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Kimball Communicator

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July 2023 Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

Busy-ness and In-Difference

Summer is that time of year when church attendance is LOWEST - traditionally, the month of July is our lowest month of attendance - vacation, travel, a lightened school schedule, etc. are all reasons why church attendance is usually off a bit this month. But worship attendance has been on my mind recently as we are now beginning to think less and less about the pandemic and more and more about resuming "normal" worship activities. And yet according to the Pew Research Center (which studies such things) attendance at Protestant Churches in the USA is only 85% of pre-pandemic levels. A further study by the University of Chicago found that this past spring, 67% of Americans reported attending church at least once a year, compared with 75% before the pandemic began. I take statistics with a grain of salt, but talk in and around churches is that there is much truth to these findings. At this point, while there are still some who are perhaps reluctant to be in large crowds, I believe that most Americans who have fallen away from worship have done so simply from being **out of the habit** after two years of watching on-line worship - or just not worshipping at all. Frankly, our biggest competition on Sunday morning is the Beach, the Mountains, the Lake, worshipping at "St. Mattress", Brunch, Sunday Morning ballgames, social media and "Wal-Mart and Harris-Teeter" - in no particular order! In other words - indifference and busyness. Too many Americans just don't believe that attending corporate worship is so important in their walk with Christ.

I beg to differ! There is no Biblical "Hero" - not even Adam - who was not actively involved in corporate worship - Abraham, Moses, Deborah, David, Peter, Paul, and all the others - knew the importance of worshipping God with others on "The Lord's Day". All of the great saints of Christendom - from Martin Luther to Billy Graham to Mother Theresa - were involved in congregations where hymns are sung, prayers are lifted up and sacraments are gratefully received. And, of course, Our Lord Himself found time for regular worship on the Sabbath. It is just what Christians do!

As your pastor, I KNOW how busy and full your lives are, and how many important things you are called to do on every day of the week. But Christians are also asked to consider not only how busy our lives are - we are also asked to consider what is truly important and what endures. We Christians are to be different. We are a "New Creation" in Jesus Christ. And through corporate worship, Salvation becomes a present reality in the "Hearing of the Word and the Sharing of the Supper". And how important it is to worship with children/grandchildren during the 17 or 18 years we have them before they head off to college, military or work!

Let me encourage you to have a different focus here in the heat of the Summer. Make worship at Kimball Memorial a real priority when you're in town this season, and when you're away find a church in which to worship! Remember - your church NEVER goes on vacation. Christ is always present to bless you, love you, forgive you, and strengthen you. In every Season of our lives - even Summer - one hour a week is not too much time for us to say "Thank you" to Our Lord, for all God's gifts, blessings and grace.

Peace and Love, Pastor John



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Church Office hours

Mon.-Thurs.
8am-4pm
Fri. 8-12

Worship

8:30
Contemporary

11:00
Traditional

NC Synod Assembly Meets in Greensboro



The North Carolina Synod met in Assembly on June 2-3rd in Greensboro for the first on-site Assembly since 2019. There were hugs, laughter, smiles, and a palpable sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit...here are some important actions taken at this year's Assembly:

- *We received the newest congregation in the synod - Christ's Beloved Community in Winston-Salem, a joint ecumenical (Lutheran/Episcopal) and bilingual (Spanish/English) ministry that does wonderful ministry in the city AND serves as a food distribution hub for hundreds in the community of south Winston.
- We installed the Rev. Dr. Alfredo Oviedo as an assistant to the Bishop of North Carolina, Timothy Smith.
- The Synod adopted a goal of raising \$200,000 to cover the registration fees of all Lutheran Youth in North Carolina who plan to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. So far, the Synod has collected \$130,247, including a very nice gift from Kimball Memorial.
- The Rev. Cassie McIntosh Overcash, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Thomasville, was elected to a four-year term as the new secretary of the Synod.

We are so grateful for delegates David and Donna Taylor, who accompanied Deacon Liz and Pastor John to the Assembly. Good work was done in the name of Christ!



