



Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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MARCH

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From the Pastor....

THE PRINCE

Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish theologian, told a story about a certain kingdom wherein there was a handsome prince, searching for a woman worthy enough to be his wife and to become queen of the land. One day while running an errand for his father he passed through a poor village. As he glanced out the window of his carriage his eyes fell on a beautiful peasant maiden.



During ensuing days, he often passed by the young lady and soon fell in love with her by sight. But he had a problem. How could he seek her hand? He could command her to marry him, but the prince wanted someone who would marry him out of love, not coercion. He could show up at her door in his splendid uniform in a gold carriage drawn by six horses, attendants in tow, and bearing a chest of jewels and gold coins. But then how would he know if she really loved him or if she was just overawed and overwhelmed with his splendor? Finally, he came up with another solution.

He stripped off his royal robes, put on common dress, moved into the village and got to know her without revealing his identity. As he lived among the people, the prince and the maiden became friends, shared each other's interests, and talked about their concerns. By and by, the young lady grew to love him for who he was and because he had first loved her.

Kierkegaard commented that this is exactly the Gospel! The Prince of Peace Himself, Jesus Christ, laid aside the robes of his glory, garbed himself as a peasant, became a human being, and moved into our village, onto our planet, to woo us to himself. In this Lenten Season, I hope we will all ponder on the wonder of God's Love for us in Jesus Christ...the One Savior of all the saved, the One door of heaven, the One who has ransomed all our souls. Thanks be to God!

Peace and love,

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

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 5th at 6:30 pm



The Lenten Season begins in early March this year, with Ash Wednesday coming on March 5th. We will offer our traditional service of confession, repentance, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 6:30 in the evening. This service will be broadcast live on our YouTube Channel, and the link will be posted to our website during the day on Wednesday. A nursery is provided for this evening service...friends are certainly welcome to attend. We hope you will join us!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4th 5:00 – 7:00 pm



Please join us on Tuesday, March 4th for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Super, sponsored by our Lutheran Men. There will be delicious pancakes and sausage with all the trimmings – all proceeds will go to our Men's Projects in the church and in the community. We hope to see you!



KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Date: March 11th 6:30pm

Host: Fran Patterson

Book: *Island Queen* by Vanessa Riley

Friday Night Book Club

Date: March 21st 6:30pm

Host: Taylor's

Book: *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams



2025 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

JESUS – SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND

Lent provides us with the perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant, Friend...Jesus. It is a time to marvel at the many blessings we have each received when Christ laid down His life for us on the cross, and then rose victorious from the grave. Each service in this series dwells upon a different aspect of our greatest Friend, and what each characteristic means to us as his modern day disciples.

Dates and Themes for 2025 are:

- **March 12** – *Healer* (St. Matthew 8:14-17)
- **March 19** – *Listener* (St. John 3:1-17)
- **March 26** – *Encourager* (St. Matthew 8:5-13)
- **April 2** – *Protector* (St. John 14:18-27)
- **April 9** – *Comforter* (St. John 11:17-27)

Here is some important information to keep in mind for this year's Lenten Schedule.

- Lenten Worship Services begin each evening at 6:30 pm.
- A nursery is provided for all our evening Lenten Services.
- Services will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel and the links to the serviced will be posted to our website during the day on Wednesday.
- We will sing the old, familiar hymns that folks enjoy so much during our Lenten Services...the ones you know so well that you can just "close the hymnal of the last verse and sing it from memory!"
- We plan to use the beautiful and familiar liturgy entitled "That You May Have Life" a beautiful liturgy for the Lenten Season. We hope you'll continue to enjoy these familiar friends - the service, the music and the liturgy that have meant so much to this congregation and community over the years!

Please make plans to join us for these services!!!



Faith Formation

HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

The class begins each Sunday at 10:00 am, and will meet in the Library.

