



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF THIS MONTH!



75 Years is a long time to form faith among our young people, developed leaders for the greater church, and built community among those who attend, but Lutheridge - our beloved camp near Asheville - has done all those things. Beginning in February our congregation will begin a two-year, \$50,000 campaign to help insure that this Lutheran Camp will continue to grow and serve other generations for another 75 years. This month, you'll hear and read information about the exciting plans for Lutheridge, and the \$3.6 million dollar campaign to make these good (and necessary!) things take place. Among the goals:

1. To update and renovate important facilities that have been so important for so long - Whisnant Chapel, Lakeside Lodge, our Faith Center, and Kohnjoy Inn.
2. To build new spaces as the landscape of the Church continues to change, allowing us to adapt to groups seeking to use the Camp year round. These changes will include new Hillside cabins, new cottages in Pioneer A (where so many of our children/youth have stayed over the years) and transforming Mission Hall into housing suitable for all ages.
3. To sow seeds for a faithful future by paying off debt - much of it incurred during the two Covid summers that were so difficult for Lutheridge, and from the terrible effects of Hurricane Helene. Paying down this debt is integral to the future of a strong camp - Remember when we did this at Kimball Memorial? It freed us to do ministry in new and exciting ways...and it will for Lutheridge as well!

For the next several weeks we'll hear more about these programs and possibilities, and we'll have the opportunity to make a commitment to help Kimball reach this goal of \$50,000 - a goal which will allow us to make a naming gift in Kimball's name to our Camp. This is so appropriate for us at Kimball Memorial, because for years our congregation has supported Lutheridge through Campfirmation, Wild Women's Weekends, Winter Retreats, etc. Last Summer, we sent 24 of our young people to camp...and 20 young people from our Carver School Connections. We have a history...and a present...and a future with this camp!

I sincerely hope that you'll join Anne and me, our congregation council, and our Lutheridge committee in making a commitment to this important appeal on Sunday, February 23rd. If you have any questions about this appeal, please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

THANK YOU in advance for your prayers, commitments, and gifts to this 75th anniversary appeal...as we pass the Faith!

SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

8:30 am
Contemporary

11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
[@kimballethurch6062](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimballethurch6062)

STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,
Senior Pastor

Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,
Parish Administrator

Brian Sevison,
Music Director

Howard Bentley,
Treasurer

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus

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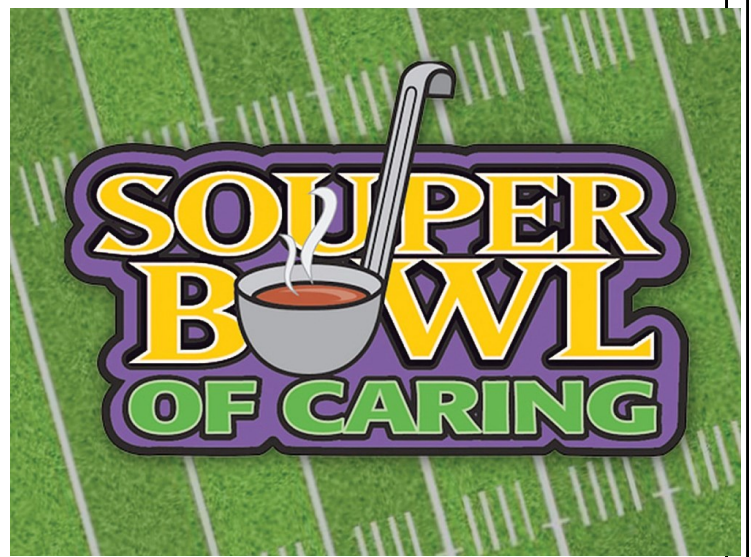
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Kimball's own Skyla Hardister, daughter of Ryan and Kara is in this performance.



Lenten Bible Study
REVELATION
with Bishop Tim Smith
Thursdays, March 13 - April 10 at 7 p.m.

Register today!

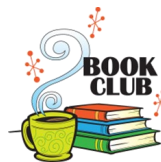


SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS FEBRUARY 9TH

Kimball Memorial's major food drive of the Winter is the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, which is held every year on Super Bowl Sunday - this year, the date is February 9th.