Kimball Memorial Food Challenge for CCM

The Summer Season is a difficult time for food banks in the USA, due to travel, vacation schedules, etc. During the month of July, Kimball Memorial will use the five Sundays to collect food for Cooperative Christian Ministries - our local food bank in Cabarrus County. Needed items include: Canned meats, canned vegetables, canned beans, and canned fruit. We will keep the congregation posted on our totals during the month of July, and hope that you will support this drive with your gifts of food and/or monies. Thank you!

It's with GREAT JOY that we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship in June.



- **Bonnie Adair** joined us by Profession of Faith. A native of California, Bonnie and her husband, Lonny, moved to be closer to 2 of their grandchildren (incidentally - the other grandmother is Sally Peterson -Bonnie's sponsor! Sally's daughter is married to Bonnie's son). The Adairs' live at 620 Peace Haven Road in Kannapolis; 28083 (559-289-9537) **Bonnie** has 3 grandchildren- her other son and grandchild live in Nevada. Bonnie has jumped into ministry here through Samaritan's Table and she hopes to get involved this Fall in the Joe Gribble Sunday School Class and J.O.Y. Fellowship Group. We are thrilled to have her join with us in membership.
- **Lindsay Daugherty** has been worshipping with us for some time - her late father, Jim, was a very active member of Kimball. Lindsay is coming to us by transfer. She is a native of China Grove, a graduate of UNC Wilmington, and enjoys travel, yoga and she is a Yoga teacher and in sales at ImageMark (a print/marketing firm). She serves with foster services in the area, and Via de Cristo. Lindsay has worked many weekends at VDC, and is involved in our parish as a worship assistant and lay reader. She lives at 1315 Daugherty Road in China Grove; 28023 (202-680-3120) Lindsay was sponsored by Mike McCombs & Karan Whitley.
- **Margaret Mae Fisher** joined us via the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Born on April 25th of this year, she is the daughter of John and Melody Fisher. John grew up at Kimball and the couple was married by Pastor John. John is the son of Kimball members Jim and Ann Fisher, and brother to Matt Fisher. Margaret Mae was sponsored at her Baptism by Melody's sister and brother-in-law, Vanessa and Coleman Burrell. We rejoice with the family at this joyous time! Other new members will be received this Summer.

If you are interested in membership at Kimball , please speak to Pastor John or call the Church Office.



HS Summer Mission To West Virginia

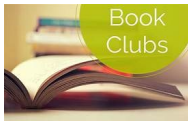
18 Youth/adult leaders will journey to Huntington, West Virginia in July for a Summer Mission Trip. During our time in the mountain state, we will be repairing low-income/elderly housing units in this area. This is an area which is growing very rapidly. We will be aided in our efforts by 200 other high school youth from Michigan, New York, Indiana, New Jersey, Massachusetts just to name a few.

We will join together with **GROUP Work camps**, the #1 organizer of youth work camps in the USA/Canada. In addition to working together, we'll worship together, play together, eat all our meals together and inevitably become good friends.

It won't be all work, however! Before our time in West Virginia, we'll journey to Cincinnati for a day at Kings Island Amusement Park. The next day, half of our group will attend a ballgame at Cincinnati's Great American BallPark, while the other half will enjoy a dinner cruise on the Ohio River. We'll find time for worship on Sunday morning as we prepare for our week at work-camp. Please keep us in your prayers. We'll update the congregation through regular Facebook Posts.

A special word of thanks to our adult leader Liz Wise, to the good folks at First Lutheran Albemarle who are letting us borrow their 24 passenger van and to all our members who helped make this trip possible by donations and prayerful support.

We'll give you more information in our August Newsletter about plans to share this experience with our congregation.



Kimball's Book Clubs

**Tuesday Morning Book Club
July 11th @ 10:00 am-Church
Parlor**

Book: The Light Between Oceans
By: M.L. Stedman

**Tuesday Night Book Club July 11th @
6:30pm** Home of : Laura Abernathy

Food: Prebble, Mary Jo, Diana
Book: What's Mine and Yours
by: Naima Coster

Friday Night Book Club-July 21st @ 6:30 pm

Host: Brandles Food: Brandle, Garver
Book: Ordinary Grace
by: William Kent Krueger

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMS



HS Mission Trip July 20-July 29th. We will pack the bus on Wednesday evening July 19th @ 5:30pm. Please make sure you pack 1 carry on bag (to be packed in the bus) and 1 backpack (to take to Cincinnati), the carry on bag will be for our week serving in West Virginia, your backpack will need to have your clothes for Cincinnati, clothes for church on Sunday, toiletries and a bathing suit.

