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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:
Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**November Herald
Announcements:**
Sunday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.

God is our refuge
and strength,
an ever-present help
in trouble. PSALM 46:1

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“ WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD,
AND HE WILL REWARD THEM FOR WHAT
THEY HAVE DONE. - PROVERBS 19:17 ”

October Mission Project

Our Mission project for the month of October will be **Operation Christmas Child**. A ministry of Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child blesses children overseas with a gift-filled 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 will have plastic shoeboxes available at the church, 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 Nov. 1.**

We are also collecting monetary donations to help cover the additional shipping cost of \$9 per box.

Last year Vilmar filled 70 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://samaritanaspurse.org> to learn more about this ministry!

Treasurer's Report

AUGUST 2021:

Operating Balance.....\$56,721.48

INCOME:

Envelope\$8,283.00

Vanco.....\$754.00

August Loose – Food Banks \$32.25

August Mission – Food Banks \$414.00

Thrivent Funds Deposit..... \$102.95

From: Thrivent – Food Banks..... \$100.00

From Missions – General..... \$3.75

Other INCOME:

Rockwell Telephone and Lizzie Lou's.....\$167.29

Mission Investment Interest.....\$29.20

Total Income..... \$9,886.44

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply..... \$1,350.00

Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$364.12

Wages.....\$831.15

Supplies – Janitor..... \$19.23

Postage.....\$275.00

Electricity..... \$358.39

Telephone.....\$71.56

Printer Contract \$209.50

Vanco.....\$8.19

TO: Thrivent \$102.95

Repairs & Maintenance – Snow Removal ...\$200.00

Repairs & Maintenance – Building..... \$45.88

Repairs & Maintenance – Parsonage.....\$96.26

Mission Payments – Food Banks.....\$550.00

Mission Payments – GoServ Global\$1,000.00

Total Expenses..... \$5,482.23

Operating Balance.....\$61,125.69

Thrivent Funds \$4,191.84

Scholarships\$1,818.75

Youth Camp Fund..... \$815.00

Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25

Mission \$8,091.43

Operation Christmas Child\$153.61

Bremwood..... \$1.14

Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip.....\$258.00

General Fund Balance \$77,831.71

Respectfully Submitted By:

Brenda Boden, *Treasurer*

Vilmar Women's Fellowship

BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m., in the church fellowship hall. Betty Rewerts will be the leader and Karen Janssen will serve. All ladies are welcome to join us as we watch a very interesting video and then have a time of discussion.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for October is Jennifer Seehusen and Margaret DeBower. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of October are Sandra Greenlee and Betty Debner.

SEWING DAYS

Sewing Days will be Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have a potluck at noon both days. We will be delivering items for Lutheran World Relief on Oct. 18. We want to get as many quilts ready to ship as possible because the need is very great.

ITEMS AVAILABLE

Please check the table in the basement for items for sale. These items make great gifts or are useful for personal use. All money raised will be used by the Women's Fellowship for their yearly donations to worthwhile organizations.

QUILT DONATIONS

Vilmar donated a quilt to Riverside Bible Camp's online quilt auction in August. It sold for \$300. The quilt donated to EWALU's live auction in September sold for \$150.

WNALC NEWSLETTER

Keep up-to-date on the news and happenings of the WNALC from around the country by logging into the Women's organization website, wnalc.org.

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	CEMETERY
08-29-21	\$1,170.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
09-05-21	\$1,435.00	\$605.00	\$382.00	\$0.00
09-12-21	\$3,040.00	\$831.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
09-19-21	\$1,515.00	\$100.00	\$372.00	\$0.00
09-26-21	\$1,287.95	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ST. JOHN’S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Special Session – Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021

The St. John’s Church council met for a special council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the council room. Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions. Chairman, Ron Salge, called the meeting to order. The purpose of the council meeting was to discuss a possible part-time pastoral contract with Pastor David Craig. The council first discussed St. John’s constitution and how it related to offering a contract for a part-time pastoral position. President Ron Salge read section 11.01g of the constitution, as it pertained to the council’s responsibilities, “To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor,” and that the council could continue with a contract without taking it to the congregation for a vote. Moving forward, the council had previously decided that information was needed from the church accountant before the council could vote on offering a contract. Brenda Boden shared the financial information she received concerning the reporting of housing allowance, taxes, and medical reimbursement. After much discussion, Don Salge made a motion to offer a one year, part-time pastoral contract, dated Oct. 1, 2021 – Sept. 30, 2022, to Pastor David Craig. Jeff Seehusen seconded the motion. A ballot vote was taken. The vote was 9 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstained from voting. Motion carried. The specifics of the contract were discussed and Monica will prepare a typed contract for council’s final approval by Sunday, Aug. 29. Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer. Council members present: Ron Salge, Barb Wagner, Brenda Boden, Diane Hummel, Julie Eberline, Jason Edeker, Evan Steere, Jeff Seehusen, Barb Meyer, Warren Van Dyke, Don Salge, and Tyler Seehusen. Also present, Monica Edeker.