As millions of Americans tune in to watch the Super Bowl, we're also turning in to the needs of our neighbors. The Souper Bowl of Caring is about taking action to fight hunger at the local level, ensuring that no one has to go without the food they need. All food offerings on February 9th brought to either service that day — will go to our local food bank, Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM).

Donations of cans of soup are often brought for this offering, but canned vegetables, fruit, and meat are also gratefully accepted, as are monetary gifts. Checks may be made payable to Kimball Memorial and earmarked Souper Bowl Offering. Whether your team is in the "Big Game" this year or not - or whether you even CARE about the Big Game...please use this Sunday to care about our neighbors in need, and bring your food items to church on Sunday, February 9th! Thank you.



KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday Morning Book Club

Date: Tuesday, February 25 - 10:00 am (Parlor)

Host: Pat Tallent, Becky Wright

Book: *Island Queen* by Vanessa Riley



Faith Formation

HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

We have a new Sunday School Class for our High School/Middle School Youth Group. The class begins each Sunday at 10:00 am, and will meet in the Library. Pastor John will be the primary teacher.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 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.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor for our weekly Bible Study. All are welcome for this informal time of study and discussion - each Wednesday at 10:00 am. For more information please call the Church Office.

February Facilitators:

- Feb. 05 Pastor John
- Feb. 12 Deacon Liz
- Feb. 19 Class
- Feb. 26 Pastor Joe



HS/MS YOUTH

- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** Join us on February 9th in our 8:30 or 11:00 am worship services for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth will be collecting a "Noisy Offering" for this event as well as collecting food for our local CCM food pantry. Help us in helping our community!
- **CONFIRMATION** Sunday February 9th at First Lutheran in Albemarle Our confirmation students will meet at the church at 12:15 pm and head to First Lutheran, Albemarle. We should return by 5:15 pm for pick up in the church parking lot.



- **LYO (LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION) ASSEMBLY** February 28—March 2nd at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. Deacon Liz will send out all the information about what to pack and details of the weekend by Sunday February 9th. We will meet at the church on Feb 28th at 5:00 pm and will return Sunday during the 11:00 am service. This is one of our youth's favorite events and we hope you can join us. The cost is \$85 and can be paid for on our church's Tithe.ly site.



KINGDOM KIDS

- **LENTEN KITS** Sunday Feb. 23rd @ 10:00 am Join our Kingdom Kids and 3-5th graders in Faith Formation in the fellowship hall. We will make Lenten kits for each family as we get ready to start Lent. We hope you can join us.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
08-Feb	Dave & Cathy Young	56
09-Feb	Lena & Harry Gillon	51
13-Feb	Dale & Maria Brown	32
23-Feb	Tom & Tammy Kilby	40

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, Robin Ballard, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sylvia Binion, Mary Lee Blackwelder, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Brenda Brown, Florence Calandra, Barry Christenson, Emily Clamser, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, John Glass, Todd Haley, Prebble Henrickson, Jodi Hott, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Eric and Jenny Jones, Pr. David and Diana Keck, Wilma Keller, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Nathan and Kathryn Murph, Taylor and Kaylee Murph, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Betty Ritchie, Blake Robinson, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy and Cliff Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Gaye St. John, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman

FEBRUARY



1-Feb	Jeff MATSON
2-Feb	Reagan CAUTHEN
3-Feb	Cathy BAKER
	Robin BALLARD
	Chris OVERCASH
	Pat TALLENT
4-Feb	Randy SNIPES
5-Feb	Silvia BINNON
	Franklin MYRICK
	Rosalea MYRICK
6-Feb	Louise PROPST
	William SLOOP
7-Feb	Lou BARLOW
	Heather MILLER
	Leam NEELY
8-Feb	Elizabeth BRYANT
	Aleigha CHRISTY
	Scott HARMON
9-Feb	Lily FISHER
	Dean HINSON
11-Feb	Justin YOUNT
12-Feb	John FUTTERER
	Shane JOYCE
14-Feb	Sudie FOIL
16-Feb	Becky PETERSON
19-Feb	Kaylee MURPH
	David SLOAN
21-Feb	Sam FALLS
	Karan WHITLEY
22-Feb	Austin RIGSBY
23-Feb	Gabriel KEITH
	Kim VOELKER
26-Feb	Anne FUTTERER
	Sherry JOHNSON
28-Feb	Amy PRICE

