KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

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FROM THE PASTOR
This year I'm thankful for:



- A great trip to Oklahoma to visit Anne's brother, John and sister-in-law, Judy. They moved to be close to her family – a devoted niece who has loved them for a long time. It was good to see everyone flourishing, and enjoying the beauty of Oklahoma
- A good cup of coffee – anywhere! - but especially at breakfast…or with dessert…or on a cold, rainy night, seated by a fire. If you don't like coffee, I feel for you – you're missing out on one of life's real pleasures. (I feel the same way about my not liking buttermilk – it looks so good in a glass – I ought to love it!)
- Duke's offense! No…not in basketball – in football!!! It makes watching a Blue Devil's game fun again.
- Our daughter – who is making a tradition of having us come to Philadelphia for Thanksgiving. We eat good food, visit the downtown Christmas Village, make time for the art museum, a little football on TV, and always a play or concert before we return home. It's a new Holiday Tradition for us – and one that we love!
- An afternoon at Barnes and Noble – I don't buy a lot of books, but there's something about being in a bookstore – even a big one – that is nice and relaxing…particularly on a fall day
- Leading a Bible Study – you learn so much in the preparation. And we have such a good class on Wednesday mornings. We'd love to have you join us!
- Our wonderful staff at Kimball Memorial – hard workers and good friends! I hope you know how lucky we are to have them – I certainly do! We have some changes upcoming – Keith is semi-retiring and will be half time in the new year and Brian is leaving us after three years of service here. Changes come and go…
- Preaching – Yep, it's hard sometimes…but I do enjoy it…Sunday in and Sunday out
- Our Youth Group – they probably have NO idea how much they mean to Deacon Liz and me…and how much we enjoy our time with them
- My wife who – speaking of change – will be officially retiring the end of this year. She has been a teacher and a banker both over a 45 year career, and she has always made her workplace better because of her gifts and her friendship with co-workers. She means the world to me and our daughter…and we rejoice with her at this important milestone
- Each of you – I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving this year. It's been a tough year for many of us…but we all have things to be thankful for. I hope you have too many to list this year!



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8:30 am
Contemporary
11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
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THE TABLE CLASS
You are invited to the Table Sunday School class as we explore our faith in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet in the far left corner upstairs in the education wing at 10:00 am.

THE JOE GRIBBLE CLASS
The Joe Gribble Sunday School class meets every Sunday in the Joe Gribble Classroom in the educational wing at 10:00 am.

Dear Pastor John Futterer and the Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church family,

This letter is to formally notify you that I will be resigning as Music Director and Organist of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church. My last day serving you in the capacity of Music Director and Organist will be on December 31, 2026.

This difficult decision to leave Kimball was not made lightly and was solely made to allow me to better balance my work and personal life, which has been a struggle over the last few years. There has been nothing negative during my time in this position that has led me to make this decision. There is so much that this church has to offer that I will miss when I am gone. The love that this congregation has is still as evident today just as it was when I began in January of 2024, and that is truly what I will miss the most.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be your Music Director and Organist. I thoroughly have enjoyed my time working here and getting to know all of you over that time while getting to lead the Music Ministry program. I am excited to take the numerous skills which I have gained while working here with me as I pursue the next steps in my Music Ministry career. During the next three months, I'll do whatever is necessary to create as easy of transition as possible and to assist in the search for your next Music Director and Organist.

I wish Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church all the best in the future as it continues to show the unconditional love and grace of Jesus to everyone who has the privilege of walking through its doors.
Sincerely, Brian Sevison



Christmas Play Practice
November 1st • 10:00 am Beginning during the SS Hour

Middle School Confirmation
Sunday, November 8 • 12:15–4:45 pm
Our middle school Confirmation students will travel to First Lutheran Church in Albemarle for an afternoon of learning, fellowship, and growing together in faith. We will meet at Kimball at 12:15 pm Students should bring $10 for lunch.

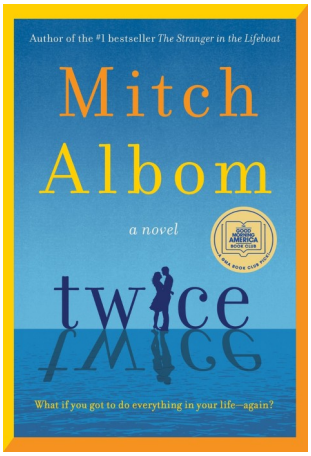
High School /Middle School Indoor Rock Climbing
Sunday, November 15 • 2:00 pm
Bring $20 and we'll grab dinner after and should be home around 6:00 pm. All high school and middle school youth are invited to join us for an afternoon of indoor rock climbing with Steven Williamson! The cost is $20 per person and includes lunch and climbing. Come ready for a fun afternoon of adventure and fellowship!