Respectfully Submitted By: Barb Wagner, *Secretary*



ST. JOHN’S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Special Session – Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021

The St. John’s Church council met for a special council meeting on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, following the worship service to review the written contract for Pastor David Craig. The council fine-tuned the wording in the contract, and Monica will forward it to Pastor Craig. Council members present: Ron Salge, Barb Wagner, Brenda Boden, Diane Hummel, Julie Eberline, Jason Edeker, and Warren Van Dyke. Also present, Monica Edeker.

Respectfully Submitted By: Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

The contract specifics are as follows on page 4:

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CONTRACTED PART-TIME PASTORAL AGREEMENT

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar is offering the following, one-year contract to Rev. David Craig beginning Oct. 1, 2021 and ending Sept. 30, 2022, with the following obligations:

Sunday Morning Worship Services\$175.00/week + mileage

Bible Classes \$50.00/week
(Adult Bible Class follows the Sunday School schedule and runs from the first Sunday after Labor Day and concludes the Sunday before Memorial Day.)

Weekly Visitations..... \$150.00/day + mileage

The pastor will complete visitations one day per week*
[This will include: homebound, inactive, sick, and distressed. A list of the people visited and/or communed plus mileage from each week will need to be provided to the Director of Communications and Treasurer for record and reimbursement, respectively.]
**The day of the week may be determined by the pastor as fits his schedule.*

Hospital Visitations..... \$150.00/day + mileage

The pastor will complete hospital visitations one day per week, only as the need arises**
(This will only be hospitals within 60 miles of St. John’s – Vilmar.)
***The day of the week may be determined by the pastor, or if he is available for an immediate emergency situation.*

Special Services..... \$125.00/service + mileage

[This includes: Ash Wednesday, 5 Mid-week Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday (with the stripping of the altar), Thanksgiving Eve, and Christmas Day – as they fall within the contracted timeframe.]

Housing Allowance.....\$400.00/month

Funerals

Funeral payments will be made by the funeral home. If the family doesn’t use a funeral home, payment will come from the family. That will need to be settled between the pastor and the family at that time.

Weddings

The pastor will not be obligated to officiate weddings.

Paid Time Off\$300/week

The pastor will have an allowance of 6 weeks*** of paid time off (PTO)
[It is the pastor’s discretion as to how he chooses to use this time, (i.e.: vacation, sick leave, appointments, etc.), as it is all encompassed in the 6 weeks of PTO.]
****Both the visitation day and the Sunday worship service/class will constitute a “full week,” and each week of PTO must be used in “full week” increments.*

Additional Salary.....\$3,000.00/year, per person

Reimbursement for the patient’s responsibility of medical bills incurred within the contract period. Limit of \$3,000.00/year for David Craig and \$3,000.00/year for Jacque Craig. Documentation must be provided.

Notes

- Mileage will be calculated and paid at the current IRS guidelines for mileage reimbursement rate.
- Paychecks will be issued twice monthly, on the 15th and the last day of the month.
- Housing Allowance will split between each bi-monthly paycheck.
- The Vilmar parsonage will be available for use during the contracted time. No livestock is allowed in the home.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2021, at 7 p.m. Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions from Matthew 5. Chairman, Ron Salge, called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Barb Wagner gave the secretary's report. There were no corrections or additions and would stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave the treasurers report. Thanks yours were read from Makayla Shear for the NB Scholarship and from Earl and Terri Hardisty. The current operating budget is \$61,125.60. The general fund balance is \$77,831.71. Go Serv Global was sent \$1,000 in August, for September missions.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Mission Spotlight for September is GoServ Global. October will be Operation Christmas Child.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** The Williamson Gospel Group will present a morning of Gospel Music on Sept. 12. The council discussed the love offering that would be given to them. After some discussion Warren VanDyke made a motion to present \$1,000 to the group. Jeff Seehusen seconded the motion. Council approved. Any money in the collection made out to The Williamson's will be forwarded to them.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline reported that Sunday School is ready to resume classes on Sept. 12. There are a possible 13 youth and 4 high school students. Bibles will be handed out during the Sept. 19 service. Sunday School Teacher Installation will be Sept. 26. Monica Edeker reported that due to the lack of volunteers, the committee doesn't have anyone available to teach the Little Lutherans program on Wednesday evenings. Unless the parents would like to lead the class – or if anyone knows of someone else who would like to teach – the committee is suspending the class on Wednesday evenings. Diane Hummel continues to work with Blake to finish his confirmation instruction, as classes were disrupted during COVID last school year. Monica and Jason Edeker will be in charge of the Luther League program.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported that the Mission District meeting will be held in Emmons, Minnesota, and Ken and Margaret DeBower will be St. John's representatives.