Deacon Liz will send out a packing list for both bags along with Medical Release forms and background checks for those over 18. The forms are due back as soon as possible. We are excited for our trip and our time in Ohio and West Virginia!

Luther Road Day Camp July 31-August 4th. We are excited to be hosting Luther Rd Day camp this year. We were contacted by Agape late spring to cancel all day camps for this summer due to staffing shortages. Deacon Liz was able to contact Lutheridge and get a team for the same dates, July 31st-August 4th. The cost is \$100 for the week. We are excited to host counselors from Lutheridge this summer!!

We will meet Monday-Thursday 9-3pm & Friday 9-12 noon. We will host cabin groups for MS Youth through Preschool Age students.

- Middle School Day Camp will include fun camp activities, games & service projects in our community.
- Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grades Day Camp, will include camp activities, games, nature times and small group time.
- Preschool Day Camp will run along side our other day camps for ages 2-rising Kindergarten students. (this group has the option to come from 9-12 or from 9-3pm).

Registration IS open. Look for it in your inbox and register directly online. Super excited to host Lutheridge this summer!!

Luther Rd Volunteers Needed

- Families to host meals each night starting Sunday through Thursday. You can host at your house, bring dinner to church or provide gift cards for the team.
- Snack Helpers for morning and afternoon snacks. High School helpers needed too!!

July Anniversaries

12	Bryan & Christa Graff	20
15	Blake & Ligia Larsen	12
15	Terry & Darla Steinert	34
16	David & Judy Sloan	51
17	Eric & Alex Storey	13
19	Frankie & Kelli Overcash	4
19	Bob & Betsy (V) Boynton	43
29	Wayne (V) & Gail (V) Mosher	23
30	Mike & Kathy Hunter	46

July Birthdays

1	Jane Gribble
2	Elizabeth Fisher (V), Tyler Allen, Adam Fisher (V)
3	Tiffany Winn
4	Teresa Erwin, Jennifer Ramsey
5	Shannon Randle, Danielle Sawyer, Charlie Miller
6	Ashely Allen, Chris Ridgell
8	Mabel Brown, Von Blocker
9	Theodore Garrow, Forrest Randle
10	Debbie Triage
11	Bettie Overcash, Sherri Matheny, Bailey Hamilton
12	Judi Hill
14	Larry Harris, Carissa Kiser, Bob Stafford
17	Dakota Moffitt, Eric Dearmon
18	Peggy Pergola
19	Myrtle Roberts
20	Amara Seisay
21	Greg Whitcomb, Ginger Hamilton
22	Daniel Pennell, Kaylee Helfrich, Jodie Hott
23	Andy Watson, Friel Guy, Dale Brown
24	Sharon Sizemore, Amanda Bostian
25	Darlene Stirewalt, Maria Brown
26	David Morrison, Josie Johnson
27	Ella Ramsey
29	Pat Moser, Justin Overcash
31	Buddy Christy II, Donna Taylor



Homebound Members

Caremoor

- Aileen Triage
- Bettie Overcash

Landings of Cabarrus

- Leonard Barlow

Crescent Heights Senior Living

- Mary Dorton

Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

At their home

- Jane Ritchie, Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown, Jean Davis

Prayer Page-Have someone in need of some prayer?
Add them to our prayer page!

Military: Andrew Smith (Arizona), Chris Kirchner (Utah), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (MD), Chris Overcash (NC), Christopher Bame (California), Mike Peterson (Virginia), Keith Lee (NC)

Kimball members: Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Jean Davis, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Judi & Bob Hill, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Dianne Marlin, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Cliff, Kathy, & Devon Scott, Betty Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Gaye St. John

