



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

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From the Pastor

WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE NAPKIN?

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this.... The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave

clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that stony coffin.

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it.

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'. But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because.... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

Thanks to several of our members for sharing this wonderful story on their Facebook Page about the Resurrection...the Hope and Promise of our life as Christians. It's my hope and prayer for all of us that these seven weeks of Easter Celebration will be a time of growth, peace, and power, in a world that can seem awfully dark sometimes. Isn't it wonderful that we have the Good News of the Gospel to carry us through!!!

Peace and Love,
Pastor John



8:30 am
Contemporary

11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
[@kimb1lutheranchurch6062](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimb1lutheranchurch6062)

STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,
Senior Pastor

Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,
Parish Administrator

Brian Sevison,
Music Director

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus

ESTATE PLANNING

Navigating Estate Planning for Blended Families Protect the Most Important People

It's not uncommon to preserve assets like family heirlooms, the family home or a closely held business for your own children while still providing for a second spouse. But you must be careful that your estate plans properly reflects your situation, or your children from a previous marriage might be disinherited.

FOR EXAMPLE

In the absence of an estate plan, a married couple with kids from separate relationships will have their assets divided by the laws of their state. If special arrangements are meant for each child, they will not be known. All assets—including retirement funds, jointly held property and checking and savings accounts—will be directed by law.

It's critical to create an estate plan that articulates where your assets go at the death of each parent. Provisions for each child individually as well as your spouse or partner should be documented.

The family structures and legal relationships within blended families introduce a layer of complexity that makes planning for your loved ones' futures, a future beyond your lifetime, more crucial than ever.

YOUR GO TO GUIDE

Everyone needs an estate plan, whether your net worth adds up to a few thousand dollars or a few million. Your plan should address the needs of all of your loved ones at your death, regardless of whether you have a traditional or a blended family, are single or married.

One of the most important documents you can create to ensure the well-being of your loved ones is a will. If you die without a will, state law determines who gets your assets when you pass away, typically naming a surviving spouse and direct descendants. With a blended family, however, the issues are more complex, and the risk of disinheriting your children is much higher.



ESTATE PLANNING ESSENTIALS

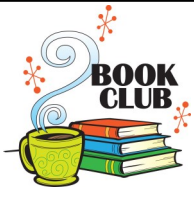
A WILL — The cornerstone of your estate plan, this document ensures your assets will be distributed exactly as you intend. Your will should also name a guardian for any minor children.

TRUSTS — A trust allows you to make special arrangements for the management of your assets. Special trusts can protect assets for your children from a previous marriage and still provide for your new spouse. Be sure to ask your attorney if these special trusts are right for you.

FINANCIAL AND HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY -- A financial power of attorney designates a trusted individual to handle legal and financial matters on your behalf. If you are unable to make health care decisions, a health care power of attorney stipulates who will make these decisions.

A LIVING WILL — Also called an advance health care directive, this document articulates your wishes concerning heroic, life-sustaining measures.

OWNERSHIP AND BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS — Jointly owned property with rights of survivorship generally passes to the surviving joint owner regardless of what your will states. The same is true for one-half of community property in several states. Life insurance, IRAs and other retirement plans are payable to beneficiaries you designate on the account.



KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Date: April 30, 2024 10:00 am
Place: Church Parlor
Hosts: Peggy and Alice
Book: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

TUESDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

Date: April 30 at 6:30 pm
Host: Diana Bentley
Book: *Tom Lake* by: Ann Pratchett

FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Date: May 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Hosts: Mike and Laura Abernathy
Book: *Horse* by: Geraldine Brooks
Food: Abernathy's / Tallent's
Everyone is welcome!

Lasting Legacy Endowment

DINNER, RAFFLE, AND LIVE AUCTION

Sunday, April 21

- 4 - 5 pm** Register and Raffle Begins
- 5 - 6 pm** Dinner and Raffle Winners
- 6 pm** - Live Auction (Cash/Checks Only)

Dinner Menu

- BBQ Pork Tenderloin
- Marinated grilled chicken breast
 - Glazed baby carrots
 - Green bean almondine
 - Mashed potatoes
 - Tossed salad
- Rolls / Dessert

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Sneak Peak of Auction Items!

