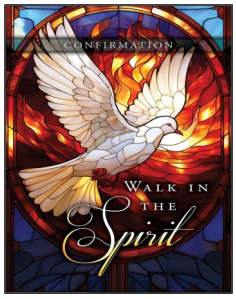
1st Church in Blair
A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly Communique

May 17th, 2026

Confirmation Class of 2026

We are so pleased and proud to have seven great young people in our confirmation class this year. They have worked hard and completed all of the class requirements prior to declaring their faith this Sunday during a special service of confirmtion. Please be sure to congratulate them!



Will Bacon

Olive Bruck

Khloe Gillespie

Rhett Fischer

Lindsey Grabowski

Greyson Nixon

Oakley Roberts

Join us in a witness of inclusion!

Last year, fifteen of our members and friends proudly walked with the United Methodists of Eastern Nebraska in the Heartland Pride parade in downtown Omaha. While some Omaha churches had their own entries, our Blair group joined the district contingent. We're excited that several from our church plan to participate again this year! The parade will be held on Saturday, July 18—if you'd like to be part of it, talk with Rev. Doug.

May Change for Change
Collecting for
UM Peace with Justice

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, Confirmation Sunday - May 17th

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.

Coffee Fellowship - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: Titus 3:1-8

Message: *"Done? Not Hardly"*

Those Serving This Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Music Leadership: Allison Matson
Chancel Choir/Song Leader: Glenn Coates
Audio/Visual
Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern
Camera: Mia Kern
Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming
Connections Team: Dick Goeken
Volunteer: Jon and Mary Stewart
Acolytes: Jake Grabowski
Nursery: Danielle Jensen
Coffee Fellowship: Cindy Rollins
Flowers: Kim and Brenda Quick in honor of the Confirmands

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FAMILY ministry Upcoming EVENTS

Director of Family Ministries: Danielle Jensen
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Sunday School and CONNECT will resume this fall.

"At the Table" VBS July 20th-24th

Register Here:
FUMC & FLC "At the Table" VBS Registration July 20-24 @ 9am-12pm

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.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 10th, honored our high school seniors. Recipients of the Youth Service Award were Samantha Geise and Joey Grabowski.

Pictured L to R: Beckett Scott, Natalia Roberts, Samantha Geise, Joey Grabowski, Nolan Wolfe, and Layla Kern.

Higher Education Graduates, not pictured: Caitlyn Haggstrom, Samantha Grabowski, and Grant Ryan. *(Photo by Jen Grabowski)*

This Week at 1st Church in Blair...

Sunday, May 17th:
- **9:30 AM Worship / Confirmation Sunday** - S
  Nursery is available.
- **Coffee Fellowship** following Worship - FH
- **6:00 PM:** Cribbage - FH

Tuesday, May 19th:
- **7:00-8:30 PM:** Special Olympics - FH

Wednesday, May 20th:
- **9:30 AM -** Methodist Women - P

Thursday, May 21st:
- **5:30 PM:** TOPS - FH
- **7:00 PM:** Leadership - P

Friday, May 22nd: Office Closed.

Note: Office Closed Monday, May 24 (Memorial Day) and **May 27-28** for Annual Church Conference in Kearney.

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.

Volunteer for the Sixth annual Gateway to the West Breakfast Fundraiser
for the local food bank!!
Will need volunteers for food prep, food donations, selling from 8:00-11:00am, Set-up and Clean-up.
If you have any questions, please call Craig Folkers: 402.306.3730.
You may sign up near the church office or use this link
Blair First United Methodist Church: Gateway Breakfast Fundraiser

Seeking VBS Volunteers & Donations During VBS (July 20-24) First Lutheran & First United Methodist

Adult and youth volunteers will be needed as well as supplies to be donated.
More information to come.
Questions: Danielle Jensen, 402-427-3106
Education @blairumc.org

All Church Recycling
Washington County Recycling Center

Next Saturday, November 14
Sign up will be available in September.

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

Have you received an inheritance?
If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to the church in memory of the loved one who remembered you.
You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.