

THE Herald

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**December Herald
Announcements:**

Sunday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m.

NOTICE: In the event of a weather-related cancellation, announcements will be posted on Vilmar's Facebook Page, KWWL, and KLMJ 104.9.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." MATTHEW 25:40

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Thank You

Hello St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar!

I am writing to thank you for your recent donation. My husband, Grandson, and I are so grateful for your generous support as we work with children with intellectual disabilities in Lusaka, Zambia. Because of your generous, financial support this past month we have been able to implement many new and exciting projects:

Communication Books: October was Augmentative and Alternative Communication Awareness Month – a time when we bring awareness to non-verbal students who use picture communication books to communicate with others. Because of your generous support, I was able to attend a training in Chicago this summer, and now I am teaching this content to the 18 community care center staff. We are so excited to help our students reach autonomous communication!

Digitizing and Systematizing: I've been focused on digitizing our records. Back in April, we had an amazing volunteer, who is a Zambian economist, agree to help us create a digitized database of all of our student and family information. With this, we can use technology to analyze the progress our students are making, and determine data-based trends on how well our programs are working in the communities. This is such an amazing answer to prayer! Excitingly, this economist has a connection with a very well-known tech company who has a team that volunteered to help make an app for us! Right now, we are in the very initial stages, so there's not much more I can share, but I'm incredibly excited to see how we can leverage these volunteers to make our programs more streamlined. As Special Hope Network continues to grow, a central, digitized database increases our potential to serve more and more kids!

Thank you so much again for helping us serve and minister to our children with intellectual disabilities in so many ways. We wouldn't be able to do all that we do without you! Your financial contributions directly allow us to live and work here in Zambia and accomplish these tasks. Please continue to pray for us as we wrap up this academic year (in December) and as we gear up for next year.

In Christ,

Jessica Mwanza, Special Hope Network

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Salge

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Carol Seehusen

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Notes: Holy Communion at the rail;
All Saints Sunday Commemoration
Daylight Saving Time Ends

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

Lay Leader: Dale Janssen

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Karen Janssen

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

Guest Pastor: Pastor Jon Davis

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Julie Eberline

Fellowship Hosts: Jean and Julie Eberline

Notes: Processional Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 – Thanksgiving Eve

Lay Leader: Barb Wagner

Organist: Diane Hummel

Fellowship Hosts: Luther League

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

Guest Pastor: Pastor Jon Davis

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Betty Rewerts

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Scripture Readers

The lectern Bible is NRSV. This version will be printed in the bulletin each week. **The weekly readings will be bookmarked and labeled in the lectern Bible each Sunday so the reader can read The Word from the Bible.** The Psalm is divided by whole verse and can be read from the bulletin. Thank you.

Mission and Outreach

For the month of November, Vilmar's mission project will be **Bremwood Residential Treatment in Waverly**. We will be collecting Christmas gifts that will be given directly to the students on the campus. There are currently around 30 students, ages 13-17 on the campus. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, the mission team will use the funds to purchase items for you. Items need to be dropped off at the church by Sunday, Dec. 4.

Gifts requested include:

- Gift cards (Wal-mart, McDonalds, Pizza Ranch, and Applebees)
- Mosaic/adult color books with colored pencils
- MP3 players
- Small speakers for MP3 players
- Small boom boxes/CD player
- Walkman with headphones
- Leather footballs, basketballs, volleyballs, soccer/kick balls
- Air pumps for sports balls
- Craft kits and art supplies
- Board games and card games
- DVD s rated G PG or PG13
- Hoodie Sweatshirts (size adult large – 2X)
- College logo T-shirts, long sleeved shirts or sweatshirts (size adult large – 2X)

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir has resumed. **Any one is invited to join the choir!** They occasionally practice some Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary. For more information or to be added to the choir message group, talk to Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson.

If at any time you, or someone you know, would like to provide special music (instrumental, vocal, or both!), feel free to let Jane know.

Daylight Savings

Reminder: Set your clocks back an hour on Saturday, Nov. 5 for Daylight Saving Time. If you show up an hour early on Sunday, Nov. 6, we might put you to work teaching Sunday School!

