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**Kimball Communicator**

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March 2023 Newsletter

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## FROM THE PASTOR-

### This Lent - Examine, Adjust, and Embrace

On Ash Wednesday, we are invited to "struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, prayer, and works of love - the discipline of Lent - help us to wage our spiritual warfare." It is easy to get caught up in thinking that Lent is all about suffering or groveling for God. But these words in our liturgy - and in our devotional books for this Lenten Season - remind us Lent is less about groveling, and much more about examining our stuck patterns and ways of being - ways that no longer serve us well.

Throughout Lent, we are invited to look into the corners of our souls, to dig deeper into our faith, to purge what is damaging and destructive to us, and to be more intentional about what we take in. It's a calling to shake things up and to look at the world and our lives through a more focused and holy lens. I would encourage us to creatively engage with this invitation. In addition to giving up what might be detrimental to our lives, perhaps we should take up those things that would lead us to fullness of life - eating better, exercising, spending more time with our family, spending more time in worship and in prayer, noticing the world around us and the needs of the world around us. Perhaps we should intentionally drive through a different neighborhood each day - noticing the needs in the communities in which we live? Could we tip an extra amount every time we receive service? Or discipline ourselves to get up 20 minutes earlier to read our Lenten devotional book - and to ponder those words for the day?

During Lent, our worship service will change a bit. Our liturgies are different - hymns of praise are omitted, the confession is different, we sing different hymns - many suited just for this Season. In addition, we will have Wednesday night services at 6:30 each week, leading us up to Holy Week and Easter. These services will feature a beautiful evening liturgy, and old, familiar hymns that set the mood for the Season. Please remember to pick up a devotional book on the Credenza in the narthex - and let the church office know if they've all been picked up, and you need another copy. These devotional books focus us on God's Amazing Grace - a focus our Lutheran Church certainly embraces throughout the year. ***In this Season - Where the Spirit draws you out, may you go with God. And where the Spirit draws you inward, may you be with God. Blessings for a Holy Lent.***

***Peace and Love, Pastor John***

*The Joe Gribble Sunday School Class wants to thank the congregation and all that assisted with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. We served 112 meals and raised \$750 which will be split between CCM and the Blessing Box. A special thank you to Alex Storey, Charley Storey, Delaney Little, Addison Fisher and Jodie Hott for coordinating and delivering meals to our homebound members!*



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### Church Office hours

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

### Worship

8:30  
 Contemporary

11:00  
 Traditional



## 2023 Wednesday Lenten Schedule Amazing Grace

2023 is the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace" - one of the most Beloved Hymns in the Christian Church. This year our Lenten Focus will be to examine the lives of those in the Bible who experienced the Amazing Grace of God in powerful ways - who realized they once were lost in Sin, but now have been found and redeemed by Christ. As the words so powerfully put it - we will consider those who once were blind to God's mercy, but who began to see God's love at work through Our Savior's death and Resurrection.

### **Dates and Themes for 2023:**

- **March 1** - Isaiah of Babylon (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- **March 8** - The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
- **March 15** - The Blind Man (John 9:1-7, 24-39)
- **March 22** - The Woman at the Well (John 4:7-26)
- **March 29** - St. Paul (I Timothy 1:12-17)

### ***Here is some important information to keep in mind for this year's Lenten Schedule:***

- **Lenten Worship Services begin each evening at 6:30. We hope this will help families with children to make the services and not have too late of an evening. These services are brief, lasting about 35 minutes.**
- **A nursery is provided for all our evening Lenten Services this year.**
- **Services will be broadcast live on our Facebook Page and posted to our website later on Wednesday evening.**

We will be singing old familiar hymns that many of us have come to enjoy during our Lenten Services. We plan to use the beautiful Evening Prayer Service "That You May Have Life". We hope that you'll continue to enjoy these familiar friends - the service, the music, and liturgy that have meant so much over the years. Offerings collected at these services will be given to Kimball's Blessing Box and to CCM. Please join us for these services.

### **Book Club for March**

**Tuesday Night Book Club**— March

14th at 6:30pm at the Home of Donna Taylor. We are reading "The Book Woman's Daughter" by Kim Richardson.

**Friday Night Book Club**— March 24th, 2023  
6:30pm at the Home of Donna Taylor. We are reading "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim Defede



## A Note from our Seminarian Grace Robinson



On February 19th, the congregation gratefully received a communion set from our own Grace Robinson, currently a first year seminarian at Wartburg Seminary. Grace is seeking ordination to the ministry of Word and Service (Deacon) and as such she was able to spend her J-Term studying abroad in Europe, learning from various organizations about global ecumenical church work. Here are some excerpts from her recent letter:

"For two and a half weeks (made possible by your support) I stayed in Switzerland and France. Our first stop was in Geneva, Switzerland, where I met representatives from the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Then we traveled to Taize', France to spend a week with the Brothers in that community. My experience there is hard to describe - the Brothers have made a vow of poverty to live their life simply and solely off their work. The Community welcomes young people all over the world to be in fellowship with them in person. We were there during the smallest week with only 30 visitors (in Summer, they may host thousands of visitors in a week). We participated in the prayers, chores, Bible Study, meals, and fellowship time.

