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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

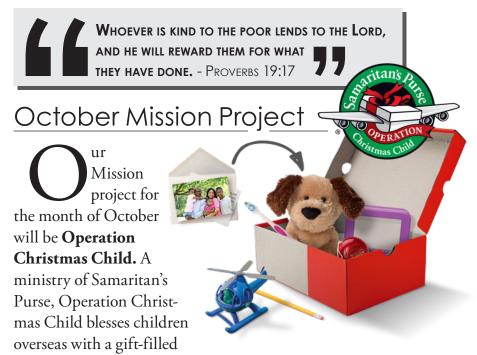
November Herald Announcements:

Sunday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33



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shoebox at Christmas time in the name of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories. Shoebox gifts demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Once again, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Committee is excited to be a part of this powerful tool for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ this year.

We have plastic shoeboxes available in the church nathrex, along with instructions about what can/can't be included. We also encourage you to put a devotional/inspirational message, Bible verse, or written prayer inside the box for the child that will receive the gifts. You may also fill any average-sized shoe box. Please return filled boxes to the church by Sunday, Nov. 5. We are also collecting monetary donations to help cover the additional shipping cost of \$10 per box.

Last year Vilmar filled 83 boxes, and the committee looks forward to seeing how many will be filled this year! Thank you to everyone for your generous mission support throughout the year.

More information is available at the church or visit https://www. samaritanspurse.org to learn more about this ministry!

Treasurer's Report

AUGUST 2023	
Beginning Operating Balance\$111,802.25	Janitor supplies\$95.51
	Printer Contract\$196.04
INCOME:	Vanco\$8.19
Envelopes\$5,775.00	NALC Offering at convocation \$500.00
Vanco	M & M Shipping- Missions\$310.00
Loose Offering – Food Bank/IMOM \$83.43	Wells of Inspirations\$4,941.40
July Missions – Food Pantry \$200.00	Special Hope Network\$1,306.75
July Missions – IMOM \$450.00	Worship Supplies
Mission Investment Interest\$29.21	TO: Food Pantry\$292.00
Wells of Inspirations \$500.00	TO: Iowa Mission of Mercy \$542.00
Cemetery Fund\$1,000.00	TO: Thrivent\$102.95
Thrivent Funds\$102.95	TO: Wells of Inspiration\$500.00
FROM:	Total Expenses \$13,672.60
Special Hope Network\$1,306.75	
Missions	Operating Balance\$113,682.96
Wells of Inspirations\$4,941.40	
Thrivent Funds for IMOM\$50.00	SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS:
Thrivent Funds for Food Pantry \$50.00	Thrivent Funds\$3,737.64
Total Income\$15,553.31	Scholarships
	Youth Camp Fund\$315.00
EXPENSES:	Mission
Pulpit Supply \$450.00	Operation Christmas Child\$535.90
Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage\$797.60	Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip \$258.00
Wages / Janitors \$461.74	Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) \$542.00
Wages / Director of Communications \$769.58	Food Pantry\$292.00
Cemetery Fund\$1,000.00	Wells of Inspiration\$144.67
Electricity\$401.71	Specified Accounts Balance \$9,792.60
LP\$600.00	
Telephone	GENERAL FUND BALANCE\$123,475.56
Office Supplies	
Property Maintenance\$129.70	Respectfully Submitted By:
Kitchen Supplies\$37.98	Margaret DeBower, Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S - VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULES

St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Diane Hummel led the group in devotions and prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Minutes from the previous meetings were read, with one correction to the Sunday, Aug. 20 meeting: Margaret reported that she made a down payment on our LP contract, she didn't pay the whole contract. Dale Janssen made a motion to approve the correction. Meredith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dale Janssen made a motion to approve the reports as corrected. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Report was read and approved. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to give a \$100 campership toward to a youth's camp attendance. Barb Meyer seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
- Chairman: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: October Mission will be Operation Christmas Child boxes will be purchased and placed in the narthex in October. We received thank yous from Lutheran World Relief and the Greene and Allison Food Pantries.
- Worship & Fellowship: None.
- Deacons: None.
- **Trustees:** Warren is looking into the parsonage furnace and air conditioning; filters have been changed; the women's toilet in the ed unit was leaking; the elevator inspections have been taken care of, both locallay and with the state.
- Parish Ed.: Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 17, from 8:45-9:45 a.m.
- Director of Communications: None.