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING
10-02-22	\$1,250.00	\$118.76	\$382.00
10-09-22	\$1,085.00	\$59.00	\$0.00
10-16-22	\$2,115.00	\$1,058.00	\$372.00
10-23-22	\$3,223.26	\$40.00	\$0.00

October Council Meeting

St. John's Church Council did not hold a monthly meeting in October, so there was no secretary's minutes or treasurer's report to print this month. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., in the church kitchen.

All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Day will be commemorated on Sunday, Nov. 6, 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 and any additional loved ones and friends who have passed away since last year's commemoration (Nov. 7, 2021). If you have names to included, please let Monica Edeker know by Thursday, Nov. 3. (vilmarchurch@gmail.com or 319-939-7348) Thanks!

Meal Packing Event

A group of Vilmar members will be attending a meal packing event next Sunday, Nov. 6 from 3-5 p.m. at Algona UMC. This is the same event that some members attended last year and enjoyed. The meals kits are supplied by The Outreach Program out of Union, Iowa. This year, a small 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. If you are interested in joining, please let Monica Edeker know, so we can register and plan carpooling.

Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help teach the Sunday School classes. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to occasionally assist on an as-needed basis. If you would be interested in serving the church in this way, talk to Julie Eberline.

Fellowship Volunteers

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED! 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.

Remember in Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and 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, Carol Finke, Kirk Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, Donna Hardy, Jaxon Hartkopp, Kayla Sankey, Pastor James Puotyual, Courtney Debner, Larry Voigts, Eric Miller, Mike Martzahn, Jim Wubbena, Sandra Greenlee, Wendell Debner, Emily Martzahn, Gannon Williams, and Randy Brinkman.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: NOVEMBER 2022

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8 in the fellowship hall. Margaret DeBower will lead the study and Kay Brinkman will serve. It isn't too late to join this interesting study of the Epistles.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for November is Kurt and Pam Roose. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of November are Kenny and Helen Debner.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 25: Dennis Prange, 3304 Panther Lane, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

If you or someone you know is 75 or older, let Margaret DeBower know.

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days are Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are always in need of old sheets and blankets for fillers. Everyone is welcome to help with this great mission project.

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 something that anyone in the kitchen can use. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BOOKLET

It is getting to be that time of year to prepare our yearly Women's Fellowship booklet. We need names and birthdays of members over 75 that would like to be included in our birthday list. We also need volunteers who are willing to lead Bible study and serve, and be on the altar or sunshine committees. Please talk to Margaret DeBower.

ITEMS AVAILABLE

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 group for their yearly mission donations.

WNALC NEWSLETTER

You can keep up-to-date on the news and happenings of the WNALC by logging into the Women's organization website, wnalc.org.

Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, Oct. 02:	75	51
Sunday, Oct. 09:	41	n/a
Sunday, Oct. 16:	57	46
Sunday, Oct. 23:	38	n/a

Pastoral Care

During this time if you need assistance of any kind, please let Council President, Ron Salge (641-330-0456) or Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348) know, and they will help arrange for your needs. Thank you to everyone for your communication during this time.



Luther League News

The Luther League girls enjoyed a Broadway rock opera/musical of “Jesus Christ Superstar,” at the Gallagher Bluedorn in October. It was a very powerful, contemporary, modern performance of Jesus’ final days on earth before his crucifixion, as seen through the eyes of Judas.

The girls also went shopping and packed a dozen shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (pictured) for their mission project. They also enjoyed ice cream, ping pong and games.

Recycling

When you take your recycling to the Butler County Transfer Station, you can designate it to the church. To do so, you will need to weigh the items, and write the total weight on the sheet provided by the station and mark it as “St. John’s – Vilmar.” At the end of the year, the station sends a reimbursement to the church for the recycling contributions. Thank you to those who are currently participating!

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 Barb Wagner for the paperwork. We appreciate everyone’s continued financial support of Vilmar’s ministry.

Contributions

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.

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 during this time is very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone for helping out.

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

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

[Facebook.com/StJohnsVilmar](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsVilmar)

NOVEMBER 2022: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Daylight Saving Times Ends</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion and All Saints Rite led by Rev. Salge 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 3-5 p.m.: Meal Packing at Algona		7 p.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study	6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home 7:30 p.m.: Council Meeting	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<i>Veterans Day</i>	7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere