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September 2023 Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

Caring and Sharing...

It's hard to believe but as I write this the Summer is coming to an end, and with it we're looking into the last four months of 2023. It's been a full and busy year - not only in the ways that we have enjoyed Summer (Lutheridge, Ice Cream Social, Mission Trip, etc)...but also in the ways that we have cared so far year. Here are some highlights!

* We provided children at Carver Elementary School a wonderful week in the "cooler" mountains of North Carolina at our beautiful camp, Lutheridge.

* We've helped our families from Belize and Nigeria - folks who have become neighbors and friends!

* Our church honored Mable Brown as "Parish Worker Emerita" and welcomed Mabel and her family for a reception after worship. We also honored our graduating Seniors from High School and College.

* Given of our time/talent and treasure to numerous causes - World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Lutheran Services Carolinas, the Bishop's Special Appeal for next Summer's Youth Gathering, helped with Samaritan's Table and the Salvation Army Dinners, filled our Blessing Box faithfully and given tons of food to CCM. We've paved our parking lot (it had been 60 years!) and are soon to begin construction on our new Columbarium.

* Enjoyed Lenten and Easter Services, joint worship with our friends at First Presbyterian, "Honored our Neighbor's Faith", watched our Preschool grow in numbers and in our relationships together.

These are but a few of the things we've been engaged in, and we are looking forward to new experiences in the fall: a revamped Sunday School Program, a Presentation from our High School Youth on their recently completed Mission Trip, Bible Studies, a wonderful musical from our own Don Simmons and his wife, Kay; Pastor Delmer Chilton joining us for Stewardship Sunday and our Thanks and Thanksgiving Luncheon. We'll keep you posted on all of these and other upcoming activities - please join us as you're able and be a part of this wonderful congregation and all that we're doing here!

Peace 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



Blessing Box Highlighted in September

A ministry that is growing steadily in the congregation is our Blessing Box, constructed this year and placed near the back part of our campus, far behind the children's playground in an area that is easily acceptable to all who need a blessing of food, toiletries, or other essential items. We are now servicing the Blessing Box multiple times during the week - a sure sign that it is being used by those who need it the most. Doing so regularly means that we have begun to develop a relationship with some "regulars" who have come to depend on this Blessing Box on a weekly basis. The needs are many and varied, and you will always find them listed in our bulletin for the week: Everything from pudding cups, oatmeal packets, and bottles of water, to tissues, deodorant, soap and toothpaste. As Autumn approaches, we are being challenged to "think outside the box" by including easy grab and go items that require no preparation (granola bars, packages of snack crackers, etc.) as well as "seasonal items" such as coats, sweaters, warm socks, and sleeping bags). The items will continue to be updated and your help and participation are encouraged and appreciated. During this month of September we really hope that you'll bring your items and place them in the pantry located in the educational building in the back corner - the old Joe Gribble Sunday School Class. We also can always use more folks willing to fill the Blessing Box. If you're interested in helping in any way or have questions, please contact Alex Storey (980-521-1135; aeaberna@gmail.com), or you may call the Church Office. Thank you, in advance, for your help during the month of September and beyond for this important ministry of Kimball Church.

Tuesday Night Book Club

Date: September 5th, 6:30pm

Host: Susie Kerns

Book: *The Light Between Oceans*

By: M.L. Stedman



Friday Book Club

Date: September 22th, 6:30pm

Host: Abernathys

Food: Dunlow/Tallent

Book: *Flop Dead Gorgeous*

By: David Rosenfelt



Welcome New Member

With great joy we welcomed Hayes Dean Wiethorn into membership recently via the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Born on March 24th, 2021, Hayes is the son of Tyler and Hannah Wiethorn and little brother to his sister, Ellis. At the font, the family remembered with love grandfathers Mike Smith and Bill Dean Wiethorn. They also felt great joy in having grandmothers Gina Smith of Concord and Linda Wiethorn of Richmond, Texas present for the service. We rejoice with the family at this special time!

