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Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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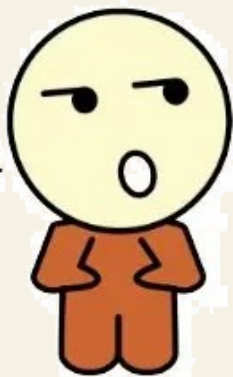
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FROM THE PASTOR

We're beginning to think about a new pictorial directory for the fall – it's been several years since we've embarked on this endeavor. In speaking with a few members about the project, one of them asked me: "If we want it to attract new families...who is our competition?"

I immediately answered: "Brunch at local restaurants, shopping on Sunday Morning, worshipping at St. Mattress, Sunday morning ball games, and day trips" In other words...indifference. So many people simply don't think that attending corporate worship makes a difference in their lives...or in the Life of the Church.

As I thought more about this subject, it seemed that this is correct. "Indifference" is the key!

Christians are "called out" of the world by God and grafted into the body of Christ through Holy Baptism. As new creations "in Christ"...Christians are different. And, through corporate worship, salvation becomes a present reality in the hearing of the Word and the partaking of the Sacraments.

During the months of summer, our attendance normally drops a bit...with July normally being our "lowest" month of attendance. Let me encourage you to have a new focus this year. Make worship at Kimball Memorial a priority when you're in town...and when you're away, find a church in which to worship (Pastor John or Deacon Liz can give you worship suggestions for your Summer travels!)

Remember...your church never goes on vacation. More importantly, your Savior never goes on vacation. Christ is always present to bless you, love you, forgive you, and strengthen you. Is an hour or two a week too much time for us to say "Thank you"??? I hope not!

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 Sevison
Music Director

Tim Patterson
Treasurer

Howard Bentley
Financial Administrator

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus

ADULT *Sunday* SCHOOL

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.

The Table Sunday School Class for adults and Faith Formation for our children is on summer hiatus.

SOUND SYSTEM

We want the congregation to be aware of updates/improvements regarding our Sound System, which will be completed over the next weeks. The work will provide four new microphones, the transition of our choir microphones to wireless, improvements in our radio frequency distribution which will improve our sound quality both in the Sanctuary and on-line, and installation/tuning/training of the new system. Bids were received and carefully considered by both our Executive Committee and Congregation Council, with the chosen bid at \$15,800. We are grateful to the congregation for your faithful stewardship, which allows us to implement these needed updates and improvements, and to our Council and Finance Committee for their diligence in making these important decisions. We will keep you informed as we move forward on this project.

KIMBALL SOUND AND PROJECTIONS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

With the improvements being made in our Sound System, we will be providing training for everyone who will be working in the Sound booth. Thank you for your interest in helping with Kimball Memorial's Sound & Projection Ministry! We are building a volunteer team to assist with sound, projection, microphones, and online worship streaming. No prior experience is necessary — training will be provided for all volunteers.

[Sign up to Volunteer](https://forms.gle/nzCXUFGtULvv9fV68)

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YOUTH SUMMER DATES

- Kimball Kamp June 29-Jul 3
- HS Mission TripJuly 19-24

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
presents...

A Faith-based Summer Day Camp



SAVE THE DATES AND JOIN US!

KIMBALL KAMP

Kimball Kamp wrapped up on July 3, and what an incredible summer it was! Throughout June, we welcomed children and youth from our congregation, preschool families, and the surrounding community. Our church was filled each week with laughter, learning, worship, games, crafts, service projects, and new friendships as we grew together in faith.

This year's weekly themes were:

- **Week 1:** Caring for God's Creation
- **Week 2:** God Is Our Guide
- **Week 3:** Jesus Shows Us How to Love

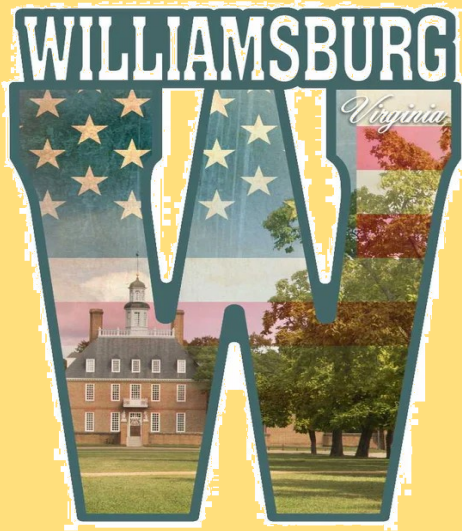
We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make Kimball Kamp such a success—from our dedicated staff, youth counselors, and support staff to the families who entrusted us with their children. We are especially thankful for this congregation, whose love, generosity, and commitment to children and youth continue to make ministries like Kimball Kamp possible. Because of your support, we are excited to announce that **Kimball Kamp will return in 2027!**

A special thank you to **Deacon Liz Fisher** for developing this year's curriculum and leading our large-group worship and teaching times, and to **Abigail Carpenter** for serving as our outstanding Area Director and Senior Staff leader. We are also incredibly grateful for our amazing team of counselors and support staff, whose energy, compassion, and dedication made each day meaningful for every camper.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of our children's ministry. We can't wait to see what God has in store for Kimball Kamp in 2027!