Annual Thanks and Thanksgiving Banquet
Sunday, November 22 • 9:00 am–1:15 pm
All youth and their families are invited to join us for our Annual Thanks and Thanksgiving Banquet! We will spend the morning serving together and preparing a wonderful meal as we celebrate God's many blessings. Come be part of this special Kimball tradition filled with food, fellowship, gratitude, and service!

KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS

Prebble's Book Club
Date: November 3 — 10:00 am
Host: Church Parlor
Book: *Twice*
Author: Mitch Albom

Friday Evening Book Club
Date: November 6— 6:30 pm
Host: Church Commons
Leader: Thacker
Refreshments: Bentley
Book: *Twice*
Author: Mitch Albom



Season of Gratitude

Dear Friends in Christ,

November invites us into a season of gratitude, gathering, and grace. It's the time of year when we pause to notice the abundance around us - the people who bless our days, the beauty of creation, and the church community that helps to ground and sustain us.

Here at Kimball Memorial, we see that spirit of Thanksgiving come alive through our annual Thanks and Thanksgiving Lunch - one of our most beloved traditions. Each November, our parents, youth and children prepare a share a meal for the congregation and our friends. There is always room at the table and always plenty of good food to enjoy.

And it's more than a meal; it's a moment of intergenerational connection. Conversations flow, laughter fills the air, and grace takes a tangible form in the turkey, ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, and desserts. In a world that often feels divided, our Thanksgiving Luncheon reminds us that everyone belongs and that community begins when we sit together and eat together in fellowship. Our day is made more special every year with our Thanksgiving Service of Worship preceding the meal. This year, our guest preacher is Bishop Emily Hartner. We are so pleased to welcome Bishop Emily, and to hear the good message she will bring to us about our life and service together in the North Carolina Synod.

This month, we will also give thanks for all who will make financial pledges to Kimball Memorial for the coming year. Our Stewardship theme - Blessed to be a Blessing - has come alive through you. Every pledge, prayer, and act of loving service contributes to that shared vision of a church rooted in love and open to all. Because of your generosity, Kimball Memorial continues to be a place where faith deepens, friendships form, and compassion overflows into the wider community. As we move through this season of Thanksgiving, may gratitude shape how we live each day.

With gratitude for each of you, and blessing for a joyful and hope-filled Holiday Season!

Peace and love, *Pastor John*

October Schedule

Nov 19 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
Nov 20 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
Nov 21 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Carolina VALUE PET CARE

Stewardship Service with Bishop Emily Kuhn Hartner

We're so very pleased to have Bishop Emily Hartner with us as the preacher at this year's Stewardship Service – Sunday, November 22nd at 10:00 AM

Bishop Emily grew up in Newton, NC where Beth Eden Lutheran Church was her home congregation. She is a graduate of Davidson College, received her Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and has a Master of Sacred Theology in Lutheran Studies from our Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Bishop Emily had previously served two congregations in Charlotte – St. Mark's and Holy Trinity – before being elected the 79th Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, and the first female Bishop in the 222 year history of the Synod. She lives in Huntersville, NC with her husband Ian, who is a data engineer, and their son, Oliver. We are so excited about having Bishop Emily here with us in November.

Welcome New Members!

It's with great joy that we received the following new members in October:

Richard and Barbara Flynn joined us by Transfer. Dick is a native of Winthrop, Massachusetts and is retired from technical sales. Barb is originally from San Diego and is a retired software engineer. The couple met in the United States Air Force, and have 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and spending time with their grandchildren. They were sponsored by Frankie Bogutsky
Address: 819 Wentworth Drive in Concord; 28025.
Richard: (ncdickflynn@gmail.com, 704-796-6256;
Barbara: ncbarbflynn@gmail.com, 704-796-1732.

Atilla and Audrey Gergely joined us also by Transfer. They both grew up in Charlotte and attended the same congregation in Charlotte as well. Atilla is a project manager at UNC Charlotte, who enjoys running and reading. Audrey is a 401 K consultant with USI, who also teaches and participates in competitive aerial dance. The couple share their home with 2 dogs and 1 cat. They were sponsored by Keith and Fran Garver.
Address: 697 Deaton Street in Kannapolis, 28081
Atilla: (agergely0@gmail.com, 704-578-1510)
Audrey: (audreydigiovanna1@gmail.com, 704-453-1714

Tensley Kuffner joined Kimball Memorial via the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. She is a sophomore at A.L. Brown High School, who enjoys painting and other arts/crafts. Tensley was sponsored by the Troutman family of our congregation who have been long-time friends. Address: 915 South Juniper Street in Kannapolis (980-622-6668).