- Original Art / Golf Package
- Thanksgiving Brisket / 1 Caret Diamond
 - Vacation Getaway



- **KINGDOM KIDS & 3-5TH GRADES BOWLING** April 28th 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Join us for a fun afternoon at Foxfire Lanes in Kannapolis from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, bring socks and a couple extra dollars for a snack. Cost for this event is \$10, please sign up by Sunday 4/21 through google docs.
- **FAITH FORMATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL)** April 7, 14, 21, and 28. We will start Faith Formation back on Sunday April 7th at 10:00 am. We will continue to meet upstairs in the children's Sunday School room, if there is a change Deacon Liz will send out a reminder and let parents know where we will be meeting.
- **HS/MS YOUTH SAMARITAN'S TABLE MEAL** Our HS/MS groups will help cook and serve Samaritan's Table on April 25th. We will meet at the church between 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm to cook and pack our meals. We will start serving at 5:00 pm.
- **HS/MS YOUTH MEETING** HS/MS Youth will meet at the church for dinner and games on April 14th from 4:30-6:30 pm. We hope you can come and join us for dinner, devotions and games.
- **HS/MS YOUTH SERVING** We will gather at 4:30 pm on Sunday April 21st to help with our Endowment Fund dinner and auction. We will be serving and helping with drinks. If you need service hours please bring your sheet with you and Deacon Liz will be happy to sign it! We should be finished by 7:00 pm at the latest.
- **PRESCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Our Preschool Board will meet in the Library on Monday evening April 22nd at 6:30 pm.



Middle School youth confirmation on Sunday, April 14 at Calvary Lutheran in Concord from 2:25 - 4:00 pm. We will transport your youth back to Kimball for our HS/MS Youth Night.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS.
04/05	Buddy & Nevina CHRISTY	21
04/07	David & Donna TAYLOR	50
04/09	Tony & Paula LIPPARD	19
04/09	Tanner & Chloe SMALL	2
04/10	Morgan & Ame GUY	14
04/12	Michael & Sylvia SLOOP	60
04/16	Eddie & Lisa DUNLOW	41
04/24	Dana & Dean HINSON	21
04/26	Ginger & Stafford HAMILTON	10
04/28	Keith & Heidi LEE	12
04/28	Peggy & Robert PERGOLA	51
04/29	Karen & Martin MCCALL	7
04/30	Jon Todd & Jodie HOTT	30

PRAYER REQUESTS

MILITARY

Christopher Bame (California), Rajeem Baptist (Washington), Robert Busted, Jr. (Virginia), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Chris Kirchner (Utah), Preston Mays (Maryland), Chris Overcash (NC), Andrew Smith (Arizona)

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson, Jerry and Pat Beam, Diana Bentley, Mickey and Paula Brandle, Becky Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Brenda Brown, Buttner Family, Florence Calandra, Jean Davis, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Betsy Ellington-Boynton, Teresa Erwin, Ava Farris, Shelly Farris, Liz Fisher, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, Leigh and John Glass, Todd Haley, Scott and Sarah Harmon, Prebble Henrickson, Bob Hill, Kathy Hunter, Eric and Jenny Jones, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Nathan and Kathryn Murph, Taylor and Kaylee Murph, John Patterson Marty and Perriann Payne, Jim Peeler, John Pendleton, Louise Propst, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy and Cliff Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, Conrad Sloop, Earlene Snipes, Mary Jo Snipes, Darla Steinert, Gaye St. John, Sarah Teumer, Randy Triece, Justin Troutman

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/04	John	PENDLETON
04/05	Charles	CALANDRA
	Nancy	DEMENY
	Susan	HARRIS
	Joyce	MALLERNEE
	Craig	NICHOLS
04/07	Jonathan	PATTERSON
04/10	Tammy	STEARNS
04/11	Tim	JACKSON
04/12	Kelli	OVERCASH
04/15	Zander	NICHOLS
04/17	Ryan	KEITH
04/18	Eddie	DUNLOW
	Carter	MYRICK
04/22	Samantha	HELMS
04/23	Michael	SLOOP
	Elizabeth	WISE
04/24	Kayell	SCHMITT
04/25	Abby	CARPENTER-STIREWALT
04/26	Devon	SCOTT
04/27	Jerry	LAMBERT
	Taren	MYRICK
04/28	Ann	FISHER
	Joseph	GRIFFIN
04/30	Rory	HESLEY