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

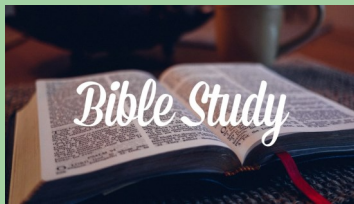
The Joe Gribble Sunday School class meets every Sunday in the Joe Gribble Classroom in the educational wing at 10:00 am.

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.

March Facilitators

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



HS/MS YOUTH

HS/MS Lunch - Los Arcos—Sunday, March 16th
Join our High School and Middle School for Lunch on Sunday March 16th at 12:30 pm at Los Arcos. Cost is \$10 for Lunch. We hope to see you there!

HS/MS Bowling - Sunday March 30th
Our HS/MS Groups will go bowling on Sunday March 30th from 1:00 -3:00 pm. Drop-off at Foxfire Lanes at 1:00 pm and pick up at 3:00 pm at Foxfire. Cost of bowling is \$10 which includes bowling and shoes. If you want snacks/games, bring an additional \$5.

MS Confirmation— Sunday March 23rd
Our MS Confirmation Group will meet at the church at 12:15 pm on Sunday March 23rd. We will grab some lunch, and head to Mt. Zion, Richfield. We would love to have a parent volunteer that could possibly drive. If you are available, please text Deacon Liz. Bring \$10 for Lunch.

Faith Formation Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am
Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship hall for Faith Formation. Our Lenten Kit activity is rescheduled for Sunday March 9th at 10:00 am. Join us to build your family one, it will have family devotions, coloring sheets, crafts and for families. If anyone else would like to make one for their family, you are welcome to come.



Putt Putt -Kingdom Kids/3-5 Grades —March 16
Join our Kingdom Kids and 3-5th graders for Putt Putt on Sunday March 16th at 3:00 pm at Jocko's Mini Golf. We will play a round of Putt Putt and will grab a Kona Ice after. Meet at Jocko's at 3:00 pm and we will finish around 4:15 pm. Cost is \$10 for Putt Putt and Kona Ice.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
Mar 3	Larry & Sylvia Anderson	53
Mar 14	Matt & Melinda Fisher	12
Mar 20	Doug & Sharon Brothers	54
Mar 25	Rajeem & Christy Baptist	2
Mar 27	Jerry & Donna Lambert	44
Mar 31	Phil & Debbie Troutman	41

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, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Betsy Ellington-Boynton, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, John Glass, Todd Haley, Prebble Henrickson, 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, 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



MARCH

01-Mar	Hunter MURPH
	Danny SLOOP
02-Mar	Adam RUSSELL
03-Mar	Todd HALEY
04-Mar	Ron NICHOLS
	Gale OWENS
11-Mar	Ava RAMSEY
13-Mar	Mary DORTON
17-Mar	Dawn HARDY
18-Mar	Andrew BELL
19-Mar	Dolph MYRICK
20-Mar	Jessica TROUTMAN
	Justin TROUTMAN
21-Mar	Whitney HESLEY
	Mike HUNTER
22-Mar	Mary RIDENHOUR
23-Mar	Erica BENTLEY
24-Mar	Bonnie ADAIR
	Kamden RIDGELL
	Hayes WIETHORN
26-Mar	Cooper HINSON
	Lynda WISE
27-Mar	Shirley MILLER
	Jeff POOLE
28-Mar	Skyla HARDISTER
29-Mar	Lindsay DAUGHERTY
	Katie GLASS
	Sheila GOODNIGHT
30-Mar	Rob ROGINSKI
31-Mar	Michele NICHOLS

MARCH SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
2-Mar	Rob Roginski	Tim Patterson	Lucy Miller	TBD	TBD
9-Mar	Emily Clamser	Nicholas Bronson	Riley Dodson	TBD	TBD
16-Mar	David Sloan	Scott Harmon	Delaney Little	TBD	TBD
23-Mar	Hope Russell	Emily Clamser	Palmer/Asa Russell	TBD	TBD

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
5-Mar	Deacon Liz
12-Mar	Pastor Joe
19-Mar	Class
26-Mar	Pastor John