November Anniversaries

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
11/3	Spencer & Sydney Falls	8
11/05	Darin & Craig Peay	12
11/14	Ryan & Natalie Keith	11
11/21	Andy & Helenita Bell	36

Prayer Requests

Kimball Members

Bonnie Adair, Sylvia Anderson, Susan Bame, Jerry and Pat Beam, Howard and Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Robin Ballard, Pat and Jerry Beam, Sydney Bradford, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Florence Calandra, Bretta Dodson, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Betsy Ellington-Boynton, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Sudie Foil, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, John Glass, Todd Haley, Ryan, Luna, and Skyla Hardister, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Tim and Huyla Jackson, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, Wilma Keller, Sarah and Skylar Kempf, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Andrea, Wayne, Pat Moser, Murph Family, Betty Ritchie, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy Scott, Roger Sizemore, David Sloan and Family, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Jean Tatarka, David and Donna Taylor, Rick Teumer, Debbie Troutman, Gary Yount

Military

Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
Christopher Bame (Georgia)
Nathan Carpenter (South Carolina)
Sinatra Dreisbach (Nevada)
Mason Hott (Georgia)
Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
Preston Mays (Maryland)
Chris Overcash (North Carolina)
Andrew Smith (Arizona)

Homebound Members

Caremoor Aileen Triece
Avante of Concord Dianne Marlin



November Birthdays

11/01	Barry CHRISTENSON
	Shannon RIGSBY
11/02	Sabrina BRONSON
	R. E. CAUTHEN
	Anna RICH
	Aiden WALKER
11/05	Sharon MEENDERING
	Debbie TROUTMAN
11/10	Bob BOYNTON
	Rosalie HARTMAN
	Huyla JACKSON
11/15	Amelia BARTON
	Doris TEUMER
11/16	Fran GARVER
	Nathan MURPH
11/17	Donna LAMBERT
	Joseph TALLENT
11/18	Alice LLOYD
11/19	Addison BARTON
11/19	Lane FALLS
11/20	Kathy SCOTT
	Timothy WHEATLEY
11/22	Nevina CHRISTY
	Kathy HUNTER
11/23	TJ BLACK
11/24	Dana HINSON
	David KECK
11/25	Suzanne REID
11/27	Emily BUTTNER
	Joe SAULLO
	Tanner TRIECE

NOVEMBER 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
1-Nov	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Scott Harmon	T J Black	Skylar Kempf	Andy Robinson	Scott Harmon
8-Nov	Rob Roginski	Donna Taylor	Delaney Little	TBD	Patrick Little	Sarah Harmon
15-Nov	Frankie Bogutsky	Sarah Harmon	Asa Russell	Palmer Russell	Liz Fisher	Paul Smith

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
1-Nov	Kathy Hunter	Kathy Hunter	Aubrey Gregory	Harmony Gregory	Leam Neely	Colby Miller
8-Nov	Sally Peterson	Michele Nichols	Colson Bradford	Wyatt Bradford	Gus Miller	Leam Neely
15-Nov	Joyce Mallernee	Huyla Jackson	Lucas Hesley	Maydin Kohlmeier	Colby Miller	Isaiah Gregory

10:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
22-Nov	Shane Little	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Anniston Wheatley	Blaine Wheatley	Rick Teumer	Patrick Little
29-Nov	Bob Boynton	Bob Boynton	Maydin Kohlmeier	Isaiah Gregory	Scott Harmon	Delaney Little

	5-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov
Samaritan's Table	St. Josephs Sally	Table SS Class Pastor John	Bethel Church Bob	Thanksgivng No Meal

	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov
Wednesday Bible Study	Rob Roginski	No Class	Pr. Joe Tallent	No Class

FLOWER CALENDAR	
1-Nov	Todd Haley
8-Nov	Troutman
15-Nov	Whitley
22-Nov	Hunter
29-Nov	

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Paula & Mickey Brandle	Tony Lippard / Scott Harmon
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon / Rob Roginski	Kim Kane / Sally Peterson
Healing Prayer	Peggy Lynch	Anne Futterer
Communion Prep	Keith & Fran Garver	Lindsay Daugherty & Family
Tellers	Bob & Betsy Ellington-Boynton	
Slide Prep	Scott Harmon	
Blessing Box	Kim Kane / Hardister Family	
Birthday Card Prep	Sydney Bradford	



"Blessed to be a Blessing"

Stewardship Theme for 2027
Commitment Sunday
November 22nd

Intent cards and letters will be mailed to all members/friends of the congregation in the coming weeks as our Stewardship Campaign for 2027 begins. The theme for this new year underscores in how many ways God has blessed us at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church. And how again and again…in so many ways – that we have used those blessings to in turn bless others! This is a hallmark for our congregation, and one that we not only remember fondly in the past – but also hope to continue throughout our future.