A Special Blessing From our Friends at Lutheridge



We were pleased this Summer to carry a large contingent of Kimball Memorial Members and friends from Carver Elementary to Lutheridge - our beautiful camp near Asheville. It is a ministry our congregation has been engaged in for many years, and one that always brings blessings to our participants. What we did NOT expect, was an additional blessing from Lutheridge, along with this very nice email. It read in part: "Kimball's outreach at Lutheridge has become a model and mentor for the faithful work of the church and this summer's outreach for camp is a special part of that ministry. Kimball's ministry engagement is tremendous, and so we would like to pay the remainder of your bill with a grant from the Peeler-Casey fund, and will also make a donation of an additional \$1,000 for a one-time transportation support gift. This will help in paying expenses you incurred in renting the 24 passenger van needed for transportation this year." We rejoiced to receive the gift AND the wonderful email highlighting our summer ministries. In a summer filled with much travel and busyness, it was so good to be honored with a gift to help the children and youth in our parish!

What's It all About ~ Sarah's Song

The musical, "Sarah's Song" is everyone's story. It is the story of two very ordinary people, a man and a woman who began a journey. This journey became the extraordinary adventure of a lifetime.



Act I chronicles their move from Haran, Mesopotamia. They left all and everyone they knew outside of their household, and traveled to the land of Canaan. It takes us through the harem debacle in Egypt.

Act II continues their saga returning to Canaan. Their hopes and dreams for a child. Their belief and unbelief and God's ever present mercy, guidance, and kept promises.

Act III portrays God's test of Abraham's faith. Would he continue to put God first? Would he trust God and obey an unfathomable command. Sarah and Abraham recount their challenges and fulfillment at the end of her life.

After her death their son Isaac marries Rebecca and Sarah's legacy of love of children and of motherhood continues. A little girl named Jenny who is hearing Sarah's story from her grandmother finds a new superhero.

An Original Musical Drama Portraying Sarah and Abraham's Quest to Follow God

- ◆ **Thursday, September 14th 7:30 pm**
- ◆ **Friday, September 15th 7:30 pm**

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Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool

Dear Kimball Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for blessing our preschool with your donations to start our school year. We appreciate the items purchased and the monetary gifts for items in need. We are so blessed to have such a loving congregation to support us as we endeavor to spread the good news of Jesus to our preschool children and their families.

With love and gratitude,

Ms. Sherri and Kimball Preschool staff



KIMBALL PROGRAM

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join our High School Youth for Brunch and a Presentation on Sunday September 10th @ 9:30am



After a wonderful Mission Trip to West Virginia - our first "BIG" Mission Trip in three years post-Covid, our High School Youth (with some ample help from our Lutheran Men) would like to invite you to brunch in the Commons and a time to hear a little about their trip. We also will hear information about NEXT Summer's Youth Activity - a journey to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering. All monies received from the meal will go towards that cause. Please join us for a fun and faithful morning!

High School and Middle School Youth

- **September 24th from 2:30-4pm**

Middle School Confirmation will be at Calvary Lutheran Church on Sunday September 24th. Please drop your student off at Calvary and PJ and Liz will bring them back to church for Youth Group.

- **HS/MS Youth Group and Program Sunday September 24th from 4:30-6:30pm.** Join us at the Church for Dinner and a Program!



- **Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Alive Faith Formation** will kick off on Sunday September 17th at 10am. We will meet in the fellowship hall and we're excited to kick off this new year!

Joy

J.O.Y. Group will meet on Tuesday September 19th

We will meet in the church parking lot to go to Reed Gold Mine in Midland. Museum cost is free and cost for a Guided Tour into the mine is \$2. Tour lasts about 30-40 minutes. We will go to lunch after the visit. Sign up sheets are posted upstairs by the Flower Chart and downstairs in the Church Commons. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun trip.

September Anniversaries

6	David & Sheila Goodnight	38
9	Caleb & Brynn (V) Falls	6
17	Matt (V) & Anna Clark	1
20	Nathan & Kathryn Murph	15
22	Dolph & Taren Myrick	44
24	Greg & Lori Whitcomb	18
29	Joshua & Anna Lamberth	4



September Birthdays

- 1 Randy Price, Suzie Pascua, Betty Walker (V), Jacob Hardy
- 2 Sherry Artz, Eric Jones
- 3 Alexis Nichols, Ame Guy
- 4 Bryana McDonald, Paulette Peeler
- 5 Grace Robinson
- 6 Allen Brantley, Gary Yount
- 7 David Goodnight, Mickey Brandle
- 8 Doug Brothers, Hunter Patterson, Tom Ramseur, Taylor Murph
- 9 Jennifer Buttner
- 13 Mary Hunsuck (V), Keith Lee
- 14 Paul Smith, Alyssa Nichols, Peter Busteed, Lucy Miller
- 15 Ashlyn Christy
- 19 Ben Hesley, Cynthia Brown
- 20 Mary Jo Snipes, Riley Dodson
- 21 Allyson Randle
- 22 Cathy Young, Liam Hesley
- 23 Brad Brothers
- 24 Travis Black
- 26 Charlotte Fisher
- 28 Sylvia Anderson
- 29 Jon Todd Hott, Andy Robinson
- 30 Liz Fisher, Peggy Lynch, Hope Russell

