

First English Lutheran Church

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Then and Now



(First church building)

"And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."
(Luke 2:7)



(Present church building)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
(Matthew 28:19-20)

50 Year History 1929 – 1979

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in January, 1929, according to accounts from old church records. Prior to that time, St. John's Lutheran Church was holding German Services and was connected with the Iowa Synod, a forerunner of the old ALC. There was a move within the Kimball community for English language Lutheran services. Some of the members of St. John's, as well as other Lutherans from the community, together with Pastor H. Stennfeld petitioned the Iowa Synod to support such a new mission venture, which resulted in the formation of a new congregation.

On October 22, 1930, the congregation purchased the lots on which the church stands from Dr. M. Markley for \$750. Our first church building was a remodeled barn. Phil Stahla and P. A. Pedersen looked over the barn to see whether it should be torn down or remodeled. A sacristy and chancel area was built onto the east end of the building, which was originally 16' by 32'. A narthex was added to the west end of the building. The cost of remodeling was about \$800 to \$900. This first church building was dedicated to the Glory of God on February 2, 1941.

In mid-July, 1949, it was decided by the congregation to begin work on the new church. On March 12, 1950, approximately 1000 people attended the two dedication services. In 1952 a parsonage was purchased from the S. P. Dowd's. Many improvements and additions were made in the Church. The upstairs Sunday School rooms were finished, the small study at the front of the church was built.

In December, 1955 it was decided to go ahead with the church basement project.

The present office which was formerly a kitchen was built in 1966. Our first association with Sky Ranch was during this year also.



Beautiful stained glass
 Windows were added
 In 2010



Parsonage (across the street)

Church Services, Classes & Events

- Church services are held at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Lenten services are held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Children's Sunday School meets after Sunday morning Worship.
- Our previous Pastor held a mid-week Children's Program called "Fish and Loaves," which was very successful.
- Vacation Bible School is provided during the summer in conjunction with other Kimball Church groups.
- The Ladies Quilting Group meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
- There is a Women of the ELCA group that meets on a regular basis and supports many local and world-wide ministries and missions.
- The Church Council meets monthly.
- In the past our Church provided an annual Thanksgiving meal that is open to the public to serve those who otherwise would spend Thanksgiving alone. We regularly served over a hundred people at these meals.
- We are part of the Kimball Ministerial Association and we gather donations to contribute to the local food bank.

Fellowship



Fish & Loaves





Baptisms



Quilts

First English Lutheran Church
quilters made 34 quilts
for Lutheran World Relief



Hay Rack Ride



Food Bank Donations



Purpose and Mission Statement

We are here to serve God through worship and sharing the Word of God with our neighbors and friends inside and outside of the congregation. We are here not only to share our time and talents with our congregation, but with the community. We strive to be supportive to our fellow members and encourage and welcome new members. We desire a leader who can support us and help and guide us in our daily worship life and to help us accomplish our goals, which include revising youth groups, youth education, young adult and young families programs and to be involved both inside and outside of the church walls.

- Our Vision Statement is:
A people gathered together in Christ
through the Lutheran tradition
in the ELCA.
- Our Mission Statement is:
A people Going and Growing Together in
God's Spirit!



Kimball, Nebraska

Set in the midst of rural Western Nebraska, in the scenic Lodgepole Valley, Kimball is the High Point of Nebraska. Not only our elevation and nearby Panorama Point show us as High Point, but Kimball can be the "High Point" of your visit, your stay and your day ...Kimball, your Destination High Point.

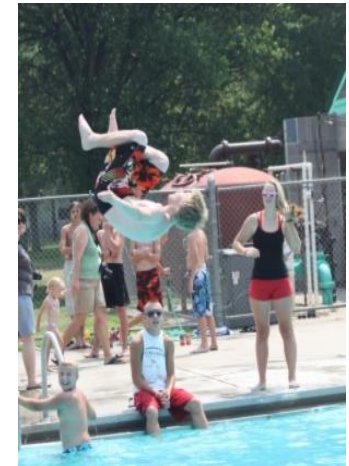
- A loving great little town you would be proud to call home.
- A great place to live, work, retire, invest, build a business and make a difference!
- Close to everything and far enough away to relax in peace.
- Buy an acre for the price of a square foot in the metropolitan areas.
- Fresh, clear drinking water straight from the tap.
- Spectacular free sunsets and sunrises daily
- Kids ride their bikes to school and play without worry or fear.
- Warm, welcoming and involved citizens
- Affordable modern housing
- Unique shopping opportunities
- Excellent health care, assisted living, nursing home & independent senior living
- Outstanding schools, teachers & administration
- PGA Pro golf course, ball fields, & trap range
- Bowling alley
- Community Concerts

Kimball, Nebraska



Gotte Park houses the municipal swimming pool, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, shady trees, a picnic shelter, and playground equipment. A tennis court is also used for rollerblading, ice hockey, and ice skating. There is ample room for kite flying, Frisbee throwing, horseshoe tossing, disc golf course or just tossing a baseball around.