MISSION TRIP

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA



A group of High School Youth and Advisors will journey to the Williamsburg, Virginia area (what better place to go during our nation's 250th celebration!) for our annual Summer Mission Trip. During our time in Virginia, we'll be working with local helping agencies each day - soup kitchens, clothing closets, food pantries and other organizations that do good work in the Virginia Peninsula.

It won't be all work, however! During our time together in Virginia we will visit Busch Gardens Williamsburg, a European-themed adventure park, known as one of America's most beautiful theme parks. In addition, there will be many activities in and around Williamsburg that we'll enjoy as a group together.

We'll give you more information on this trip in our August Newsletter...please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we depart after church on July 19th, and return to Kimball Memorial on July 24th.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL/POOL PARTY SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

Remember that our annual Ice Cream Social – with swimming available! – is coming up Sunday, August 9th at the Northwest Swim and Racquet Club. From 1:00 – 3:00 the Ice Cream Truck from our friends at Sweetest Thing Ice Cream in Kannapolis will be present. All expenses for this fun afternoon are paid by Kimball Memorial – please use Kimball Connection on the back of the Weekly Parish News in your bulletin to reserve your spot! It's a hot Summer – come and cool off!



NEW DOOR ACCESS SYSTEM

We are excited to introduce a new key fob entry system at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, an important step towards enhancing both security and accessibility within our church. This innovative system will replace the traditional code entry method, allowing for a more streamlined and efficient way to access our building. Each entry will be logged, contributing to our commitment to a safe environment for all members. If your service at Kimball requires regular access, we encourage you to complete the Key Fob Request Form available in the church office, which will be reviewed and approved by our security committee to ensure an organized process.

NEW KIMBALL CONNECTION

As you notice, there is no Connection Card in your bulletin this morning. We are moving to Kimball Connection, a perforated tear-off that is part of this announcement sheet. You can still enter your information including prayer requests, tear off and place in the offering plate.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
01-Jul	Lori & Matt Woodle	31
15-Jul	Blake & Ligia Larsen	15
16-Jul	David & Judy Sloan	54
19-Jul	Bob & Betsy Ellington-Boynton	46
	Frankie & Kelli Overcash	7
27-Jul	Ethan & Zoya Polzin	2
30-Jul	Mike & Kathy Hunter	49

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, 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, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, 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, 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, Gary Yount

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, 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)

Happy Birthday

07/01	Jane GRIBBLE
07/02	William CROTSLEY
	Adam FISHER
07/03	Jean TATARKA
	Tiffany WINN
07/04	Jennifer RAMSEY
07/05	Charlie MILLER
07/06	Chris RIDGELL
07/07	David LEWIS
07/08	Von BLOCKER
07/10	Debbie TRIECE
07/11	Bailey HAMILTON
	Sherri MATHENY
07/14	Larry HARRIS
07/15	Logan WALKER
07/17	Eric DEARMON
	Isabelle KRATZCH
	Dakota MOFFITT
07/18	Peggy PERGOLA
07/19	Lynette HEMLER
07/20	Amara SEISAY
07/21	Ginger HAMILTON
	Greg WHITCOMB
07/22	Kaylee HELFRICH
	Jodie HOTT
	Daniel PENNELL
	Gianna RIVIECCIO
07/23	Dale BROWN
	Friel GUY
07/24	Sharon SIZEMORE
	Matthew BRADFORD
	Maria BROWN
07/27	Ella RAMSEY
07/29	Pat MOSER
07/30	Ellis WIETHORN
07/31	Buddy CHRISTY II
	Donna TAYLOR

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JULY 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
5-Jul	Sarah Kempf	Sarah Harmon	T J Black	Skylar Kempf		Nate Carpenter
12-Jul	Frankie Bogutsky	Jack Smith	Delaney Little	T J Black	Andy Robinson	Scott Harmon
19-Jul	Lisa Robinson	Paula Brandle	Skylar Kempf	Lucy Miller		Jack Smith
26-Jul	Hope Russell	Emily Clamser	Lucy Miller	Charlie Miller	Rick Teumer	Nate Carpenter

