

April 21, 2024

Weekly Communique



Blair First United Methodist Church



www.blairumc.org



Please join Blair First All Church to work at

Spring Service Days at Camp Fontanelle
9 am, April 27th

Come when you can, leave when you must.

There are a variety of tasks, both outdoor and indoor. Check in at Riverview Lodge to see the list and choose your job. Bring work gloves & tools.

Contact: Aaron Matson (text or email) 402-306-6988
atmatson@gmail.com

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

Sunday, March 21: 9:30AM, Worship, Fourth Sunday of Easter, (Live Stream and In-Person).

Pulpit Fill: Rev. Chuck Rager

9:30AM Sunday School

Nursery provided, 1st grade and under.

Coffee Fellowship after Service in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: John 10:1-21

Message: "A Sandwich, a Shepherd, and an Identity"

Save the Date for "Rock the Block Event" May 4th For Habitat for Humanity "Rock the Block".

Looking for assistance on May 4th from 8a-1p for the Habitat for Humanities "Rock the Block" event. It's similar to our church has left the building event. All ages can help. If interested please sign up at link below "Group: First Methodist Church).

Scroll down to "Group: First Methodist" <https://cerv.is/0119x2982>

Call Craig folkers with any questions. 402-306-3730

Let's Rock Blair!

Get together with your neighbors and Rock the Block!

Rock the Block with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, May 4, 2024 | 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

First Lutheran Church ELCA

2146 Wright St.
Blair, NE 68008

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To take part in Rock the Block, contact:
Outreach Team at outreach@habitatomaha.org

Would you like to volunteer or have a project done on your home?



Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/RocktheBlockSignUp



Rock the Block

- Beautify your block with small projects that boost curb appeal
- Get to know your neighbors
- Inspire people to become active participants in your neighborhood

Types of Projects

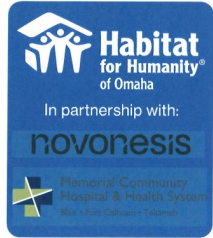
- Paint touch-ups
- Light landscaping
- Minor exterior home repairs
- Brush removal...and more!

Who Can Volunteer?

- Individuals
- Groups - large or small
- The Rock the Block Community

Eligibility Criteria

- Must live in Blair, NE



In partnership with:
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For more information, contact outreach@habitatomaha.org.

This event is free and will be no cost to homeowners

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 the following for Joseph's

Coat: We have an ongoing collection of travel size toiletries that we donate throughout the year.

Types of travel items needed: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc... You may drop off items in the basket located on the tall table just outside the church office. Thank you for your donations!!

Announcements

In the Word Monday Night Study:

Save the date and join us in our summer study. Beginning on **June 3rd** we will delve into the life of Corrie Ten Boom reading her story, "The Hiding Place".

Leaders: Jamie Folkers and Diane Highfill.

Meeting Place: The outdoor worship pavilion at church.

Time: 6:30pm

Bring: Lawn chair, book, water & snack or your dinner if you wish.

Signup at the church office and stay turned for more information.

Books may be purchased through: Christian Book Distributors -<https://www.christianbook.com>, or Amazon.



Looking for Volunteers

Thank you to all who are keeping the building clean and ready for Worship while Kevin is recovering. If you wish to help in cleaning you may call the office or go to:

[Blair First UMC: While Kevin Recovers \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

All Church Volunteer Sign Up for May 11, 2024 8am-Noon @ Washington Co. Recycling Center

Sign Up near the Church Office.

Children are welcome with parental supervision.
Sign up for 2-hour shifts or all morning (8-12:00).
Would like a minimum of 12 people for each shift.



Coins for Lent Update

**\$409 was collected and donated to Joseph's Coat/
Washington County Food Pantry.**



VBS Noisy Offering

Save the dates and your change to add to our VBS fund.

Collection pails will be passed around during the 9:30am service on 5/19 and 6/2. Children and Youth can also bring their change to Sunday School on 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19.

Join us to celebrate our Graduates and Confirmands.

