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**Kimball Communicator**

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April 2023 Newsletter

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### "Embracing the Easter Story"

We are fast approaching the Celebration of Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 9th. I hope you've been focusing on God's Amazing Grace during our 40 Days of Lent, and participating in our Wednesday Night Vespers Services. It's now time to embrace the Hope and Promise of Easter!



The Gospel Story that is so beloved to Lutheran Christians begins with Easter, for without the Resurrection- the Life, Death and Ministry of Jesus has little meaning. In fact, the Gospels were written backwards, as a result of how events unfolded. It was only after the Resurrection appearances of Jesus that the Disciples fully understood the scope of the mission of Jesus to redeem the World. The word Gospel means "Good News" - Jesus came to be the Good News among God's People. The Resurrection shows us the truth of God's Promises and the way to live a New Life to the Glory of God.

Each of the Gospels has a different focus when talking about Easter. Our Gospel for Easter 2023 is from St. Matthew, where the writer wants to encourage us to see Jesus as the promised Messiah from the Old Testament, and to see that Jesus fulfills God's Promise of ushering in a new Kingdom for all people. St. Mark's account was the earliest Gospel - serving as a brief overview for forming disciples - a guide to making Christians. St. Luke puts together the Resurrection as a message of Joy for all God's People - Men, Women, Children, the Poor and Disenfranchised - ALL people are encouraged to hear the Message of the Resurrection as God is busy changing the world. And St. John tells the Resurrection story from the perspective of the Beloved Disciple - part of the inner circle of those closest to Jesus.

In these few weeks before Easter I encourage you to read the Resurrection Story from one of the Gospel writers, and to become familiar with the whole story of the Resurrection before our Easter Day Celebration. And we should not only learn what is in this marvelous story, we should also know how to share this story with others. Each event which is told has as its purpose the transformation of the lives of God's people. And as we are transformed, we are called to daily reflect God's Presence in our lives, as we share the Light and Love of Christ.

It all begins with the Resurrection. I hope to see you present for all our activities during Holy Week, and the Easter Season which follows!

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

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### Church Office hours

Mon.-Thurs.  
8am-4pm

Fri. 8-12

### Worship

8:30  
Contemporary

11:00  
Traditional



## Lent, Holy Week and Easter at Kimball Memorial

- **Palm Sunday April 2nd**  
**Worship at 8:30 & 11:00am.** We hope you will join us for morning services at 8:30 and 11:00 as we bless the Palms and then remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as Holy Week begins. Holy Communion will be offered at both services.
- **Sunday, April 2nd 12:15-2:00 pm**  
**Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt** and Lunch for our KKids, 3-5th grades and PreK from 12:15pm - 2pm
- **Holy Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30pm**  
**Service of Corporate Confession and Forgiveness.** This service gives us the opportunity to confess our sin as a congregation as we move toward the Easter Celebration. This service of Corporate Confession and Forgiveness at 6:30 pm is brief - about 30 minutes - but is one of our most meaningful services of the Church Year.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 6:30pm**  
Maundy Thursday Service is also at 6:30 pm and it features Holy Communion and the symbolic stripping of the Altar as we contemplate Jesus being stripped of his earthly power as crucifixion looms in the future.
- **Good Friday, April 7th at 6:30pm**  
**Kimball will Host our Lenten Cantata with the combined choirs of Kimball and First Presbyterian.**  
Our Good Friday Service at 6:30 pm will be held here at Kimball Memorial, and will be a Lenten Cantata with a joint choir from Kimball Memorial and our neighbors at First Presbyterian. This Cantata is entitled "Lord of the Dance" and will focus on the birth, life, death and Resurrection of Christ. We hope you will join us for this joint service.
- **Easter Sunday Worship Services will be a Sunrise Service at 7:00am and Our Festival Easter Service at 9:00 am with Holy Communion at each service.**
- **Easter Morning Breakfast will be 7:45am,** Kimball will be sponsoring our Easter Morning Breakfast for everyone. Then our Festival Easter Day Service with Holy Communion is at 9:00 am. A nursery is provided for all of these Worship Services. We hope you will join us for these activities during this Holiest of weeks.