We're reminded of this in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 12, Vs 2 when God speaks a word of Hope and Promise to Abraham: "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing". God never wants our Blessings to be stagnant our barren. There is always the "SO THAT" – the purpose of the Blessing – that we might bless others and have a positive impact of grace and love on those around us.

In recent years, our Blessings have included our ministry in the Kannapolis City Schools – sending area children to Lutheridge for a week of Summer Fun and providing an Angel Tree for the students at the Holidays. We partner with CCM in providing food for Samaritan's Table, a Blessing Box for those living near our building in center city, an arrangement with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute food boxes to area residents…and, of course, our financial commitments to Lutheridge, Lutheran Services Carolinas, and our Seminary. And our members volunteer at area agencies outside our church's walls – we have those who work with Atrium Hospital Cabarrus, local nursing homes and adult day care facilities, and our preschool.

In addition, so many things have been done here in the congregation to make our ministries more effective and long-lasting: an endowment meant to reach out to our youth and those in our community with financial needs; physical improvements to our playground and parking areas, remodels to our facility's restrooms and preschool, overcoming our debt, and looking at the gift of land that we have…and how that might be a blessing as we move forward in ministry.

We are asking members to bring their commitment cards to worship on November 22nd (ONE Service at 10:00 AM). Following worship we'll sit and eat together at our Thanks and Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Please let us know if you haven't received a letter and intent card by November 15th, and we will make certain to get you one ASAP. We do hope you'll plan to join us for this time of celebration and commitment as we look forward to a new year of Blessings…SO THAT we might continue to be a Blessing to others!



Greetings from your Church Council following our meeting this past Thursday. Please take note of the following important updates and upcoming events:

The Youth have planned their activities for 2026/2027. If you are interested in sponsoring or cooking a meal for one of their meetings, please contact Deacon Liz.

Join us on Wednesday, October 28th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the annual Fall Festival. Volunteers are needed to cook hot dogs, host Trunk or Treat, and lead crafts and games. A blue barrel is located on the ramp to collect candy donations.

There will be 2 joint 10am Services in November: On Sunday November 22nd, we are excited to welcome Bishop Emily Hartner as our guest Pastor for Stewardship Sunday. We will begin with a Congregational Meeting to present the 2027 proposed budget and accept Council nominations from the floor. Following the service, the Youth will cater a Thanksgiving lunch for everyone. The second joint service will be on November 29th which is the 5th Sunday.

Mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting on December 13th at 10:00 AM (between the early and late services). We will vote on the 2027 proposed budget and new Council members. Please plan to attend, as we require a quorum to conduct the vote.

Kara Hardister is looking for Middle School and High School students to help organize the Blessing Box Closet. Please reach out to Kara if you need service hours.

Thank you to the Joe Gribble Sunday School Class for donating the funds to have the front church windows professionally cleaned.

Our year-to-date income is $369,867 against our budget of $392,625

Thank you for your continued support of Kimball and our ministries.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All Saints **1** 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Play Practice / Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 4:00p Women's Bible Study	**2** 9:00a Tellers Count	**3** 10:00a Prebble's Book Club @ Parlor	**4** 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir	**5** 5:00p Samaritan's Table	**6** 6:30p Book Club @ Commons	**7**
Pentecost 24 **8** 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Play Practice / Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 2:30p Confirmation-First Luth. 4:00p Women's Bible Study	**9** 9:00a Tellers Count *Adult Beach Trip*	**10** *Adult Beach Trip*	**Veteran's Day 11** 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir *Preschool Closed* *Adult Beach Trip*	**12** 5:00p Samaritan's Table	**13**	**14** 1:00p Commons Reserved
Pentecost 25 **15** 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Play Practice / Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Youth-Indoor Rock Climb 4:00p Women's Bible Study	**16** 9:00a Tellers Count 6:30p Preschool Board Meeting	**17** 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo	**18** 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir	**19** 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	**20** 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic 2:00-3:00p Food Box Distribution	**21** 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Christ the King **22** 10:00a Combined Worship 11:15a Thanks & Thanksgiving Lunch	**23** 9:00a Tellers Count	**24**	**25** 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir *Preschool Closed*	**Thanksgiving 26** *Church Office Closed* *Preschool Closed* 	**27** *Church Office Closed* *Preschool Closed*	**28**
Advent 1 **29** 10:00a Combined Worship	**30** 9:00a Tellers Count					





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