Graduate Sunday, May 12. Prayer shawls will be given to our graduating high school seniors at the 9:30am service.

Confirmation Sunday, June 2. We will acknowledge our class of 2023/2024 Confirmation Class at the 9:30am service.

Weekly Happenings

(Please submit any entries to the office by Wednesday, 3:00pm.)

Sunday, April 21: 9:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Easter, Worship - In Person and Live Streaming; 9:30 AM Sunday School.

Monday, April 22: No church activities

Tuesday, April 23: No church activities

Wednesday April 24: 6-6:45 PM Celebration Bells (parlor), **6:30-7:30 PM** Grill and Games Night - CONNECT and 7/8 Confirmation; **7:00 PM** Chancel Choir (Sanctuary).

Thursday, April 25: 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall);

Friday, April 26: Office Closed.

Saturday, April 27: 9:00 AM Camp Fontanelle Spring Service Day.

APRIL AND MAY



NEWS

Sunday School

@9:30am on 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19
(final day in Outdoor Pavilion)

Wednesday Night CONNECT and Confirmation Classes

@6:30-7:30pm on 4/24

See page 4 for Grill and Games info



Please friend the Family Ministries Director Facebook page for Youth and Children Ministries updates.

[Facebook](#)



Youth entering 7th grade AND older in the fall,

we will need your help with our Youth Ministries activities this summer. Volunteers will be needed at our Gateway to the West tables, Sunday Fundays, and Vacation Bible School.

Keep watch for future sign ups!

Have you ever wanted to be an Acolyte?

We are inviting all current 2nd - 7th graders to attend a short training session and then you will be paired with a current acolyte at one of 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 2024/2025 group of acolytes.

Students that will be in 3rd - 8th grades in the fall of 2024 will have the opportunity to take turns from September 2024 - August 2025 to acolyte at all church services during the year.

If you are not a current acolyte and would like to try it out, meet us after the church service in the back of the sanctuary at 10:30am on 4/28 or 5/5. If those dates don't work for you, let me know and we will find a time that does. Please let me or Pastor Gina know what date you are planning to attend if possible. Or you can email me at education@blairumc.org



Graduate Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024

We will be giving prayer shawls to our graduating Seniors during the 9:30am service.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 2, 2024

We will be acknowledging our 2023/2024 Confirmation Class at the 9:30am service.

Gateway to the West

Saturday, June 8, 2024

We will have a kids craft area in the Outdoor Pavilion in the morning. Stay tuned for more details.

Summer CONNECT Sunday

We will be trying something new this summer!

Instead of waiting until September when Sunday School starts up again, once or twice a month in June, July, and August, we invite those in Pre-K—6th grade to join us during the 9:30am service. We're planning to do a different, fun activity each Sunday.



June 2nd will be about letting God's light shine.

(glowing objects may be involved)

June 23rd will be a music themed day. Expect boom sticks, bells, and a sneak peak at the week's VBS songs!

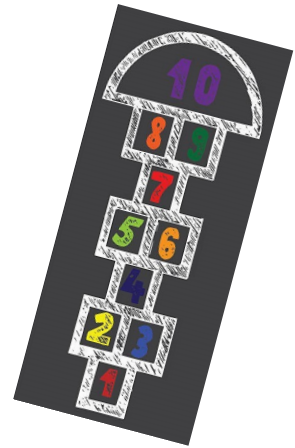
Save The Date for 1st United Methodist and 1st Lutheran VBS!!

June 24-28, 9:00am - lunch at Noon

VBS Sign up link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScACuLL-5eWA69Gz_OOiOnvKIHM1juvK_HNB2HdlZYDw-63xA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Grill and Games



**Attention all CONNECT kids, Confirmands,
and their families and friends.**

**Join us for our final night this Spring in the
Outdoor Pavilion on April 24 @ 6:30pm.**

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

Please **RSVP by 4/18 to this Facebook post
with the number attending **AND** if you want
a hotdog or hamburger.**

**Info can also be emailed to
education@blairumc.org**

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