OLD BUSINESS

• None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dick Ulrich made a motion to hire Iowa Wall Systems from Waterloo to paint the inside of the parsonage for \$2,800. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dale Janssen made a motion to have Dralle's from Greene replace the carpet on the main floor and stairway in the parsonage. Margaret DeBower seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sunday School teacher installation was set for Sunday, Sept. 17 during the worship service.
- Rhonda Edeker made a motion to reimburse \$1,087.93 to Ken and Margaret DeBower for NALC Convocation expenses. Barb Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- The council discussed pastoral health insurance.
- The council discussed the agenda for the congregational meeting.
- The council discussed the ballot for the congregational meeting.
- Diane Hummel reported that Laura Ausborn has been studying with her, and she is now a member of Vilmar.

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NEXT MEETING

Margaret DeBower made a motion to adjourn. Dale Janssen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT —————		
P Don Salge (President)	P Dale Janssen	P Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

The St. John's Church Council met for a special meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9:45 a.m. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to accept the pastoral compensation package. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Margaret DeBower made a motion to accept the agenda for the congregational meeting. Barb Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Julie Eberline made a motion to accept the ballot for the congregational meeting. Meredith Steere seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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The St. John's Church Council met for a special meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 11:45 a.m., following the congregational meeting. The council discussed the next steps in the pastoral call. The officers signed the paperwork to be sent to Pastor Tamara Keen. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to adjourn. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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SPECIALLY-CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County, was held on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023. Don Salge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:20 a.m., with 46 members in attendance. Kurt Roose made a motion, and Ken DeBower seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Monica Edeker presented a brief bio on Pastor Tamara Keen. There were no questions. Don Salge presented the compensation package. Jeff Seehusen made a motion, and Bob Janssen seconded, to approve the compensation package as presented. A ballot vote was taken on whether or not to call Pastor Tamara Keen to serve as the next full-time pastorof St. John's – Vilmar. The results were presented, as follows: 43 votes (95.6 percent) in favor of calling Pastor Keen, and 2 vote (4.4 percent) not in favor to call Pastor Keen. The vote passed. Ron Salge made a motion, and Barb Wagner seconded, to destroy the ballots. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By: Rhonda Edeker, Secretary

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	OTHER FUNDS
9/03/23	\$2,210.00	\$175.50	\$382.00 — Simply Giving
9/10/23	\$985.00	\$150.00	None
9/17/23	\$1,220.00	\$392.00	\$372.00 — Simply Giving \$200.00 — Wells of Inspiration
9/24/23	\$1,905.00	\$602.00	\$102.95 — Thrivent \$500.00 — Paint for Parsonage

GodSpeed Equine Fundraiser

GodSpeed Equine is holding a barn warming event on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 5-9 p.m. near Dallas Center at their Victory Ranch. There will be a meal, program, music, fellowship, and horses. St. John's – Vilmar is sponsoring 2 tables at the event, and we are looking for people to join us there.

GodSpeed Equine is a faith-based equine therapy program that helps local, at-risk youth grow, heal, and find hope using horses and the love of Jesus. The program is a self-discovery process for students, which leads to personal transformation. The 6-week character-building program consists of two sessions per week. Participants engage in Christian devotions,

journaling, basic horsemanship, feeding, grooming, saddling, and riding; a coach/mentor helps them process and overcome challenges. The program is free of charge. They will soon be expanding their program to provide faith-based equine therapy for veterans, first responders, and woman and children coming out of human trafficking.

Members of Vilmar helped them put up fences a couple years ago, and since then, GodSpeed has finished their barn, put up an arena, and have been serving many youth with their therapy program. If you are interested in joining us for the event, please talk to Monica Edeker.