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Caremoor

- Aileen Triece, Bettie Overcash,

Spring Arbor of Albemarle

- Mary Dorton

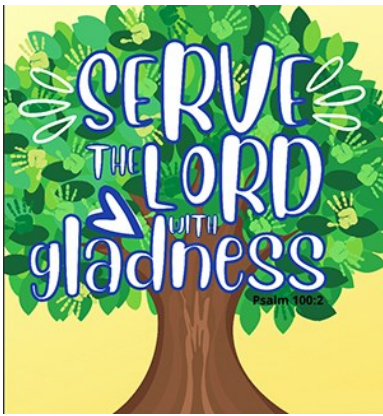
Avante of Concord

- Dianne Marlin

At their home

- Earline Snipes, Jean Davis, Louise Propst

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



LECTORS

8:30 am

7 Frankie Bogutsky
14 Fran Patterson
21 Hannah Wiethorn
28 Darian Miller

11:00 am

7 Tim Jackson
14 Joyce Mallernee
21 Kathy Hunter
28 Tony Lippard

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 am

7 Mary Lee Blackwelder
14 Donna Taylor
21 Cooper Hinson
28 Paula Brandle

11:00 am

7 Whit Whitley
14 Alexis Nichols
21 Ben Hesley
28 Jerrod Smith

SAMARITAN'S TABLE

04 Sally Peterson
11 Pastor John Futterer
18 Bob Boynton
25 Pat Tallent

ACOLYTES

8:30 am

7 Riley Dodson
14 Lucy Miller
21 Anniston Wheatley
28 Delaney Little

11:00 am

7 Skyla Hardister
14 Gavin Joyce
21 Gabriel Keith
28 Harrison Woodle

HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

8:30 am Scott Harmon

11:00 am Tony Lippard

GREETERS

8:30 am

Frankie Bogutsky
Tammy Stearns

11:00 am

Tim and Huyla Jackson

MONDAY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday
Steve and Peggy Lynch

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 am

Jim and Susan Harris

11:00 am

Liz Wise / Robin Ballard

SLIDE DEVELOPER

Amy Black

PROJECTION (VIDEO)

8:30 am

7 Tim Patterson
14 Scott Harmon
21 Nathan Carpenter
28 David Taylor

11:00 am

7 Terry Steinert
14 Tiffany Winn
21 Gracie Matheny
28 Ben Hesley

SOUND (AUDIO)

8:30 am

7 Patrick Little
14 Keith Garver
21 Rick Teumer
28 Shane Little

11:00 am

7 Kara Hardister
14 Bo Phongsas
21 Milton Matheny
28 Gavin Carpenter

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Donna Taylor
Melissa Little

11:00 am Tom Ramseur
Ben Hesley

ALTAR FLOWERS

7 Lisa/Kayell Schmitt
14 Trevor/Lisa Schmitt
21 Ed Dunlow
28 Garret/Bri McDonald

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

I wanted to take just a moment to thank our members/friends for all the help they have provided for Anne and me during this time of recuperation from my fall on January 7th. I've been told by my Surgeon and Physical Therapist that this injury is not a quick healing injury, and that I must be patient as we go through the process of recovery. How grateful we are for the cards, notes, words of assurance and concern, meals, and numerous rides to and from work and around town as I've tried to keep a schedule of preaching, teaching, visiting and counseling.



The prayers lifted up for us have been especially meaningful and, I know, helpful in my time of healing – especially in times when I felt frustrated and discouraged. Lent was a particular challenge with additional worship services, but I must tell you that in my preaching during Lent 2024, I DID feel the full presence of the Holy Spirit in a “different” way – perhaps my going through a period of sickness and a time of searching for health made me more “in touch” with some of the hard (but honest) scripture texts of the Lenten Season?

My therapist has assured me all along that my progress was on schedule. I knew from the beginning that I would be in the brace for approximately 12 week - but I was pleasantly surprised during Holy Week to learn that my brace would be removed "early". This will allow me to drive and resume many of my pastoral activities with the coming of April. I can't tell you how much I am looking forward to the independence that driving brings with it. For the rest of the spring and into early summer, I will continue to have physical therapy - working not only on flexibility of my quad and knee, but also the strengthening of the muscle and the leg. This work will take place both in the therapist's office in Concord, and on my own time. I will admit to having felt “vulnerable” and “dependent” in a way that I've never felt before as I have gone through this recuperation, and – while I have not enjoyed those feelings/realities – I believe that it has produced some real growth in me as a pastor and a person. I have had a strong confirmation of how much I love my calling as a pastor, and have come to see – in a new and different way - that “pastoring” is truly the work of all God's people – as you have ministered to me and to my wife in so many different and varied ways during this winter/early spring.

Please continue to keep Anne and me in your prayers as we begin this new phase of healing and wholeness. I could never personally name all the folks who have been of assistance to me, but I do want to mention our worship staff – Deacon Liz, Keith Sutton, Brian Sevison and many music and worship volunteers – all of whom have helped keep the work and worship of our congregation moving forward. I also want to thank David Sloan, the President of our Congregation, who has helped lead the Executive Committee and the Council to do so many important things during my time of limitation. And to Pastor Joseph Tallent, who has helped me with visitation and home communion of our homebound members during these months. To each of you...to ALL of you – ***Thank You*** for being the people God called you to be – the very Body of Christ in this place...for me and for so many others. I am so very grateful for you.

Most sincerely and with Love,

Pastor John Futterer



GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL!