## "The Church of the Future"

### Team



We have a committee meeting throughout this year focusing on the future of our congregation as we look forward to new opportunities for growth and service in this exciting community in which we live. So far, the focus has been on Evangelism, with new banners for Easter purchased, invitations to worship issued to members of our church and community, discussions on a new, updated website, and sponsorships at local NPR stations. In coming months, the focus will change to our on-line worship services, new innovations and ideas regarding Christian Education and Fellowship...and more. We'll keep you posted on this committee's work, efforts and energy. The members of this committee are: Diana Bentley, Lindsay Daugherty, Whitney Hesley, Heidi Lee, Melissa Little, Hope Russell, David Sloan, Jerrod Smith, and Pastor John.



### Update on Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church's Columbarium

There will be more information on our Columbarium coming late spring/early summer. Letters will be sent to all congregational members giving information about the Columbarium - i.e. a timeline for construction, price, description of the site, etc. The committee has planned two information sessions - one on Sunday morning and one on a weekday evening - open to all members/friends to learn more information about the Columbarium and to ask any questions that you might have. The opportunity to purchase a niche or niches will be available beginning this Summer. Watch bulletins, upcoming newsletters and listen for phone tree messages about these opportunities - we'll make sure that information is provided to all as these important dates approach.

### Congratulations in Order

*Congrats!*

Congrats are in order for member Linda Hunsuck being named Classified Staff Member of the Year at Forest Park Elementary and to Mary Ridenhour for being elected to a second term as the Chair for the ASU Library Board.



## Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool News

We are excited for our congregation as we hold our 1st Preschool Sunday in a long while on Sunday April 2nd, 2023. Our Preschool students and staff will be at our 11:00am worship and will join with our Kingdom Kids and 3-5th graders in presenting a song during our Children's Message "Let's Talk". We are very excited to host this and will join with the Kingdom Kids and 3-5th grade groups for the church's Annual Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt!

We are also very excited to announce that our Preschool has released our registration for our 2023-2024 School year to the public! We are excited because we are almost full for next year with just a few open spots. If you know of anyone looking for a great preschool program, please send them our way!

**Our needs for this month are: Vinyl Gloves, Paper Towels and Baby Wipes.**

Thank you for continually supporting our Preschool Staff and Families!



### Bible and Brew Friday April 21st

We will gather at Liz's house on Friday April 21st from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

### Tuesday Morning Book Club

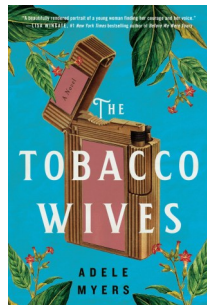
Our first MORNING book club gathering will be Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 10:00 am in the church Parlor. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome as we share fun, food and conversation.



We will be discussing the novel **Tobacco Wives** by Adele Myers. Kindly call Donna Taylor (704-224-7327) or Prebble Henrickson (704-425-3032) if you would like to attend. Join our excitement for our New Book Club Group! !

### Tuesday Night Book Club

May 9th 6:30pm  
Home of: Judy Sloan  
Book: The Tobacco Wives  
by: Adele Myers



## YOUTH & PROGRAM MINISTRY



### HS/MS Youth for April 2023

- **Sunday April 2nd from 12:15-2:00pm. Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt.** Our HS/MS Groups will be helping to serve lunch, hide Easter Eggs and to help with Crafts. *If you need volunteer hours please bring your document & Deacon Liz will sign it.*
- **Sunday April 23rd from 5:15-7:00pm.** HS/MS Youth will have a program and dinner. If you would be willing to make a meal for us, please let Deacon Liz know! Hope you're able to join us!



### Confirmation Class for April 23rd

We will meet at church at 12:15pm on Sunday April 23rd for Confirmation, which will be held at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Albemarle. Bring \$10 for lunch at What-A-Burger in Mt. Pleasant! Liz & PJ will provide transportation to and from St. Martin.

### Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grade

Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April 2nd from 12:15pm-2:00pm. We will provide lunch and will have crafts, The Easter story, The Resurrection Bunny and our Easter Egg Hunt! Friends are welcome to come!



### Children's Faith Formation

Join us for our Children's Faith Formation (Sunday School) on April 23rd from 10am-10:45am. We will be learning more about Easter through our Spark Rotational Sunday School. We will NOT have Faith Formation on Easter Morning, but we will have a fun activity for children after Easter Morning Breakfast.

### J.O.Y. Group for April

Join us April 19th at 9:45am to go to Mt. Airy (aka Mayberry) for an afternoon of fun. We will gather at church at 9:45am and after prayer we will head to Mt. Airy and enjoy seeing the sites and eat lunch. The cost of the trip is your cost for Lunch. Sign up sheets are posted in the church Commons and upstairs by the Flower Calendar. If we have more than 15 going, we will get a 15 passenger van.



