



# KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### **Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?**

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after his Resurrection? The Gospel of St. John (20:7) tells us that the linen cloth, 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 small, napkin sized cloth was neatly folded, and 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 do not 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 Peter arrived and went inside. He too 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 significant??? Yes!!!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, we have to understand a bit about the Jewish tradition of the day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and the Servant. When the Servant sate the dinner table for the Master, he would make sure that it was exactly the way the Master wanted it.

The table would have been furnished perfectly. And then the Servant would wait, just out of sight, until the Master had finished eating. The Servant would not touch the table until the Master was finished.

If the Master was finished with the meal, he would rise from the table, wipe his hands and face and would roll up the napkin and toss it on to the table. This signified, “I’m done!”, and the Servant would begin to clean up things. But if the Master got up from the table, folded his napkin and laid it neatly beside his plate, the Servant would not touch the table, because he knew the neatly folded napkin meant: **“I’m Coming Back!”**

This month we celebrate the Festival of Easter – the Day when Jesus announces with Power and Might that death could not hold Him, and that He was Coming Back! Please join us for our Holy Week and Easter Services in April, and make sure to stay active and involved in the life and ministry of the Church during this Spring Season. The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen, indeed!

Peace and Love,



**8:30 am**  
**Contemporary**

**11:00 am**  
**Traditional**

**Online On YouTube**

## STAFF

**Rev. John Futterer**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Deacon Liz Fisher,**  
*Youth & Family*

**Keith Sutton**  
*Parish Administrator*

**Brian Seivson**  
*Music Director*

**Tim Patterson**  
*Treasurer*

**Howard Bentley**  
*Financial Administrator*

**Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

# 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.



## KIMBALL KAMP

Kimball Kamp Day Camp is open for Registration. We will hold a Day Camp at Kimball for 3 weeks this Summer and hope that our families can join us. This camp is for Preschool students through 5th grade. The cost of Kamp is \$250.00 for the first week, \$375 for 2 weeks and \$475 for all three weeks. You can register for Kamp by going to <https://tinyurl.com/5aaa259t> Please let Deacon Liz know if you have any questions and we look forward to having a fun filled Summer Experience together.

If you have a high school student that would like to work at Kimball Kamp we have plenty of opportunities. We will employ both our high school and middle school youth to help around camp. This will be on a first come first serve basis and we will have an application process that will start at the beginning of April. We hope your young person can come and help us this summer!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

### SAMARITAN'S TABLE

Join us as we serve our community through Samaritan's Table! We'll begin cooking at 4:00 pm and serve the meal from 5:00–6:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to come together in service and share God's love through a warm meal and welcoming presence. Come lend a hand—we'd love to have you!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Middle School Confirmation students will meet at the church at 12:15 pm as we head out for lunch (please bring \$10) and then travel to First Lutheran Church in Albemarle. We will return to Kimball by approximately 5:00 pm. It's going to be a great afternoon of fellowship, learning, and connection!

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

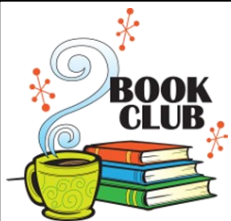
### HS/MS— CANNON BALLERS GAME

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us for lunch and a Cannon Ballers baseball game! We'll head to the 1:30 pm game for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch and your ticket. Please sign up outside the Narthex or in the church commons—we hope you'll join us!

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation meets weekly, please join us in the Youth Room for the opening at 10:00 am each Sunday morning, we will have an opening, snacks, our bible story and a craft. We hope you can join us.

## KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS



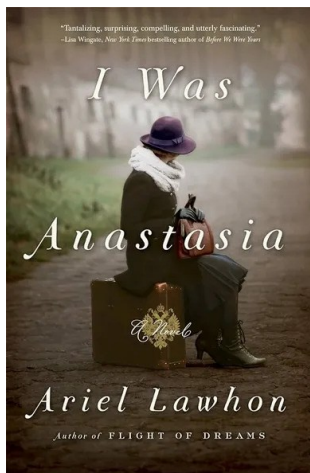
### Tuesday Morning Book Club

**Date:** April 14 10:00 am

**Location:** Church Parlor

**Book:** *I Was Anastasia*

**Author:** Ariel Lawhon



### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- **April 1** – Holy Wednesday – Corporate Confession and Forgiveness 6:30 pm
- **April 2** – Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion – 6:30 pm
- **April 3** – Good Friday – 6:30 pm – Service Held at First Presbyterian Church with joint choir

### EASTER SCHEDULE IS SET FOR KIMBALL

Please join us for a day of celebration on the “Queen of all Festivals”, Easter Day. We’ll have a Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, with Holy Communion. An Easter Breakfast sponsored by our Lutheran Men at 7:45 am, and our Festival Easter Day Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 am. We hope you will join us for these activities during this Holiest of Seasons. A nursery is provided for the 9:00 Service.