City Park features playground equipment, open space, and a basketball court.





FITNESS CLASSES
Kimball Health Services
North Campus
 Formerly West Elementary

- Aerobics-
 Monday 7:00 PM
 Wednesday 7:00 PM
 Thursday 9:30 AM
 Friday 5:45 AM
- Kickboxing-
 Tuesday 5:45 AM
 Thursday 5:45 AM

\$20/MONTH PAYS FOR UNLIMITED CLASSES

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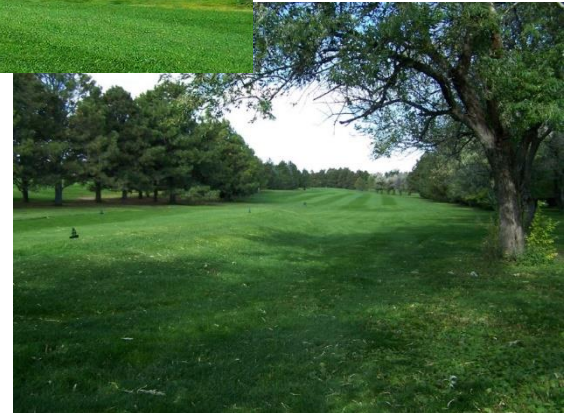


Kimball Health Services Clinic opened its doors in September of 1996. It is a provider-based Certified Rural Health Clinic and is staffed with two full-time physicians and two physician assistants.



Four Winds Golf Course

Four Winds Golf Course was designed to be enjoyed by the individual golfer regardless of his or her ability, and to be as challenging as one desires. With five sets of tees, 5,400 yards (Red) as the shortest, and 6,903 yards (Silver) as the Championship course, the golfer may make his or her own choice. If one selects the Silver Course, please keep in mind that not only the distance is greater but accuracy also becomes a factor.



Oliver Reservoir



With 917 acres of land and a 270-acre lake, Oliver Lake State Recreation Area is the only water based recreational facility in the southwest Panhandle. Located 8 miles west of Kimball on U.S. Hwy. 30, Oliver offers the same basic facilities as those found at similar recreation areas across the state. Facilities include a campground, two boat ramps and docks, swimming beach, change houses, drinking water, vault toilets, 130 picnic tables, two picnic shelters with electricity, 142 charcoal cooking grills, 75 camping pads and 100 non-pads without electricity, lighting and parking lots. Landscaping and tree plantings add beauty and shade to the area.

Nearly all of the established recreation facilities are located on the north shore of the lake and are accessible from U.S. Hwy. 30 via three entrances. The south side of the lake is maintained in a primitive state for hiking, fishing and hunting. Signs near the two boat ramps detail special regulations and restrictions on the lake to provide for multiple-use by boaters, water skiers, fishermen, and swimmers. Buoys mark the 5 mph area on the west end of the reservoir, as well as the designated swimming area on the north side.



Oliver provides some good fishing opportunities, since it is a two-story lake that can support both cold-water and warm-water species. It offers action on walleye, yellow perch, largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill and some limited numbers of rainbow trout.

Kimball Jr/Sr High School

The Kimball Public School District is an Advanc-ED Accredited school district located in Western Nebraska with a student population of approximately 525 students. The teacher/pupil ratio is 1/10. The district contains two separate educational facilities. A PreK-6 building (Mary Lynch Elementary), and a 7-12 building (Kimball Jr/Sr High School). The mission of Kimball Public Schools is to assist students in developing the academic and social skills necessary to be successful citizens of our global community.

During the height of the oil and missile industry a new high school building was completed (at right) in May of 1965. The new home for KCHS students was completed at a cost of approximately \$981,000. Later special building additions were added.



In 1969, a new athletic stadium was constructed at a cost of approximately \$85,000, and later that year a new vocational building was completed that was to house an auto mechanics shop, machine shop, and drafting area at a cost of approximately \$35,000. These 1969 additions were the showpiece of the educational community, as they were far superior to what any other school district the size of Kimball County High School had completed.



Just up the road from Kimball on Highway 71, less than 45 minutes is Western Nebraska Community College. For over 90 years, WNCC has been educating residents of Nebraska's panhandle. With campus locations in Alliance, Scottsbluff, and Sidney, WNCC offers possibilities for our students, the regional business community, and other partners throughout our 12 1/2 county service area. We offer more than 70 degrees, diplomas, or certificates. We seek to provide leadership in education while responding to the identified needs of area residents by providing high-quality education and support services accessible to all.



Campus Housing

Residence Halls are located on the Scottsbluff and Sidney Campuses.

93%

Of our graduates either entered the workforce or are continuing their education.

NJCAA D-1

WNCC is home to seven NJCAA Division I sports teams with more than 50 Region IX titles and two National Championships.

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With small class sizes, it's easy to feel like you belong. We also have more than 70 academic advisors to help provide you with a personalized study plan.