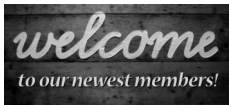
Some of the Brothers support themselves through making pottery. As a token of my thanks and appreciation for the endless support that Kimball has provided me, I am gifting the congregation with a chalice and paten for Holy Communion. Sharing in Community and Communion with you all has been an absolute joy, and I could not be more thankful to have such an amazing congregation to support me on my seminary journey. It is because of you that I continue to have these experiences and learn about the global church. So truly, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!"

*The Communion Set is a beautiful cobalt blue, used in French Pottery since the early 1800's. We will add this set to our regular Communion rotation, and it will be used this year during the upcoming Lenten Season and is, of course, a perfect fit for Advent! In the future, we hope to have Grace home to share some of her trip with the congregation through pictures and stories. We'll keep you posted about her seminary studies, and plans for the upcoming summer!*

## Welcome New Members

It was our joy on February 19th to Baptize William Alexander Carroll into our fellowship.

Born on December 15th of 2022, William is the son of Elizabeth Whitley Carroll and Arthur Carroll. William is also the grandson of Kimball Memorial Member Whit Whitley. Also present for the Baptism was grandmother Karan Whitley - also a Kimball Member...and her daughter, Lori Whitcomb, husband, Greg and children Owen and Aubrey - all members of our church!



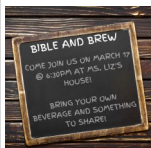
## Note About our Blessing Box

During our Wednesday Lenten Services, Kimball's Blessing Box will receive a portion of our offerings. This note was left in our Blessing Box on a recent Saturday evening, and profoundly impacted those filling the box again on Sunday Morning: ***"My name is Angela and I'm here with my boyfriend. We would like you to please remember us in your prayers. We are homeless and struggling to get back on our feet and move forward. We seem to get kicked two steps back very often. Please pray that something might come our way to put us ahead. Thank you very much for this Blessing Box. It is truly a Blessing and was found by us at just the right moment on our journey. May God Bless You. Thank you again for this - It is much appreciated."***

We may not have every guest leave a note this touching and honest, but we know that this ministry of ours is a real blessing to the community. There is information in the Newsletter, weekly bulletins, and from the church office about needed items for our Blessing Box. Your gifts are needed and most appreciated - at just the right time!

## J.O.Y. Group for March

We will meet Wednesday March 8th at Breakfast Time in Concord at 9am for breakfast and devotions. A sign up sheet will be posted March 1st.



## Bible and Brew Friday March 17

We will gather at Liz's house on Friday March 17th from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

# YOUTH & PROGRAM MINISTRY

## HS/MS Youth for March 2023

- **HS/MS Youth will meet on Sunday March 5th at 12:30** for an afternoon of fun and adventure. We will meet here at the church and go from there. We will take you on a scavenger hunt around the new and improved downtown area! We hope you can join us, the cost is \$10, friends are always welcome!
- **Sunday March 12th @ 10am** we will join with Faith Formation group during our Sunday School hour to help put together personal care packages in memory of faithful member Gary Mallernee.
- **Sunday March 19th 4:30-6pm** we will meet at the church for dinner, devotions and a service project.



## Confirmation Class for March 19th

Will meet at St. James Lutheran Church in Concord on Sunday March 19th from 2:30-4pm. Please drop your confirmation student off @ St. James and PJ and Deacon Liz will transport them back to church for youth. We are presenting info from our Feb service project where each child received \$10 to use to live out our baptismal promises to strive for peace and justice throughout our world.

## Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grade

Kingdom Kids and 3-5th grades are going bowling at Foxfire Lanes on Sunday March 26th. Please meet at Foxfire by 1:45 pm and pickup will be at 4:00 pm. We will have a FB Event sent out as a reminder. We hope you can come and friends are always welcome!



## Children's Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation/Sunday School will meet on Sunday March 12th and Sunday March 26th. We will join with our HS/MS groups on March 12th to assemble personal care packages for our Veterans in memory of Gary Mallernee.





### March Anniversaries

4	Larry & Sylvia Anderson	51
10	Matt & Melisha Fisher	10
15	Jennifer & Chris (V) Buttner	9
20	Doug & Sharon Brothers	52
27	Jerry & Donna Lambert	42
31	Phil & Debbie Troutman	39

### March Birthdays

1	Danny Sloop, John Shaver, Mark Peterson (V), Hunter Murph
2	Adam Russell
3	Todd Haley
4	Ron Nichols, Gale Owen
5	Earline Snipes
9	Jean Davis
11	Ava Ramsey
13	Mary Dorton
17	Dawn Hardy
19	Dolph Myrick, Arien Sawyer
20	Justin Troutman, Jessica Troutman, Bryan Graff
21	Mike Hunter, Whitney Hesley
22	Phillip Moore, Jayson Martinez, Mary Ridenhour
23	Erica Bentley, Tensley Kuffner (V)
24	Kamden Ridgell
25	Derek Hinson
26	Cooper Hinson, Lynda Wise
27	Shirley Miller, Jeff Poole
29	Katie Glass, Sheila Goodnight
31	Michele Nichols