FEBRUARY SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
2-Feb	Emily Clamser	David Sloan	Delaney Little	TBD	TBD
9-Feb	Shane Little	Nancy Demeny	Gus Miller	TBD	TBD
16-Feb	Fran Patterson	Mickey Brandle	Riley Dodson	TBD	TBD
23-Feb	Darrian Miller	Donna Taylor	Colby Miller	TBD	TBD

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
2-Feb	Pastor John
9-Feb	Deacon Liz
16-Feb	Class
23-Feb	Pastor Joe

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
2-Feb	Anne Futterer	Huyla Jackson	Liam Neely	TBD	TBD
9-Feb	Bob Hill	Matthew Bradford	Lucas Hesley	TBD	TBD
16-Feb	Kathy Hunter	Abbey Schmitt	Hank Schmitt	TBD	TBD
23-Feb	Laura Pennell	Michele Nichols	Tyler Nichols	TBD	TBD

FLOWER CALENDAR	
2-Feb	
9-Feb	Troutman
16-Feb	
23-Feb	

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	John Todd & Jodi Hott	Tom Ramseur / Tony Lippard
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer / David Sloan	Sally Peterson / Kim Kane
Healing Prayer	Debbie Troutman	Joyce Mallernee
Communion Prep	Jim & Susan Harris	Sydney Bradford / Jean Croote

MONTH LONG	
Tellers	Jim & Susan Harris
Slide Prep	Kim Kane

KIMBALL MEMORIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund	December	Year to Date
Income	\$65,521	\$537,088
Expenses	\$37,495	\$509,584

JANUARY MONTHLY RECAP

Monthly Needed for Budget	\$44,458
Received During January	\$34,768



COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not yet turned in your Commitment Card for 2025, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Additional cards are available from the ushers. THANK YOU in advance for your support of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church! Currently, pledges cover 72% of our 2025 Budget.

TIME AND TALENT 2025

Time and Talent forms for 2025 are on the credenza in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve at Kimball next year. Completing the cards helps in scheduling and making sure that we utilize your gifts in ministry. We will be sharing your interests in serving with committee chairs in early January so please complete your form as soon as possible.



J.O.Y. Group

Join our Just Older Youth on Thursday February 6th at 11:30 am in the Kimball Commons for a wonderful lasagna lunch prepared by the chef of Christ Lutheran, Providence. We will have a Valentine's themed lunch along with Bingo and prizes. We will also have our J.O.Y Calendar for 2025 to discuss! If you haven't signed up, please do so as soon as possible in the Narthex and The Commons.



Every month, we host a low-cost vet clinic for dogs and cats in the KAC (Kimball Activity Center.) Services include:

- Allergies
- Dermatology
- Flea and Tick Control
- Heartworms (Dogs)
- Nutrition
- Vaccinations

The schedule will be published in the newsletter each month. Below is the schedule for February. Note that Cat Only clinics are now on Thursdays.

- Feb. 20 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- Feb. 21 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- Feb. 22 10:00 am—2:00 pm



Electing a Bishop— Your Input Needed!

The bishop's election process is overseen by the NC Synod Council along with the ELCA Office of the Secretary and ELCA Presiding Bishop. Synod council is requesting the input of the synod—that's YOU and others in your congregation!—for the creation of a synodwide Ministry Site Profile (MSP), similar to what is used by congregations in the call process. This MSP will be a snapshot of the synod's life now, name the synod's hopes and dreams for the future, and note gifts needed in a bishop.

Submit by Friday, January 31!

[Submit Your Input](#)



BLESSING BOX NEEDS

As we enter the third year of our Blessing Box ministry, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported this mission over the past two years. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our community.