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
2-Mar	Huyla Jackson	Bob Boynton	Blaine/ Anniston Wheatley	TBD	TBD
9-Mar	Rosalie Hartman	Huyla Jackson	Alyssa Nichols	TBD	TBD
16-Mar	Kim Kane	Tony Lippard	Emma Messenger	TBD	TBD
23-Mar	Joyce Mallernee	Abbey Schmitt	Hank Schmitt	TBD	TBD
10:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
30-Mar	Bob Hill	Liz Fisher	Palmer/Asa Russell	TBD	TBD

FLOWER CALENDAR	
2-Mar	
9-Mar	Mallernee
16-Mar	Troutman
23-Mar	Wiethorn
30-Mar	Kane

8:30		11:00	
Greeters	Jenny Jones / Todd Haley	Joyce Mallernee / Pat Moser	Fran & Keith Garver
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon / Todd Haley	Bob Boynton / Terry Steinert	Amy Black
Healing Prayer	Scott Harmon	Lindsay Daugherty	
Communion Prep	Fran & Keith Garver	Tony Lippard / Kathy Hunter	

MONTH LONG	
Tellers	Fran & Keith Garver
Slide Prep	Amy Black

KIMBALL MEMORIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY GENERAL FUND	
Monthly Needed for Budget	\$44,458
Received During February	\$38,480
YEAR-TO-DATE GENERAL FUND	
YTD Needed for Budget	\$88,916
YTD Received	\$73,248



Congratulations to three of our High School/Middle School Youth who received nice honors recently:

Skyla Hardister performed in the Piedmont Players presentation of *The Little Mermaid, Jr* at the Norvell Theater in Salisbury. She is a 6th grader at Kannapolis Middle School and in our Confirmation class

Kendra Nichols who was named a finalist for the High School Softball Rising Star of the Year Award, recognizing the top softball athletes and scholars from Cabarrus, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Iredell, Rowan, and Stanly counties. Kendra is a junior at Jay M. Robinson High School

Harrison Woodle received the Air and Space Force Association Outstanding Cadet of the Year, for “special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership ability”, from the Civil Air Patrol. Harry is a freshman at Concord High School.

We congratulate these three active members of our congregation. Please let us know if your young person is being recognized in any way – we love to lift up our young members at Kimball Memorial!



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.

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



J.O.Y. Group

March 20th—11:00 am

Please join the J.O.Y. Group meeting on March 20th at 11:00 am at the China Grove Family House. We will gather for lunch and devotions, and Deacon Liz will provide details about our upcoming Fall Retreat along with the group's calendar for the remainder of the year. We look forward to your participation. If you have not yet attended a Joy Group meeting, please know that all are welcome, regardless of age. We hope to see you there.



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



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

[Register Now](#)

GRIEF GROUP INTEREST MEETINGS

There will be two meetings for those who may be interested in participating in a grief support group. Interest meetings will be at 10am on March 16th, and 6pm on March 20th in the church Parlor. Please reach out to Hannah Wiethorn (704-301-0605) if interested, but unable to attend either meeting.

HS/MS YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we enter the Lenten season, would you consider leading Middle and High School Sunday School one Sunday in March or April? Reach out to Hannah Wiethorn (704-301-0605) if willing. Lessons will be provided.



Everyone is invited to a
WORSHIP CELEBRATION
on the occasion of the
retirement of
The Rev. Dr. Tim Smith
as bishop of the
NC Synod of the ELCA



Saturday, March 29, 2025
2:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 West Innes Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

A brief reception will follow.



