and Children's Ministry  
updates.

[Facebook](#)

Danielle Jensen, Education@blairumc.org  
402-427-3106



**Sunday School 5/4, 5/11, 5/18 (last for season)**

**CONNECT Meets - 5/7, Final 5/14 "Grill and Game Night?"**

**Summer Acolyte Training**

Current 2<sup>nd</sup> grade & older children and Youth are invited to attend a short acolyte training session. You will then be paired with a current acolyte during our services in June, July, and/or August for a trial run so you can see if you would be interested in being part of our 2025/2026 group of acolytes.

**Meet us in the Sanctuary at 10:30am on 5/4 or 5/11.** If you are interested in being an acolyte and are unable to attend on those dates, contact Danielle Jensen at [education@blairumc.org](mailto:education@blairumc.org) to schedule an alternative training session.



**Grill and Games Night**

Attention all CONNECT aged kids (12th grade and younger), and their families and friends.

Join us for our final night this Spring in the Outdoor Pavilion on May 14 @ 6:30pm.

We will have a small meal and outdoor games to celebrate the year!

Please RSVP by 5/9 to [education@blairumc.org](mailto:education@blairumc.org) with the number attending AND if you want a hotdog or hamburger.

Also please bring your own lawn chairs or we have grass seating.

## 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.

### We are collecting toiletries for Joseph's Coat:

We have an ongoing collection of travel size toiletries that we donate throughout the year. See our website for more information.

**Giving to the church through your will is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider a gift to the church.**

## This Week at Blair 1<sup>st</sup>...

**Sunday, May 4th: Worship with Holy**

**Communion - Prayer Shawl Presentation for Seniors**

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

No Sunday School. Nursery provided.

**Following Worship: Coffee Fellowship - FH**

**10:30 AM: Acolyte Training - S**

**6:00 PM: Cribbage**

**7:00 PM: Mount Piano Recital - S**

**Monday, May 5th:**

**3:00 PM: Organ Tuning - S**

**Tuesday, May 6th:**

**9:30 AM: Faithful Bookworms - P**

**7:00 PM: N.O.W. -P**

**Wednesday, May 7th:**

**6:00 PM: Celebration Bells - S**

**6:30-7:30 PM: CONNECT - LL**

**7:00 PM: Chancel Choir - S**

S = Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 8th:**

P = Parlor

**5:30 PM: T.O.P.S. - FH**

LL = Lower Level

**Friday, May 9th: Office Closed.**

FH = Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, May 10th:**

**7:30 AM: United Methodist Men - FH**

**8:00 AM- Noon: All Church Volunteer at the Recycling Center. *Please join us.***

**Found in last months  
Change for Change.  
Dog license. Please call office  
402-426-2165 to claim.**



## How to Plant Your Garden For Daily Living

### PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS

Peace of mind  
Peace of heart  
Peace of soul

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH

Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be patient  
Lettuce really love one another

### NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT TURNIPS

Turnip for meetings  
Turnip for service  
Turnip to help one another

### TO ROUND OUT YOUR GARDEN YOU MUST HAVE THYME

Thyme for each other  
Thyme for family  
Thyme for friends

**Water freely with patience and cultivate  
with love. There can be much fruit in your garden,  
because you reap what you sow.**





## Church Has Left the Building, April 27

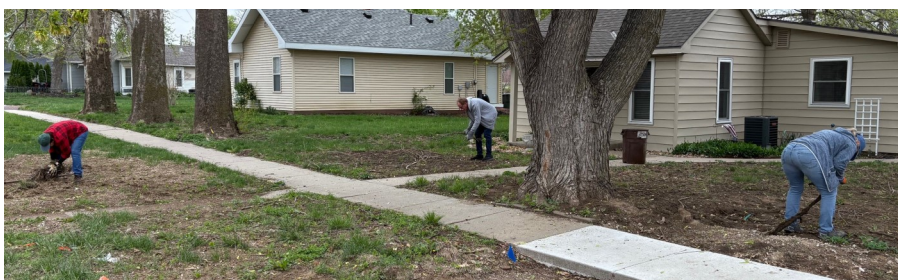
Although all jobs were not able to be finished, Susan Poling plans to complete all tasks at a later time.

If you are able to help please call Susan Poling 402-533-2702 or the Church Office: 402-426-2165.

More information to come on finishing the list.

There were 25 people involved that worked at Sundays Event.

- Visiting residents at Crowell Home'
- Picking up sticks at a park.
- Animal Shelter - assembling shelving for storage and interacting with animals.
- Yard work and tidying flowerbeds
- Preparing a delicious lunch for the crews of sandwiches, pasta salad, chips and desserts. Thank You Everyone!





# **VBS 2025!!**

**1st United Methodist  
AND  
1st Lutheran**

**WHO IS**  
*my neighbor?*



**WHEN:** July 14-18, 9am-12pm

**WHERE:** 1st Lutheran Church,  
2146 Wright St. Blair

**WHO:** All 3-year olds - 5th Gr.  
(Grade Completed)

**COST:** \$10 /Child Suggested  
Donation

(\$30 family Maximum)

If this fee is burdensome,  
please contact us, no child will  
be turned away.

**Registration Link**

[FUMC & FLC "Who is My Neighbor" VBS  
Registration July 14-18 @ 9am-12pm](#)



Pictures from 2024 VBS