Pastoral Call

Rev. Tamara Keen has accepted the full-time pastoral call to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar. We are currently working with her to get her moved to the parsonage, but it is all dependent on the weather for our farmers, as well as the timeline of the work being done in the house. Our schedule is tentatively set below, but it is subject to change:

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

Lay Leaders: Vilmar Members **Organist:** Diane Hummel **Reader:** Linda Steere

Fellowship Hosts: Betty Debner

Notes: NALC/Iowa Convocation presentations

SUNDAY, OCT. 8

Guest Pastor: David Craig Organist: Diane Hummel Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Salge

Organist: Barb Wagner Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Notes: Processional Holy Communion

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

Lay Leader: James Koop Organist: Barb Wagner Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

Pastor: Rev. Tamara Keen Organist: Barb Wagner Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Notes: Holy Communion

Remember in Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Dean and Barb Westendorf, Jurene Dralle, Ellie Munis, Evalyn Nettleton, Joy Schueler, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Carol Finke, Cheryl and Kayla Sankey, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Sandra Greenlee, Emily Martzahn, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Pastor Rich Eddy, Paul Hughes, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Michelle Miller, Todd DeGroote, Calla Clarey, Dean Daub, Bonnie Hiatt, Lollie Van Dyke, Pastor Robert Salge, Doug Marsh, and Will.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Day will be commemorated on Sunday, Nov. 5, during the service, with a Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. During this rite, we will take time to remember all members of St. John's – Vilmar who have passed away since last year's commemoration (Nov. 6, 2022), and any additional loved ones and friends who have died during that time. If you have names of individuals that you would like to have included, please send them to Monica Edeker at vilmarchurch@gmail. com, call/text 319-939-7348, or hand her a note by Thursday, Nov. 2.

Pastoral Care

During this time if you need assistance of any kind, please let Council President, Don Salge (319-239-2816) or Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348) know, and they will arrange for your needs.

Parsonage Clean-Up

There will be a thorough indoor cleaning day at the parsonage (washing windows and sills, hang curtains, etc.). The date is tentatively set for Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. If carpet is being laid we will change the date. If you are able to help, please let Barb Wagner know (641-330-0093). If the date changes, she will contact you. Thanks!

Parsonage Updates

The church council has approved the replacement of the carpet on the main level and stairway of the parsonage, as well as painting inside the house. If anyone would like to donate financially to these repair projects, you may do so. Please be sure to specify in the memo of your check that it is for the "Parsonage Repairs," and put them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: OCTOBER 2023

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 9 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Barb Wagner will lead the study and Karen Janssen will serve.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for October is Marc and Jen Seehusen. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of October are Diane Hummel and JoAnn Taylor.

BIRTHDAYS

No October birthdays. If you or someone you know is 75 or older, let Margaret DeBower know so she can add them to the list.

BINGO

Vilmar is in charge of BINGO at the Allison nursing home on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. We need volunteers to help, if you are interested in participating, contact Betty Rewerts.

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., each day with a potluck lunch at noon. Everyone is welcome to join—you don't need special skills, as we have jobs for everyone. The group continues to welcome any donations of materials and pieced quilt tops. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, contact Betty Debner, Betty Rewerts, or Margaret DeBower.

LWR QUILT

The Lutheran World Relief quilt gathering will be Saturday, Oct. 14 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly.

WOMEN'S BOOKLEY

It is that time of the year when we will be preparing the 2024 yearbook. Volunteers are needed for Bible study leaders, serving, Sunshine Committee, Altar Committee, and various committees. We also want to update our birthday list. If you are over 75, please talk to Margaret to get your special day added to the book.

2023 Iowa Mission District Convocation Report

September 16, 2023

he Convocation was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Monona, Iowa. Rev. Mel Harris was the Pastor. It began at 9 a.m. with Worship and Holy Communion. The sermon was given by Rev. Amy Little, General *Secretary* of the NALC. The business meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., by Pastor Christopher Staley, Dean of the Iowa Mission District. The agenda was approved, as were the minutes of the 2022 meeting.

Nominations were then sought for the three positions up for election. They were Dean (3 yr. term), Iowa Mission District Council-Clergy (3 yr. term), and Iowa Mission District Council Lay person (3 yr. term). Elected were: Pr. Christopher Staley, St. Ansgar, as Dean; Pr. Douglas Hedman, St. Charles, as Iowa Mission District Council-Clergy; and Cindy Gibbs, Waterville, as Iowa Mission District Council-Lay person.

A report of the Disaster Response Team was given by Rev. Jess Abbott, area assistant to Bishop Dan Selbo.