We need your help to continue meeting the growing needs of our neighbors. Families, many of whom are regular visitors, depend on the items we provide. The need is great, and your donations help us share God's love in a tangible way. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

A list of our most-needed items is available below, but we welcome any contributions you can offer.

- Bottled Water
- Canned Food: Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Tuna, Soups
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Small cans of spaghetti sauce
- Pasta noodles
- Individual bags of chips, pretzels, Cheetos, Doritos, Cheez-it's, etc.
- Lance Crackers
- Macaroni and Cheese Cups
- Cereal
- Soap / Deodorant / Lotion
- Diapers / Feminine products
- Blankets, Jackets, Cardigans

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triece / Bettie Overcash

MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD Gaye St. John / Betty Shaver

SPRING ARBOR OF ALBEMARLE Mary Dorton

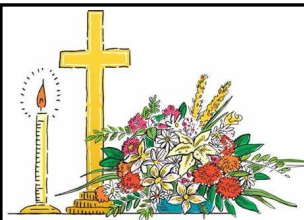
AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

AT HOME Louise Propst



CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR

- Thank you all for your generous giving in December. Offerings for the month totaled \$63,000.
- And another big thank you to those who worked very hard to clean up the shrubbery around the front of the church. You all did a wonderful job. And a special thank you to the Wiethorn and Miller families for renting trailers to dispose of the debris.
- "Souper Bowl" Sunday, will be Sunday, February 9th. Please remember to bring canned goods and non-perishable items to support the CCM Food Bank.
- The 2024 Cannon Grant of \$32,000 was enough to pay for a new piece of playground equipment to be enjoyed by children ages 2-12. More details will be coming over the next couple of months on installation.
- And lastly, we lift up Pastor John, Deacon Liz and our youth who are at a Lutheridge Retreat this weekend. May their weekend be spiritually fulfilling and their travels be safe.
- The next council meeting will be on Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.



2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

The Flower Calendar for 2025 is up in the narthex for your use. Please use this chart to reserve flowers on Sundays during the upcoming year.

There are 3 Sundays available during February. Thank you!



102nd Gathering of the NC Lutheran Men in Mission

Saturday, March 8, 2025

2025 Theme: TEAM JESUS!

Daniels Lutheran Church –2025 Host Chapter
3170 Reepsville Road, Lincolnton, NC
Attend in person or by ZOOM

Please register for the option you prefer

[Register Now](#)



Free Lenten Guides

Lent is almost here—a season of ashes, honesty, and the truth that life often feels held together with chewing gum and

prayer. It's not a time for easy answers but for facing what we're carrying—the grief we avoid, the regrets we can't shake—and noticing how grace sneaks through the cracks. This year, Kate Bowler offers *The Hardest Part: Hurts We Carry, Hope We Find*—so you and your community encounter Lent with tenderness and courage.

[Click For Free Resources.](#)

And now these three remain:

**FAITH
HOPE
and
LOVE**

But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

iBelieve.com

Our Scripture Lesson for Sunday, February 2nd is 1 Corinthians 13, which is often referred to as *the Love Chapter*. Offer this prayer as we strive to show God's love to others.....

Dear God,

Thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

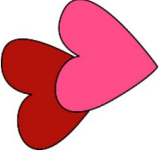
We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it's not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

Lord thank you that your love is patient. Help us show patience with those around us. Lord thank you that your love is kind. Help us to extend kindness to others.

Lord thank you that true love is not jealous. Help us cast aside feelings of jealousy or hatred towards others.

Amen.

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Epiphany 4 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal	3	4	5 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	6 11:30a J.O.Y. Valentine's Lunch 5:00p Samaritan's Table	7	8
Epiphany 5 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal 12:15p Confirmation-1 st Lutheran Albemarle	10	11	12 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	13 5:00p Samaritan's Table	14 	15
Epiphany 6 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal	17	18 10:00a Bingo-Coltrane Life Center	19 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	20 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table	21 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	22 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Epiphany 7 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Kingdom Kids-Lent 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal Lutheridge Appeal Begins	24	25 10:00a Tuesday Morning Book Club	26 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	27 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	28 5:00p HS/MS Youth-LYO Greensboro (Friday-Sunday)	Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent on March 5



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