



1st Church in Blair

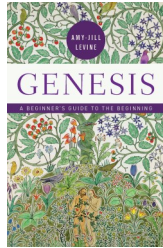
A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly
Communique

July 12th, 2026

Upcoming 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.

With her signature blend of historical context and engaging storytelling, Levine opens up the book of beginnings, attending to its beauty, tensions, and enduring questions. She invites readers to linger with stories of creation and responsibility, rivalry and loss, judgment and mercy, promise and perseverance, revealing how these ancient narratives still speak with power today.

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.) Books \$23.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - July 12th

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. Busy bags will be available.

Coffee Fellowship - following worship in Fellowship Hall

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message: "God Has a Pretty Green Thumb"

Those Serving This Sunday, July 12th

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: Janice Von Heim

Acolyte: NA

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Sue Gerdes

Flowers: NA

Coming Up in August

"Pack the Pantry" Food Drive

Saturday, August 8th

8a.m. to Noon

Family Fare Parking Lot

Volunteer sign up online

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4AF2BA0F4C16-64513859-fumc#/
go/10C0F44A4AF2BA0F4C16-64513859-fumc#/
Or near the church office.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4AF2BA0F4C16-64513859-fumc#/)

Or near the church office.

Crop Walk

Saturday August 15th, 8a.m.

Blair First UMC and First Lutheran

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/blairne>

Save the date! August 15, our church, along with First Lutheran Church, will be hosting the Blair Crop Walk for Hunger. The 3 mile walk will start at 8:00 am at our church.

July Change for Change:
Camp Scholarships

**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

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Blair First United Methodist



www.blairumc.org

Summer Sundays

(5th grade and younger recommended)

FAMILY
ministry

This **Upcoming** summer, stay in service for **Holy** Com-**EVENTS** munion on the first Sunday of the month: **8/2**

Free Time Sundays Come to the PreK room after Children's Time for supervised activity time. **7/12, 7/19.8/9, 8/16, & 8/23**

Outdoor Worship: Busy bags will be available. **7/26, 8/30**

Director of Family Ministries: Danielle Jensen
402-427-3106 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 a Random Act of Kindness.

Goal: empty the bowl of names before Labor Day.



Register Here:

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

Seeking VBS Volunteers & Donations

During VBS (July 20-24)

First Lutheran & First United Methodist

Adult and youth volunteers will be needed.

Monetary donations may be made at the back of the sanctuary.

Questions: Danielle Jensen, 402-427-3106

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Methodist Church,

Thank you for gifting me my thoughtfully hand-made blanket. I love have it on my bed. I'm so grateful that you guys were my church as I grew up.

Best, Natalia Roberts

Dear Church family,

Thank you very much for my blanket. I really like it. I'm grateful that you guys are my church.

Beckett Scott

Outdoor Worship Theme
July 26th, 9:30 AM



Garden Party: Wear floral prints, overalls, gardening hats, etc.

July 25th 6-8 p.m.

Featuring the music of

music of

Rustic Gold

Food trucks

on site

from 5-8 p.m.

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_17U3MXyTRd3YpsdqKeQ/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, July 12th 9:30 AM Worship - S

Coffee Fellowship following worship in Fellowship Hall

Following Worship: Financial Stewardship Meeting - P

6:00 PM: Cribbage

Monday, July 13th 10:30 AM: Celebration of Life for Marilyn Urwin. Luncheon to follow

Thursday, July 16th: 5:30 PM TOPS - FH

Friday, July 17th: Office Closed.

Saturday, July 18th: Heartland Pride Parade, Omaha

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.

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.