Homebound Members

Caremoor

- Aileen Triage
- Bettie Overcash

Spring Arbor of Albemarle

- Mary Dorton

Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

At their home

- Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown, Jean Davis, Louise Propst

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 (Virginia), Keith Lee (NC)

Kimball members: Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Jean Davis, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Jim & Susan Harris, Judi & Bob Hill, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Cliff, Kathy & Devon Scott, Betty Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Mary Jo Snipes, Gaye St. John

September Worship Assistants

LECTORS

8:30am

3 Scott Harmon
10 Lauren Nichols
17 Lisa Robinson
24 David Sloan

11:00am

3 Anne Futterer
10 Michele Nichols
17 Jerrod Smith
24 Joyce Mallernee

Healing Prayer Ministers

8:30 am Peggy Lynch

11:00 am Lindsay Daugherty

Greeters

8:30 am Mary Jo Snipes

11:00 am Pat Moser

ACOLYTES

8:30am

3 Lucy & Charlie Miller
10 Riley Dodson
17 Addison & Hyland Fisher
24 Ellis Weithorn

11:00am

3 Skyla Hardister
10 Tyler & Alyssa Nichols
17 Reagan & John Cauthen
24 Liam Neely

PROJECTION (Video)

8:30am

3 Randy Price
10 David Taylor
17 Mickey Brandle
24 Shane Little

11:00am

3 Nathan Carpenter
10 Alexis Nichols
17 Gavin Carpenter
24 Tony Lippard

SOUND (Audio)

8:30am

3 Liz Fisher
10 Rick Teumer
17 Patrick Little
24 Tim Patterson

11:00am

3 Milton Matheny
10 Abby Carpenter
17 Terry Steinert
24 Nathan Carpenter

Worship Assistants

8:30am

3 Sabrina Bennet
10 Tim Patterson
17 Donna Taylor
24 Lauren Nichols

11:00am

3 Tony Lippard
10 Pallas Alexander
17 Huyla Jackson
24 Alexis Nichols

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 Paula Brandle/Karan Whitley

11:00 Bob Boynton/Terry Steinert

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 Susan & Jim Harris

11:00 Ryan & Kara Hardister

MONTHLY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday

Pat Moser &
Sally Peterson



SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.



PUZZLE

A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A



R G S Z M P N B T L W
 V E V I B G R N V R
 I V N V N Y V I B L F
 R M Z O O N B
 K I Z B V I H U L I Z O O
 L U B L F , R Z O D Z B H
 K I Z B D R G S Q L B
 K S R O R K K R Z M H

1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2023					1	2
3 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	4 Labor Day Church office is closed	5 First Day of Preschool	6 2:00 PM Executive Council meeting 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	7 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Property Team	8	9
10 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult SS 9:30 AM Brunch & HS Youth Presentation of Summer Youth Trip in the Commons 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	11 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting-Library	12 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo	13 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	14 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:30 PM Sarah's Song Performance @ Kimball	15	16 (Tear Down set & luncheon)
17 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult SS 10:00 AM Faith Formation and Parents/Young Adult SS Class 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	18	19 10:00 AM J.O.Y. Group meet at church to go to Reed's Gold Mine & lunch	20 2:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	21 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Council Meeting	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult SS 10:00 AM Faith Formation and Parents/Young Adult SS Class 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 2:30-4:00 PM MS Confirmation @ Calvary Lutheran Church Concord 4:30-6:30 PM HS/MS Dinner & Program	25	26	27 3:00 –6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only-KAC	28	29 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC	30 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC



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Greetings From Your Church Council



- The food drive for CCM during the month July, was a success! Over 1,000 pounds were donated. We so appreciate everyone's participation in this event.
- The Ice Cream Social was a wonderful time of fellowship and thanks to all who came out to enjoy this time together!
- Faith Formation starts back September 17th . If you would be interested in volunteering to help teach please see Deacon Liz.
- Please mark your calendars for "Sarah's Song", an original musical written by Don and Kay Simmons. Performances will take place on September 14th and 15th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.