



1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly Communique

June 7th, 2026

Annual Conference 2026

The conference is full of conference reports, speakers, reports on things happening in our district, the ordination of new pastors, and praise bands. I had attended as a guest with my husband Russ, lay pastor at Kennard Grace, but since I was actually a lay representative for First UMC I found that I paid a lot more attention..

Bishop Wilson encouraged us to meet each other and hear their stories. At lunch Russ and I met a pastor who was ordained Episcopal, but was serving in western Kansas, and as a bus driver. He was in Kearney for the annual conference and for a bus driver conference.

I met an 87 year old lay person who drove 5 hours, who had attended for 30 years straight, and had been very active in the Nomads, a group who travel to repair homes, work at church camps, and other good works.

The Methodist message of "Making disciples for the transformation of the world" resounded in speeches. "Love God, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously" was also a running theme.

I volunteered to make meals for *Rise Against Hunger*. We created 20,000 meal packs that each fed a family of 6. We did not know where they were going, but participating was awesome. The organizer said that many of these meals are used by schools around the world. A mission family was blessed to serve in Kenya, Bishop Wilson baptized a baby,

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - June 7th
 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: Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26
Message: "No Previous Experience Necessary "

Those Serving This Sunday, June 7th, 2026

Music Leadership: Allison Matson
 Audio/Visual
 Camera: Mia Kern
 Connections Team: Ron and Nancy Williby
 Volunteers: Todd and Carol Hansen
 Acolytes: TBD
 Communion Stewards: Sue Gerdes, Joleene Rewerts
 Communion Celebrants: Lindsey Grabowski, Jan Mount, Cindy Rollins
 Coffee Fellowship: Julie Thompson

Song Leader: Glenn Coates
 Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern
 Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming
 Nursery: Samantha Geise

(who was fascinated by the Bishops mike), and a 9- year-old.

Conference Business

Resolutions Adopted: Supporting Migrants, Immigrants and Refugees; Answering the call of Kairos Palestine; and Support for Transgender Communities.

Adopted Reports:

Budget; Strategic Plan; Committee Members; and many other conference reports. Thank you for this experience, I highly recommend it.

In Christ's love, Debbie Foust

Picture Left: Each meal was packed in order; packet of vitamins and flavor, cup of soy, scoop of dried vegetables and rice to proper weight.

Thank You to all involved in the Gateway Breakfast Fundraiser for Joseph's Coat.
 We will have a report next issue.





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Sunday School and CONNECT will resume in the Fall

Register Here:

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

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

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
Danielle Jensen @ 402-426-2165 or education@blairumc.org

Ways to Serve



Summer
OF RANDOM
Kindness

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

Goal: empty the bowl of names during the summer months of June, July, and August

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

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**COMMUNITY
GROOVES & GRUB**

🎵 FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT! 🎵

June 27, 2026 6-8 PM • Food Trucks Open 5-8 PM

Featuring live music by Variety V!

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us for a fun, relaxing evening with family and friends. Enjoy great music, delicious food, and a welcoming community atmosphere!



The Pavilion at Blair 1st
United Methodist Church
17th and Grant Streets



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Second Annual Christmas Market
December 11 & 12th



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

Registration for Vendors:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiwAFYeDRFdIScJKxeM1sifScf2_I7U3MXyTRd3YpsdqQKeQ/viewform?pli=1

Do you have a heart for prayer, join Blair First UMC Prayer Group on Facebook

This Week at 1st Church in Blair...

Sunday, June 7th: 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion - S

Nursery is available.

Coffee Fellowship following Worship - FH

6:00 PM: Cribbage

Thursday, June 11th - 5:30 PM TOPS - FH

Friday, June 12th: Office Closed

Saturday, June 13th: 7:30 AM Methodist Men,

Location: Rustic in Fort Calhoun.

S = Sanctuary

P = Parlor

LL = Lower Level

FH = Fellowship Hall

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.