OLD BUSINESS

- Over the past months, Ron Salge has been working to find a company/business that would come to Vilmar to determine our sound system needs. The Iowa Falls company contacted Ron and regretted that they would be unable to come in a timely matter and would no longer be interested.

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West Music from Cedar Falls did not have a technical person and the independent contractor that West Music uses would not be available for several weeks. Ron was able to locate and visit with Iowa Audio Video out of Des Moines that has satellite offices in this area. Ron will meet with them on Sept. 23 to evaluate our sound system and give input as to what can do done, if anything.

NEW BUSINESS

- A letter was received from Church Mutual regarding a rider to add to our current policy for terrorism. The cost of the rider would be \$29. After discussion the council decided to not add the rider to our current policy.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular council meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)	P Evan Steere	P Jason Edeker
P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Jeff Seehusen	P Warren Van Dyke

Remember in Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mari Ann Wearda, Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Dean Westendorf, Robert and Jurene Dralle, Ellie Munis, Amy Cooper, Evalyn Nettleton, Joy Schueler, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Cheryl Sankey, Pastor Dave Steffenson, Carol Finke, Kirk Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, Susan Seehusen, Mary Lou Meyer, Pastor Jordan Long, Donna Hardy, Viola Luchtenburg, Jaxon Hartkopp, Kayla Sankey, Pastor David Schafer, Pastor James Glesne, Althea Uhlenhopp, and Pastor James Puotyual.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Dalton Fehlberg, Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

Simply Giving, Donations

If you are not comfortable, or cannot 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. If you would like to enroll in Vilmar’s electronic giving, contact council secretary Barb Wagner for the paperwork. We appreciate everyone’s continued financial support of Vilmar’s ministry.

Pastoral Care

During this time, if you need pastoral assistance, please contact Council President, Ron Salge (641-330-0456) or Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348) .

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig
Organist: Diane Hummel
Reader: Betty Rewerts
Fellowship Hosts: HOST NEEDED
Notes: Holy Communion at the rail

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Ron Salge
Fellowship Hosts: HOST NEEDED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Margaret DeBower
Fellowship Hosts: Warren & Lollie Van Dyke
Notes: Processional Holy Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: READER NEEDED
Fellowship Hosts: HOST NEEDED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig
Organist: Diane Hummel
Reader: Jacque Craig
Fellowship Hosts: Evan & Sarah Steere
Notes: Reformation Sunday, Confirmation

Scripture Readers Notice

READERS NEEDED! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax. The lectern Bible is NRSV, and that will also be the version printed in the bulletins each week.

Fellowship Volunteers

We are looking for people to serve following the worship services on Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax.

Music Schedule

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Oct. 03: Senior Choir
Sunday, Oct. 10: Senior Choir
Sunday, Oct. 17: Senior Choir
Sunday, Oct. 24: Senior Choir
Sunday, Oct. 31: Senior Choir

SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE:

For October the choir will be practicing at 9:30 a.m., before the church service in the sanctuary.

SENIOR CHOIR NOTE:

EVERYONE is welcome to join the choir. If you play an instrument and would like to accompany them or play for a service, please let them know! Special music groups/soloists are always welcome! For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson.

Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, Aug. 29:	32	n/a
Sunday, Sept. 05:	35	33
Sunday, Sept. 12:	58	n/a
Sunday, Sept. 19:	38	32
Sunday, Sept. 26:	36	n/a

Mowing Volunteers

We are in need of a mowing volunteer for October! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax. Volunteers will need to mow both the church and parsonage grounds.

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. Thanks to everyone for helping out!

OCTOBER 2021: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. David Craig 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Sewing Day	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Sewing Day		9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship Service led by Rev. David Craig 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship		9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LIFT at St. James 7 p.m.: Vilmar Women's Fellowship	7 p.m.: Council Meeting	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship led by Rev. Craig 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 5 p.m.: Herald Announcements due		9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LIFT at St. James		9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
31	Nov. 1	2	3	4	5	6
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Deacons: Jason Edeker and Ron Salge