### April Anniversaries

5	Buddy & Nevina Christy	20
7	David & Donna Taylor	49
9	Tony & Paula (V) Lippard	18
9	Tanner & Chloe Small	1
10	Morgan & Ame Guy	13
11	Bob & Judi Hill	58
12	Mike & Syliva Sloop	59
16	Eddie & Lisa Dunlow	40
24	Dean & Dana Hinson	20
26	Stafford (V) & Ginger Hamilton	9
28	Robert & Peggy Pergola	50
28	Keith & Heidi Lee	11
28	Martin (V) & Karen McCall	6
30	Jon Todd & Jodie Hott	29

### April Birthdays

1	Paula (V) Lippard
4	John Pendleton
5	Craig Nichols, Joyce Mallernee, Nancy Demeny, Susan Harris
7	Jonathan Patterson
9	Gail Mosher (V), Esther Everett (V), Bo Phongsas
10	Tammy Stearns, Phillip Bostian
11	Tim Jackson
12	Kelli Overcash, Zoe Anne Flatman
15	Zander Nichols
16	Elise Horn
17	Ryan Keith, Eva Tuopaeh
18	Carter Myrick, Eddie Dunlow
22	Samantha Helms
23	Liz Wise, Michael Sloop
24	Kayell Schmitt
25	Abby Carpenter
26	Devon Scott
27	Taren Myrick, Jerry Lambert
28	Ann Fisher
30	Rory Hesley

### Homebound Members

#### Brian Center-Lincolnton

- Eleanor Foil

#### Caremoor

- Aileen Tiece
- Bettie Overcash

#### Landings of Cabarrus

- Leonard Barlow

#### Crescent Heights Senior Living

- Mary Dorton

#### 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:** Sylvia Binnon, Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Norris Dearmon, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Mike Hunter, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Joyce Mallernee, Dianne Marlin, Mike McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Cliff, Kathy, & Devon Scott, Betty Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Gaye St. John



**April Worship Assistants**

**LECTORS**

**8:30am**

2 David Sloan  
16 Mike Abernathy  
23 Laura Abernathy

9 Easter-7:00 am service  
Sally Peterson  
9 Easter-9:00 am service  
Whit Whitley  
30 One Service @ 10:00  
Lauren Nichols

**11:00am**

2 Bob Boynton  
16 Anne Futterer  
23 Liz Wise

**Healing Prayer Ministers**

**8:30 am** Alex Storey

**11:00 am** Joyce Mallernee

**Greeters**

**8:30 am** Jenny Jones

**11:00 am** Tom Ramseur

**ACOLYTES**

**8:30am**

2 Lucy & Charlie Miller  
16 Addison & Hyland Fisher  
23 Lucy & Charlie Miller

9 Easter-7:00 am service  
TBD  
9 Easter-9:00 am service  
Delaney Little & Charley Storey  
30 One Service @ 10:00  
Gabriel & Connor Keith

**11:00am**

2 Brynn and Kamdyn Jones  
16 Isiah and Aubrey Gregory  
23 Ellis Brooks

**PROJECTION (Video)**

**8:30am**

2 Debbie Troutman  
16 Abby Carpenter  
23 Howard Bentley

9 Easter-7:00 am service  
Abby Carpenter  
9 Easter-9:00 am service  
Terry Steinert  
30 One Service @ 10:00  
Andy Robinson

**11:00am**

2 Milton Matheny  
16 Nathan Carpenter  
23 Tiffany Winn

**SOUND (Audio)**

**8:30am**

2 Rick Teumer  
16 Gavin Carpenter  
23 Keith Garver

9 Easter-7:00 am service  
Eric Storey  
9 Easter-9:00 am service  
Abby Carpenter  
30 One Service @ 10:00  
Keith Lee

**11:00am**

2 Barry Christenson  
16 Gavin Carpenter  
23 Bo Phongsa

**Worship Assistants**

**8:30am**

2 Donna Taylor  
16 Liz Fisher  
23 Cooper Hinson

9 Easter-7:00 am service  
Tim Patterson  
9 Easter-9:00 am service  
Joe Tallent  
30 One Service @ 10:00  
Whit Whitley

**11:00am**

2 Britton Christenson  
16 Liz Fisher  
23 Bob Boynton

**COUNCIL ASSISTANTS**

**8:30** Donna Taylor/Melissa Little

**11:00** Tony Lippard/Ben Hesley

**COMMUNION PREPARERS**

**8:30** Jim & Susan Harris

**11:00** Liz Wise & Robin Ballard

**MONTHLY TELLERS**

**9:00 am** each Monday  
Steve & Peggy Lynch

# Good news flags

Use batik, a unique fabric-dyeing method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.