July Worship Assistants

LECTORS

8:30am

2 Paul Brandle
9 Jodie Hott
16 Sharon Brothers
23 Laura Abernathy

30 One Worship Service
@ 10:00 am
Robin Ballard

11:00am

2 Tony Lippard
9 Kim Kane
16 Whit Whitley
23 Peggy Pergola

Healing Prayer Ministers

8:30 am Peggy Lynch

11:00 am Sherri Matheny

Greeters

8:30 am Debbie & Randy
Triece

11:00 am Tom Ramseur

ACOLYTES

8:30am

2 Delaney Little
9 Lucy & Charlie Miller
16 Palmer & Asa Russell
23 Riley Dodson

30 One Worship Service
@ 10:00 am
Addison & Hyland Fisher

11:00am

2 Tyler & Alyssa Nichols
9 Liam Neely
16 Reagan & John Cauthen
23 Skyla Hardister

PROJECTION (Video)

8:30am

2 Abby Carpenter
9 Shane Little
16 Mickey Brandle
23 Laura Abernathy

30 One Worship Service
@ 10:00 am
Mike Abernathy

11:00am

2 Nathan Carpenter
9 Abby Carpenter
16 Tiffany Winn
23 Tony Lippard

SOUND (Audio)

8:30am

2 Eric Storey
9 Tim Patterson
16 Abby Carpenter
23 Rick Teumer

30 One Worship Service
@ 10:00 am

11:00am

2 Milton Matheny
9 Terry Steinert
16 Bo Phongsang
23 Gavin Carpenter

Worship Assistants

8:30am

2 Tim Patterson
9 Lauren Nichols
16 Darian Miller
23 Darla Steinert

30 One Worship Service
@ 10:00 am
Anne Futterer

11:00am

2 Lindsay Daugherty
9 Alexis Nichols
16 Bob Boynton
23 Sally Peterson

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 Donna Taylor/Melissa Little

11:00 Tony Lippard/Ben Hesley

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 David & Judy Sloan

11:00 Jerrod Smith/Tony Lippard

MONTHLY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday

Wilma Keller &
Joyce Mallernee

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12. How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

BWJITJHQHOBLZDGBOK

DKFQROMTBHJOBSQEXZT

OKXWJHOBMIZTIJSDQKU

EWXBHEQNITKISIZNYOU

RPJZOWBEQRTOAXCZTXJ

DO NOT _____

_____ , _____

_____ .

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2023						1
2 NO Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	3	4 Independence Day Church Office is closed	5 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	6 11:00 AM Executive Council meeting 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	7	8
9 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service Liz Vacation	10 Liz Vacation	11 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Book Club – Parlor Liz Vacation	12 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble Liz Vacation	13 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Property Team Liz Vacation	14 Liz Vacation	15 Liz Vacation
16 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation and Parents/Young Adult SS 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service J.O.Y. Group goes to Meroney Theater in Salisbury for 2:30 PM Matinee	17 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting-Library	18 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo	19 2:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	20 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Council Meeting HS Mission Trip begins	21 HS Mission Trip	22 HS Mission Trip
23 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service HS Mission Trip	24 HS Mission Trip	25 HS Mission Trip	26 3:00 –6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only-KAC 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble HS Mission Trip	27 HS Mission Trip	28 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care- KAC HS Mission Trip	29 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC HS Mission Trip returns
30 10:00 AM One Worship Service w/ graduate recognition	31 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Luther Road Day Camp @ Kimball begins					



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Greetings From Your Church Council.

- Several of our youth, and a number of students from G.W. Carver Elementary, spent a week of camp at Lutheridge. Special thanks J.T. and Jodie Hott and to our Carver Committee, who provided lunch for all campers and their families.
- Throughout the month of July, we will be holding a food drive for CCM. Please be on the lookout in the coming weeks for their most needed items. Your giving is much needed, and much appreciated to help fill their pantry during the leaner summer months.
- The council is considering donating two excess pianos and an electronic organ, to a neighboring church in need of these instruments. Please let Pastor John or Deacon Liz know by July 15th, if there is any conflict in the donation of these items, that the council may not be aware of.
- We continue to be blessed by our congregation's giving, which allows us to maintain our programs both within the church, and in the community. However, for most months in 2023, the church has failed to receive sufficient offerings to meet its operating budget. During these summer months, we ask that you prayerfully consider this situation when making your plans. Your gifts will be very important, and greatly appreciated!