**Come & See  
Go & Tell**

**NC SYNOD GATHERING**

**May 28-30, 2026**

Lenoir-Rhyne University



### Thank You – Easter Egg Hunt

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Annual Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt such a joyful success! From stuffing eggs, cooking hot dogs, hiding eggs, and helping with cleanup—your time, energy, and love made all the difference. We are so grateful for a congregation that so faithfully supports and cares for our children and families. What a blessing you are!

The 2026 Synod Gathering is May 28th - 30th. All church members are invited to attend the 2026 Synod Gathering at Lenoir-Rhyne University, May 28th - 30th. Each day stands alone or you may attend all three days. Learn more about Mission and Ministry in the North Carolina Synod, and enjoy inspiring worship and presentations from Church leaders and theologians. We have scholarships available for any interested in attending. You may go to the Synod Website for more information. Registration deadline is May 1st. Please speak with Pastor John if you are interested in attending.

## Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool



### KIMBALL PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Your support is crucial in helping our program achieve its goals. This fundraiser will help raise money for needed classroom items, upgrades to our outdoor play area including added fencing to make a separate area



for youngest learners, and enhancing the play area outside our 2 and 3 year old classrooms, as well as several upcoming big events including graduation for our 4 year olds. Your contributions will help our preschoolers and their families. Please prayerfully consider helping.

Donate Here <https://shorturl.at/ih32e>

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
04/02	R.E. & Joan Cauthen	10
04/05	Buddy & Nevina Christy	23
	Timothy & Marlane Wheatley	12
04/07	David & Donna Taylor	52
04/09	Tony & Paula Lippard	21
	Tanner & Chloe Small	4
04/10	Morgan & Ame Guy	16
04/12	Michael & Sylvia Sloop	62
04/16	Eddie & Lisa Dunlow	43
04/22	Shane & Amy Joyce	20
04/24	Dana & Dean Hinson	23
04/26	Ginger & Stafford Hamilton	12
	Keith & Heidi Lee	14
	Robert & Peggy Pergola	53
04/29	Karen & Martin McCall	9
04/30	Jon Todd & Jodie Hott	32

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### KIMBALL MEMBERS

Bonnie and Lonny Adair, Sylvia Anderson, Susan Bame, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, 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 Hardister, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Tim and Huyla Jackson, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, David and Diana Keck, Wilma Keller, Sarah and Skylar Kempf, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Andrea, Wayne, Colby, Gus Miller, Heather and Charlie Miller, 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, Debbie Troutman, Betty Walker, Gary Yount

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**CAREMOOR** Aileen Tiece

**AVANTE OF CONCORD** Dianne Marlin

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

BD	NAME
3-Apr	Sarah KEMPF
4-Apr	Ethan POLZIN
5-Apr	Charles CALANDRA
	Nancy DEMENY
	James DILLON
	Susan HARRIS
	Joyce MALLERNEE
	Craig NICHOLS
7-Apr	Jonathan PATTERSON
10-Apr	Tammy STEARNS
11-Apr	Tim JACKSON
12-Apr	Kelli OVERCASH
13-Apr	Larry BARTON
14-Apr	Kathy MEACHAM
15-Apr	Zander NICHOLS
16-Apr	Tyler WIETHORN
17-Apr	Ryan KEITH
18-Apr	Eddie DUNLOW
	Carter MYRICK
22-Apr	Samantha HELMS
23-Apr	Michael SLOOP
	Elizabeth WISE
24-Apr	Kayell SCHMITT
25-Apr	Abby CARPENTER
26-Apr	Devon SCOTT
27-Apr	Jerry LAMBERT
	Taren MYRICK
28-Apr	Ann FISHER
30-Apr	Tim HEMLER
	Rory HESLEY

### MILITARY

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

# APRIL 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
12-Apr	Liz Fisher	Sarah Harmon	T. J. Black	Charlie Miller	Patrick Little	Paul Smith
19-Apr	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Scott Harmon	Palmer Russel	Asa Russell	Andy Robinson	Addi Carpenter
26-Apr	Sarah Kempf	Nick Bronson	Skylar Kempf	T. J. Black	Paul Smith	Nathan Carpenter

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
12-Apr	Bob Hill	Tony Lippard	Maydin Kohlmeier	Lucas Hesley	Colby Miller	Gus Miller
19-Apr	Laura Pennell	Scott Roland	Anniston Wheatley	Blaine Wheatley	Gavin Joyce	Nathan Carpenter
26-Apr	Ben Hesley	Lindsay Daugherty	Liza Jane Lee	Rory Hesley	T. R. Rolland	Leam Neely

9:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
5-Apr	Paula Brandle	Sally Peterson	Alyssa Nichols	Isaiah Gregory	Jack Smith	Nathan Carpenter