### What you need:

- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

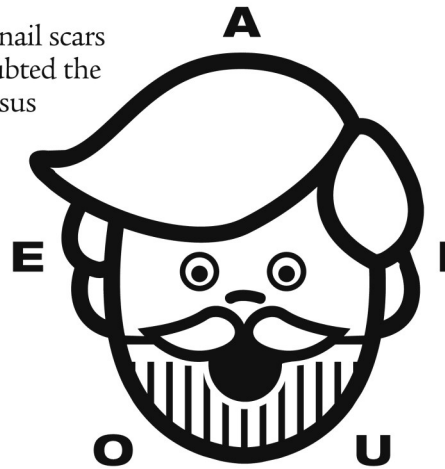
### What you do:

1. Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
2. Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
3. Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
4. Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
5. Hang the flags and celebrate!



## SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?



**Directions:**  
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete  
*John 20:29, NIV.*

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oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo

bl \_ ss \_ d \_ r \_ th \_ s \_ wh \_ h \_ v \_ n \_ t  
oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo

s \_ \_ n \_ nd y \_ t h \_ v \_ b \_ l \_ \_ v \_ d ."  
oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo

**JOHN 20:29, NIV**

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 2023</b>						1 8:00 AM Churchwide Cleanup Day
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells 12:15 PM Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch for KK, 3-5th grades & Preschool	3	4 11:00 AM Executive Council Meeting-Meet upstairs (time and date change for this month only)	5 6:30 PM Service of Corporate Confession & Forgiveness Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice after worship service	6 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service	7 6:30 PM Good Friday Worship Service w/Cantata by Kimball & First Presbyterian Church choirs	8
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 7:45 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Festival Worship Service	10 Church office is closed	11	12 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	13 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Property Team	14	15
16 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	17 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting-Library	18 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo	19 9:45 AM J.O.Y. Group to Mt. Airy & Pilot Mt. (lunch in Mt. Airy) 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	20 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Council Meeting	21 6:30 PM Bible & Brew at the home of Liz Fisher	22
23 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 10:00 AM Children's Faith Formation (SS) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation-St. Martin's-Albamarle 5:15-7:00 PM HS/MS Youth @ Kimball for dinner & program	24	25 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Book Club-Parlor	26 3:00 -6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only-KAC 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	27	28 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC	29 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC
30 10:00 AM One Worship Service						



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**Council Communicator April 2023**

- We have already fulfilled our 2023 pledge for “Be the Light”. We are currently in the second year of the three year campaign.
- We have received appreciation letters from the following organizations for our recent monetary donations: Lutheran World Relief - for emergency aid to the people of Ukraine, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Feeding Kannapolis Hunger
- A Church-Wide Clean Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. We appreciate any and all help in making this effort a success.
- We have a few highlights to share from the new committee, “The Church of the Future - NOW!”: For the purpose of inviting visitors to attend Kimball, the group has placed an emphasis on advertising for our Easter Services. These efforts include new banners around the church property and various intersections in the area, as well as a running campaign on NPR- specifically our local WDAV and WFAE station affiliates. These ads will begin towards the end of March and will continue up until Easter.
- Holy Week is quickly approaching, and we are looking forward to the Maundy Thursday Service here at Kimball, and a combined Good Friday Service with the First Presbyterian Church congregation. This service will also be held here at Kimball. Easter Sunday Services will be held at 7am and 9am with a congregational breakfast between services.
- A Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday. We’re in need of pre-filled Easter Eggs for this event. If you would like to take empty eggs to fill and bring back, bags of eggs are outside of the sanctuary on the ramp. Please bring the filled eggs back by Thursday, March 30th and place in the blue barrel.
- G.W. Carver Elementary is in need of gently used sport-coats, blazers and suit-jackets of all sizes. These will be donated to assist in a new program with an effort to mentor the upper grade boys who may not have been taught basic skills, such as tying a tie etc. We appreciate all donations toward this effort.
- Last Sunday the Youth and Children’s Faith Formation Classes filled 112 bags for Veterans in need.