- Thanks to all who helped with church cleanup yesterday. Many hands make light work and we had fun in the process!!
- Summer Camp at Lutheridge June 16 – 22 (almost 40 kids signed up to go!)
- ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 15 – 22
- Day Camp July 29 – August 2
- Services during Holy Week
 - Wednesday 6:30
 - Maundy Thursday 6:30
 - Good Friday 6:30
 - Sunrise Service 7:00 am, Breakfast at 8:00 and Festival Service at 9:00 am
- Mark your calendars for the Endowment Dinner/ Auction on April 21st at 5:00 pm. There will be no cost for the dinner and there are many great items up for auction. Come support this great cause!
- The 2nd phase of the columbarium is now installed and complete. Thanks to all those who have helped make this happen!
- And lastly, council wants to give a big thank you to the generosity of Kimball members in their weekly offerings. The generosity of all has been incredible and appreciated!



THE SYNOD GATHERING is May 30 - June 1 at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory. Anyone and everyone is invited to attend this gathering as the Synod comes together to develop community, grow in faith, and hone skills for building up God's church. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Pastor John about registration and cost. We have monies that will help defray the cost of this event for those who would be interested in attending. There will be ample opportunity to worship together, attend workshops on the present and future of the Church, and fellowship and share good food. The early bird deadline is Wednesday, April 24th.



Easter Morning Schedule

- ◇ **7:00 am** Easter Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion
- ◇ **8:00 am** Easter Breakfast sponsored by our Lutheran Men
- ◇ **9:00 am** Easter Festival Service w/Holy Communion

(Please Note: ONE Service at 9:00 am)

Kimball Lutheran Church J.O.Y. Group



J.O.Y. GROUP April 17th our Joy group will meet in the Church parking lot at 9:30 am to carpool to the UNCC Botanical Gardens for a staff guided tour. Cost is \$20 per person and the cost of Lunch at City BBQ. We should return to the church around 2:00 pm. Please sign up by April 10th.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?



As a Thrivent member did you know that you receive two grants of \$250 per year to help in your church or community? This is an opportunity to support our Youth Group by designating your grants to the Youth Group. Please call the church office or Deacon Liz and we'll make an appointment for you to come into the office and we will help you apply for these grants. All you need is your Thrivent Username and Password and we will walk you through the rest. Thank you for your consideration to help support Kimball Youth!



BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Please place your items in the old Joe Gribble Sunday School Classroom on the first floor of the educational building.

ITEMS WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF:

- Any canned fruit or vegetables, etc.
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Tuna/Chicken and Crackers
- Soups
- Noodles and spaghetti sauce
- Ramen noodle cups
- Beans, all types
- Beanie weenies / Pork & Beans
- Fruit Snacks
- ***Blankets***
- Body wipes
- Mac & Cheese
- Soap
- Deodorant



WELCA SCHOLARSHIPS

WELCA Scholarship applications are now available in the church office and outside the Sanctuary.

This is for all active female members of Kimball congregation or female actively participating in the church, graduating from high school in the spring semester and has been accepted in a post high school educational program are eligible.

Please get the form to the office by May 1st before your graduation.

WE ARE PROUD TO PARTNER WITH



One Blood is a not-for-profit community asset responsible for providing safe, available and affordable blood to more than 200 hospital partners and their patients throughout most of Florida, parts of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina.

THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE: MAY 15

All drives for this year will be on **The Big Red Bus!**

Be sure to eat lots of iron-rich foods to elevate your iron!!

Please consider donating a life-saving pint of blood. The pain is temporary, but the gift can last a lifetime... contact Doris Teumer at 704-305-0761 or at dmteumer@yahoo.com You can also sign up at oneblood.org



KIMBALL LUTHERAN CHURCH COLUMBARIUM

Phase II is now complete. Reserve your space now in this beautiful addition to our church.

How Are Columbarium Niches Reserved?

Columbarium Reservation and Purchase Forms are available in the church office, or from the chair of the Columbarium Committee. A Columbarium Contract is issued when completed forms and appropriate fees are returned to the church office.

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Easter Monday Office Closed	2	3 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Reh. 7:00p Chancel Choir	4 10:30a Preschool Chapel 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Property	5	6
Easter 2 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	8	9	10 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Reh. 7:00p Chancel Choir	11 10:30a Preschool Chapel 5:00p Samaritan's Table	12	13 2:00p Funeral for Jan Starr
Easter 3 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 2:25p Confirmation at Calvary 4:30p HS/MS Youth Meeting	15	16 10:00a Coltraine Life Center Bingo	17 9:30a J.O.Y. Trip 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Reh. 7:00p Chancel Choir	18 10:30a Preschool Chapel 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	19	20
Easter 4 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 4:00p Dinner and Auction 4:30p Youth Meet to Serve	22 6:30p Preschool Brd. Meeting	23	24 3:00p Carolina Value Pet (Cats) 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Reh. 7:00p Chancel Choir	25 10:30a Preschool Chapel 3:45p Youth to Help with Samaritan's Table 5:00p Samaritan's Table	26 12:00p – 5:00p Carolina Value Pet	27 10:00p – 2:00p Carolina Value Pet
Easter 5 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 1:00p KK and 3-5 Bowling	29	30				



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