1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr
Pastor John	No Class	Deacon Liz	Rob Roginski	Pastor Joe

FLOWER CALENDAR	
5-Apr	Church
12-Apr	Available
19-Apr	Whitley
26-Apr	Available

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Debbie Triece/ Scott Harmon	Tim and Huyla Jackson
<b>Council Assistants</b>	Rick Teumer/ Melissa Little	Ben Hesley/ Kim Kane
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Scott Harmon
<b>Communion Prep</b>	David and Judy Sloan	Debbie Troutman
<b>Tellers</b>	Steve and Peggy Lynch	
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Mary Lee Blackwelder	



## Join Your Church Family AT THE "OLD BALL GAME"

Join us at 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for an evening of Baseball and Dinner

here in Kannapolis at Atrium Health Ballpark. Our Cannon Ballers will be taking on the Hickory Crawdads, the Single A affiliate of the Texas Rangers. **The cost of tickets is \$20**, and this includes dinner, beverage (non-alcoholic) and dessert.

All ages are welcome...we hope you will join us!

### LUTHERIDGE DATES FOR 2026



A chartered bus will be leaving for Lutheridge on Sunday afternoon, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Our group will return to Kimball Memorial the afternoon of June 26<sup>th</sup>. All children/youth of the congregation are invited to spend the week at Camp that week – Deacon Liz, Jodie Hott, Laura Pennell, and Pastor John will be at Lutheridge that week, with our young people. If you have questions about this week of camp, please contact the Church Office or Deacon Liz directly for more information. Scholarships are available to help defray the cost of camp, and Kimball Memorial also helps with the cost of Camp.

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the prayers, support and love shown to our family during the loss of our wonderful mom, Betty Shaver. She was a devoted wife, a caring mother and a loving Mawmaw. Your texts, phone calls, the delicious meal before the service and the flowers are so appreciated. Pastor John's words described her perfectly and her service will be treasured in our hearts forever. Thanks again for your friendship that has been demonstrated a hundredfold over the years, and especially the past few weeks. Mom loved Kimball so much and we're so blessed her celebration of life was held in this sacred place she called home.

*Family of Betty Shaver*



### GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL,

- As you know many hands make light work and your hands are definitely needed at our annual Spring Clean-Up Day. For those willing to participate please bring your cleaning supplies on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-noon.
- There is still time to sign-up for the Cannonballers game on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up on the church website.
- The Pre-School is having a fundraiser to raise money for school supplies. There will be a scannable QR Code in the bulletin on Sundays April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> to make monetary contributions. If you have questions about donating to the fund raiser, please contact Sherri Matheny or Kara Hardister.
- Registration for Kimball Kamp's 3 weeks of fun has begun. Information to register is located in the Bulletin. If you need more information regarding the Kamp, please see Deacon Liz.
- Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services will be joint services with First Presbyterian. A list of the services, locations and times, from Holy Wednesday through Easter Sunday are listed in the Bulletin.
- We have a Lutheridge Appeal update. After year 1, we have raised \$37,600 of our 2 year goal of \$50,000. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
- And lastly, our year to date income is \$82,047 against our budget of \$87,250.

### April Schedule

- **April 23** 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
- **April 24** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **April 25** 10:00 am—2:00 pm



### 2025 ANNUAL REPORT & 2026 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Copies of the 2025 Annual Report were emailed to all members last week and printed copies are in the narthex. Copies of the 2026 Church Directory are available in the narthex. The Church Directory will not be sent via email to protect the privacy of email addresses and phone numbers of our members.

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 10:00a Bible Study--PJ 6:30p Holy Wednesday 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Peterson 6:30p Maundy Thursday	<b>3</b> 6:30p Good Friday @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres	<b>4</b>
<b>Easter</b> 7:00a Sunrise Service 7:45a Easter Breakfast 9:00a Easter Festival Service	<b>6</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>No Bible Study</i> 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table- <i>Youth Group</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00p Cannon- Ballers Game
<b>Easter 2</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo 10:00a Book Club- Parlor	<b>15</b> 10:00a Bible Study-Liz 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table- <i>Boynnton</i> 7:00p Church Council	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Easter 3</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Confirmation-1 <sup>st</sup> Alb	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00a Bible Study-Rob 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) JOY Group -TBD 5:00p Samaritan's Table- <i>Tallent</i>	<b>24</b> 12:00p - 5:00p Vet Clinic	<b>25</b> 10:00a - 2:00p Vet Clinic
<b>Easter 4</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 1:30p Youth-Cannon Baller's Game	<b>27</b> 10:30-11:30a Senior Food Program Distribution	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00a Bible Study-Pr. Joe 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>30</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table- <i>Futterer</i>		



## BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Our Blessing Box is now being restocked multiple times each week, and 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. Current items needed.

- 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



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