Following lunch a Keynote Presentation was given by Rev. Amy Little, entitled "Discipleship and the Small Catechism." Following break Rev Amy Little spoke on the World Missionary Prayer League. This is a program to support our missionaries not only financially, but also through prayers. Our mission is to see God glorified and that all people participate in global mission work. This can be done by prayer support by everyone. There will be a directory in the narthex listing missionaries in unsafe countries who need our prayers.

The Dean's report had concerns about streaming of worship services. Worship streaming hurts church attendance, but it allows those unable to attend for various reasons to participate, so we should continue streaming.

We had one pastor retire in the last year, and another will in January.

The Iowa Mission District had a budget of \$37,650 and spent \$37,378.54. Fiscal year 23-24 budget is the same as last year

The Convocation closed with the installation of newly elected District Council.

Respectfully Submitted By: Karen and Bob Janssen, Delegates from St. Johns Vilmar

Meal Packing Event



Members of St. John's are invited to join a meal packing event on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 3-5 p.m. at Algona UMC. This is the same event that some members attended last 2 years. The meals kits are supplied by The Outreach Program out of Union, Iowa. This year, a portion of the meals will be distributed in the Des Moines area. The rest will be split between GoServ Global's mission work in Haiti and The Outreach Program's mission work in Tanzania. We need to let the host church know how many will be attending, so if you are interested in this project, please let Monica Edeker know.



Thank You

We would like to thank all the members of our Vilmar family for their prayers and gifts at this time of loss from the passing of James to his eternal home. – Jeff and Carol Seehusen, Joel and Cindy Seehusen

Music Schedule

ANY ONE is invited to join the choir. They will practice at 9:15 a.m., on Sunday mornings, and will sing during the worship services. For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson at 319-415-8456.

Attendance Report

Worship Service	Attendance	Communed
Sunday, Sept. 3	56	49
Sunday, Sept. 10	44	n/a
Sunday, Sept. 17	64	59
Sunday, Sept. 24	57	n/a

Sewing Donations Needed

The sewing committee is in need of sheets and lightweight blankets. Donations can be left at the east end of the basement.

Items available

Check the table in the basement for items for sale. These items make great gifts! All money raised will be used by the group for their yearly mission donations.

Kitchen/Food Donations

We welcome donations of items for use in the kitchen or for serving food. We just ask that a note be left stating that it is for general use. Sometimes things are left and we don't know if it is for a special occasion or not. Thank you.

Cookbooks Available

Cookbooks are available. They are \$15 for the 1979 edition (white cover) and \$10 for the 2004 edition (green cover). Contact Margaret DeBower, Barb Wagner or Monica Edeker if interested.

Simply Giving

If you would like to enroll in Vilmar's electronic giving, contact council secretary Rhonda Edeker for the paperwork. We appreciate everyone's continued financial support of Vilmar's ministry.

Contributions

If you are not able to worship in-person with us, we encourage you to continue your tithes/offering by mailing financial gifts to the church at, St. John's—Vilmar, 16073 Keystone Ave., Greene, IA 50636.

Want More Information?

To learn more...:

About Vilmar's ministry

vilmarchurch.org

About the North American Lutheran Church thenalc.org

About the Iowa Mission District–NALC iowamissiondistrict.com

About the Women of the NALC wnalc.org

To stay up to date with current activities going on at the church "like" our Facebook Page:

Facebook.com/StJohnsVilmar

Corrections, Information

If you have corrections or announcements for Vilmar's directory, the bulletins, Heralds, or website please contact Monica Edeker at 319-939-7348, vilmarchurch@gmail.com, or send a note to the church. Everyone's communication and cooperation is very much appreciated. Thanks!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School		9 a.m.: Vilmar	6-7:30 p.m.:	9 a.m.: Weekly	6:30 p.m.:	7 a.m.: Bible
10 a.m.: Worship Service with		Study	Diane Hummel's	1:30 p.m.:	Rehearsal	Congregational
Convocation Presentations 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship				BINGO at Allison Rehabilitation		4 p.m.: Kussell Seehusen/Tonya
				Center		Freerks Wedding
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10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy	potluck at noon	potluck at noon	Diane Hummel's			Congregational
Communion led by Kev. Kobert Salge						
5 p.m.: GodSpeed Equine Event						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Deacons: Ron Taylor and Dick Ulrich