### Homebound Members

#### Brian Center-Lincolnton

- Eleanor Foil

#### Caremoor

- Aileen Tiece
- Bettie Overcash

#### Landings of Cabarrus

- Leonard Barlow

#### Crescent Heights Senior Living

- Mary Dorton

#### Tucker Hospice House

- Anna Richter

#### Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

#### At their home

- Jane Ritchie, Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown

**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 (Bahrain), Keith Lee (NC)

**Kimball members:** Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Norris Dearmon, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Joyce Mallernee, Dianne Marlin, Mike McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Louise Propst, Anna Richter, Cliff, Kathy, & Devon Scott, Betty & John Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Gaye St. John, Rick, Doris & Sarah Teumer



**March Worship Assistants**

**LECTORS**

**8:30am**

5 Diana Bentley  
12 Lauren Nichols  
19 Mary Jo Snipes  
26 Jon Todd Hott

**11:00am**

5 Anne Futterer  
12 Peggy Pergola  
19 Ben Hesley  
26 Heidi Lee

**Healing Prayer Ministers**

**8:30 am** Peggy Lynch

**11:00 am** Sherri Matheny

**Greeters**

**8:30 am** Fran Garver

**11:00 am** Tom Ramseur

**ACOLYTES**

**8:30am**

5 Delaney Little  
12 Addison and Hyland Fisher  
19 Riley Dodson  
26 Charlie Story

**11:00am**

5 Liza Jane Lee  
12 Paige and Liam Guy  
19 Rory and Lucas Hesley  
26 Tyler Nichols/ Carter Myrick

**PROJECTION (Video)**

**8:30am**

5 Randy Price  
12 David Taylor  
19 Mike Abernathy  
26 Howard Bentley

**11:00am**

5 Kendra Nichols  
12 Tony Lippard  
19 Heidi Lee  
26 Tiffany Winn

**SOUND (Audio)**

**8:30am**

5 Shane Little  
12 Abby Carpenter  
19 Rick Teumer  
26 Eric Storey

**11:00am**

5 Abby Carpenter  
12 Barry Christenson  
19 Keith Lee  
26 Bo Phongsas

**Worship Assistants**

**8:30am**

5 David Sloan  
12 Tim Patterson  
19 Ella Ramsey  
26 Cooper Hinson

**11:00am**

5 Darla Steinert  
12 Joseph Tallent  
19 Anne Futterer  
26 Alexis Nichols

**COUNCIL ASSISTANTS**

**8:30** Paula Brandle/Karan Whitley

**11:00** Bob Boynton/Terry Steinert

**COMMUNION PREPARERS**

**8:30** Debbie & Jessica Troutman

**11:00** Jerrod Smith & Tony Lippard

**MONTHLY TELLERS**

**9:00 am** each Monday  
Bob Hill & Eric Jones

# SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

### What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!

# PUZZLE





## A seasonal reminder


Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

*Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.*


 plants grow here

 seeds are planted in this

 to coil and jump  
(also a season of the year)

 when watered, these make plants

 to expand and get bigger

 another word for seedling


For as the \_\_\_\_\_ makes the \_\_\_\_\_

come up and a \_\_\_\_\_ causes

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise \_\_\_\_\_ up before all nations.

  
ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring





## Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church Kimball Communicator-Newsletter

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### Council Communicator February 2023



- THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, the offering for our Souper Bowl of Hunger last Sunday totaled 562 pounds of food and over \$500.00 in offerings. All of the food and money has been donated to CCM, our local food bank in Cabarrus County. Thank you once again!
- Over the next few weeks, we are collecting extra grocery bags and egg cartons at the request of CCM for their distribution efforts. Thanks in advance for your help in this!
- Thank You to the Joe Gribble Sunday School Class that hosted our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. A freewill offering was collected with the proceeds going to CCM and the Blessing Box.
- Evening worship services during the Lenten Season will begin on March 1st each Wednesday night during the season at 6:30 PM. These services will be brief and include beautiful liturgy and hymns. Peace and God Bless!

### Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans Expo in Memory of Gary Mallernee

Kimball Lutheran Church will be hosting a Veteran Expo on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of items needed to make personal care packages for any veteran who is in need of one.

- tooth brushes
- tooth paste
- WRAPPED bar soap
- NEW wash cloth
- SMALL hand sanitizer
- Comb
- TRAVEL size personal wipes
- Band-aids
- Deodorant
- WRAPPED hard candy
- TRAVEL size shampoo
- DISPOSABLE razors
- shaving cream



***Please return all items by Sunday, March 12. There will be a blue barrel in the Commons. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Teumer (704) 305-0757.***