FLOWER CALENDAR	
5-Jul	Troutman
12-Jul	Bob Hill
19-Jul	David & Judy Sloan
26-Jul	Mike & Kathy Hunter

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
5-Jul	Bob Boynton	Kim Kane	Harmony Gregory	Aubrey Gregory	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
12-Jul	Kathy Hunter	Tony Lippard	Liza Jane Lee	Rory Hesley	Bo Phongsa	Tiffany Winn
19-Jul	Tyler Wiethorn	Alexis Nichols	Amara Seisay	Colson Bradford	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
26-Jul	Lindsay Daugherty	Owen Whitcomb	Austin Ketchie	Isaiah Gregory	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Emily Clamser / Jessica Troutman	Ben & Whitney Hesley
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon / Emily Clamser	Kim Kane / Hannah Wiethorn
Healing Prayer	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Lindsay Daugherty
Communion Prep	Kathy Scott / Debbie Troutman	Lindsay Daugherty & Family
Tellers	Mike McCombs / Joyce Mallernee	
Slide Prep	Amy Black	

	2-Jul	9-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul
Samaritan's Table	St. Joseph's Sally	Joe Gribble SS Pastor John	Lutheran Men Bob	Table SS Pat	Mt. Mitchell Bob



KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS

Friday Evening Book Club

Date: July 10 6:30 pm

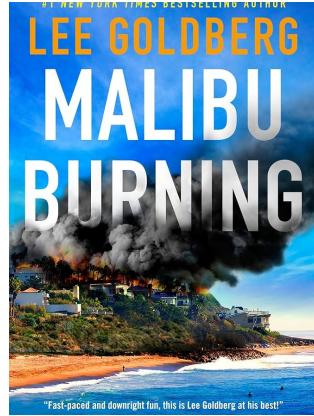
Host: Judy Sloan

Refreshments:

Harris/Ridenhour

Book: *Malibu Burning*

Author: Lee Goldberg



READ ISAIAH TOGETHER THIS SUMMER!

Join folks across the synod to read the Bible together—individuals,

congregations, small groups—in this summer's Bible Reading Plan brought to you by the synod's Engage the Bible Ministry Team. *Way in the Wilderness with Isaiah* will begin on **Sunday, July 5.**

Choose from three different ways to engage:

- **Subscribe** to receive daily emails
- Watch the **synod's homepage** for daily web posts
- Read the PDF compilation (**ready by the end of June**)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Tiece

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin



GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL,

- The first week of Kimball Kamp wrapped on Friday. A big thank you to Abby Carpenter, Deacon Liz and all of the staff for working hard to make it a success. Looking at the Facebook pictures, everyone is having a great time.
- Kimball youth and Carver kids will leave for Lutheridge Camp next Sunday, June 21st. We pray that they may form new friendships, grow in faith, travel safely, and have a wonderful time.
- The annual Pool Party Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, August 9th. Go ahead and mark your calendars. More details and sign-up information will be provided in the coming weeks.
- We're continuing to review and strengthen our church's security, and the next step will be upgrading the front entrance, including the addition of a security camera.
- Our year to date income is \$205,334 against our budget of \$218,125. As you travel and enjoy the blessings of summer, we're grateful for your continued faithful giving, which helps sustain our ministries all season long. If you would like to set up electronic offerings, there are options in the Parish News or you may call the church office and Keith can assist.
- The Council will not meet in July; however, you may reach out to a Council member during that time if you need assistance with anything. We thank you for your continued prayers and support.

July Schedule

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



JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Peterson	3	4 
		Kimball Kamp –Week 3				
Pentecost 6 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	6	7	8	9 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Futterer	10 6:30p Book Club at Sloan's	11
Pentecost 7 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	13	14	15	16 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Boynton	17 2:00-3:00p Food Box Distribution	18
Pentecost 8 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	20	21 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo	22	23 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Tallent	24 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	25 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
High School Youth Mission Trip—Williamsburg VA						
Pentecost 9 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	27	28	29	30 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Boynton		



**BLESSING BOX
URGENT NEEDS
JULY 2026**

- < Assorted snacks
- < Single cereal cups/boxes
- < Canned Beans (*pinto, kidney, lima, black, etc*)
- < Pasta sauce (*Small cans-no jars*)
- < Water bottles (*Mini or Regular*)

Please ensure all food items are sealed and within expiration date.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Top of ramp in designated bin or on the table in the Blessing Box room.

**FOR QUESTIONS
CALL, EMAIL OR TEXT:**

- Kara Hardister
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Karahardister82@gmail.com
- Church office



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