NORTH CAROLINA
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



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](#)



LUTHERIDGE SUMMER CAMP June 22—27

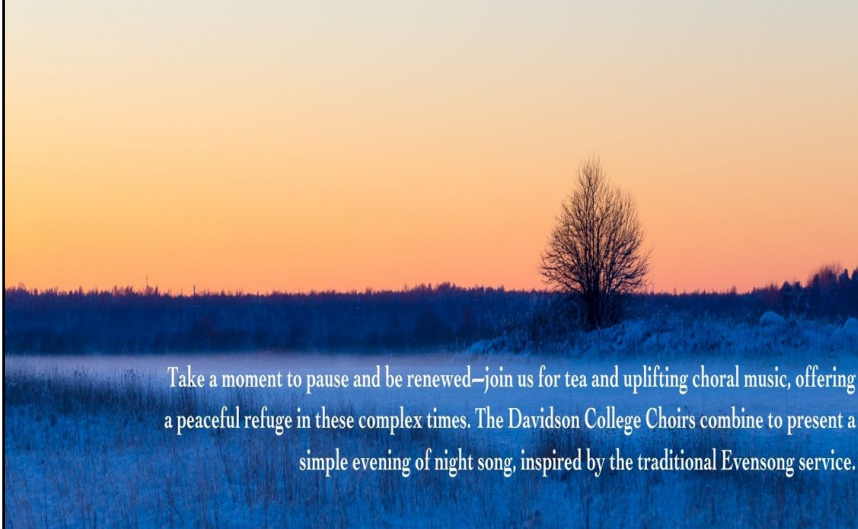
Lutheridge Summer Camp will be held from June 22nd to 27th, 2025. Please register by March 16th by contacting Deacon Liz. Transportation is via charter bus with a maximum of 30 youth. Costs vary by program, though efforts will be made to secure scholarships to reduce the fee to \$350 per child. Payment schedule will be: \$100 on March 16th, \$100 on April 13th, and \$150 on May 18th. For scholarship assistance, please reach out to Deacon Liz or Pastor John.

Ways to Pay

- Check (through the offering and earmark it Lutheridge Summer Camp)
- Online-Tithe.ly <https://tinyurl.com/dndb9ahn> you can also find the link on our webpage at www.kimballchurch.org and click giving. Pull down the menu and choose Lutheridge.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE CHOIRS PRESENT

EVENING LIGHT: A CHORAL MEDITATION



Take a moment to pause and be renewed—join us for tea and uplifting choral music, offering a peaceful refuge in these complex times. The Davidson College Choirs combine to present a simple evening of night song, inspired by the traditional Evensong service.



DAVIDSON
COLLEGE

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
Davidson College Presbyterian Church
Free & Open to the Public; tickets available at:

www.davidson.edu/music



HOMEBOUNDED MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triage / 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



DONATE BLOOD

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
Wednesday, March 12
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

All donors will receive*:
- \$20 eGift Card
- St. Patrick's Day T-shirt
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 42421

ID REQUIRED

*The eGift card amount per donation. No cash value. Not transferrable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

Donors Receive

\$20 eGift CARD

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MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Youth at LYO- Fri-Sun	1
Transfiguration 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	3	4 5:00-7:00p Shrove Tuesday Pancakes	5 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Ash Wednesday 7:30p Chancel Choir	6 5:00p Samaritan's Table	7	8
Lent 1 DST Begins 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Lenten Kits 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Confirmation	10	11 6:30p Tuesday Evening Book Club at Patterson's	12 10:00a Bible Study 2:00p Blood Drive 6:30p Lenten Worship 7:30p Chancel Choir	13 5:00p Samaritan's Table	14	15
Lent 2 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 10:00a Grief Group 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:30p HS/MS Lunch--Los Arcos 3:00p Putt Putt at Jocko's	17 6:30p Preschool Board	18 10:00a Bingo- Coltrane Life Center	19 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Lenten Worship 7:30p Chancel Choir	20 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table 6:00p Grief Group	21 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic 6:30p Friday Night Book Club at Taylor's	22 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
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Lent 4 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship 1:00p HS/MS Bowling-Foxfire	31					



**Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
Kimball Communicator-Newsletter**



Lutheridge Statement of Intent Cards were collected last Sunday. Kimball has accepted a goal of \$50,000 over two years. If you have not had a chance to complete your Statement of Intent Card, extra copies are located in the narthex. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry!