



# 1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly  
Communique  
April 19, 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.

### 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.

### April Change for Change

Will be collected for:  
UM Native American Ministries

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - April 19th

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:** Luke 24:13-35

**Message:** "The Proof Ain't in the Pudding"

### Those Serving This Sunday, April 19th, 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: Marty Buckingham

Volunteer: Janice Von Heim

Acolyte: TBD

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Roger and Phyllis Barber

Flowers: Grant Ryan from Grandparents Mary & Jon Stewart

### Dear members of the First United Methodist Church -



Thank you for your donation to the Washington County Food Pantry from your Bread & Breakfast Food Drive. We truly appreciate your continued support of our mission to help those in need from our community.

Sincerely, Anette Ott, WCFP Board Member.



**Thank you** for your donation during the first quarter of 2026. We are excited for the future of Camp Fontanelle and pray that you will continue to support the camp and its ministry.

If you would like information about our 2026 programming, please contact the camp.

Camp Fontanelle...Transforming lives, through an intentional Christian community.

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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.  
May 13 (last meeting of Confirmation, will meet in sanctuary)  
Confirmation Sunday, May 17  
  
Last day of Sunday School - Sunday, May 10th

*Thank you* Church Family  
for the cards, calls, and prayers for my recent hip surgery. It was successful and is slowly healing. See you soon.

Joleene Rewerts

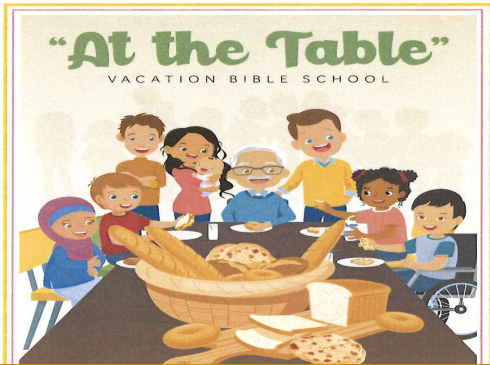


## Ways to Serve



**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  
Email [Ryan rsiver@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:rsiver@greatplainsumc.org)

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



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)  
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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.**

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

**Sunday, April 19th:**  
9:30 AM Worship - S  
9:30 AM: Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade - Nursery is available.  
Coffee Fellowship following Worship - FH  
6:00 PM: Cribbage - FH  
**Tuesday, April 21st:**  
7:00 PM: N.O.W. - P  
**Wednesday, April 22nd:**  
6:00 PM: Celebration Bells - S  
6:30-7:30 PM: CONNECT - LL; Confirmation - P  
7:00 PM: Chancel Choir - S  
**Thursday, April 23rd:**  
5:30 PM: TOPS - FH  
**Friday, April 24th: Office Closed.**

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