

# THE Herald

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2021

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## UPCOMING DEADLINES:

**Weekly Bulletins:**

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**December Herald Announcements:**

Sunday, Nov. 21 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.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever. PSALM 106:1*

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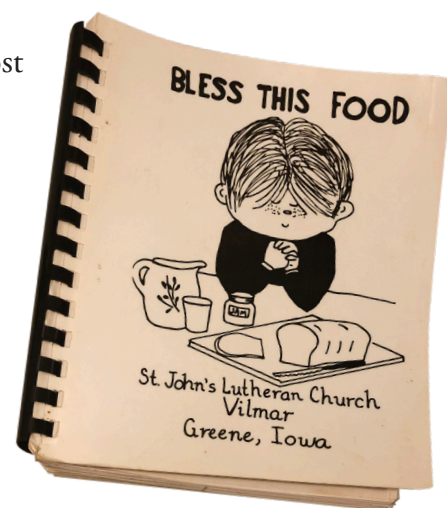
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## Bless This Food!

St. John's - Vilmar sold their last copy of their cherished, original "Bless This Food" cookbook. The book was first published in 1979, and there still seems to be considerable interest in purchasing copies of it today. In order to make a decision whether or not to have more printed, we would like to have an idea of how many people would really like to purchase this beloved cookbook.

If we were to order more, the cost would be \$15 each.

If you are interested, please contact Monica Edeker via Facebook (StJohnsVilmar), email ([vilmarchurch@gmail.com](mailto:vilmarchurch@gmail.com)), text (319-939-7348), mail (St. John's, 16073 Keystone Ave., Greene, IA 50636), or leave a message at the church (319-267-2080).



## Ethiopia Mission Project

On Sunday, Nov. 21 Rev. Marshall Hahn will be at St. John's - Vilmar to present about a new mission project undertaken by our mission partner church body, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY). They are partnering with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT), an organization that is also a mission partner with the NALC, in the construction of a new building on the seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The goal of this project is to provide space and funding for the training of Bible translators to take the Gospel to the people of Ethiopia and beyond.

Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Committee is excited to support this mission, and invites everyone come and hear about the project from Pastor Hahn. **He will present during the Sunday Morning Sunday School hour on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 9:15 a.m.** More information has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

# Treasurer's Report

SEPTEMBER 2021:

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

## INCOME:

Envelope .....\$7,415.00

Vanco.....\$582.00

August Loose – GoServ Global.....\$146.00

August Mission – GoServ Global.....\$1,400.00

Thrivent Funds Deposit.....\$413.95

From: Thrivent – GoServ Global.....\$100.00

**Total Income.....\$10,056.95**

## EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply.....\$800.00

Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage .....\$274.18

Wages.....\$831.15

Supplies – Worship – Portals of Prayer(Lg)...\$67.60

Licenses and Permits.....\$79.00

Website Fees.....\$124.12

Electricity.....\$341.93

Telephone.....\$71.25

Printer Contract .....\$209.50

Vanco.....\$180.19

Repairs & Maintenance – Water.....\$12.80

Charitable Donations

– Iowa Mission District .....\$100.00

– The Williamsons .....\$1,000.00

**Total Expenses.....\$5,151.67**

**Operating Balance.....\$66,030.97**

Thrivent Funds .....\$4,505.79

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

GoServ Global.....\$646.00

**General Fund Balance .....\$83,696.94**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Brenda Boden, *Treasurer*

# All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Day will be commemorated on Sunday, Nov. 7, 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, 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](mailto:vilmarchurch@gmail.com) or give her a note with your loved one's name on it by Thursday, Nov. 4.

## Serving in the Lord's House

### SUNDAY, NOV. 7: All Saints Sunday

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Ken DeBower

**Fellowship Hosts:** Ron and JoAnn Taylor

**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

### SUNDAY, NOV. 14

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Jane Thompson

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

### SUNDAY, NOV. 21

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Marshall Hahn

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Ron Salge

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24: Thanksgiving Eve

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Fellowship Hosts:** Luther League

### SUNDAY, NOV. 28

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Carol Seehusen

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULES

The St. John's Church Council met Sunday, Sept. 26 immediately following the morning worship service. Chairman Ron Salge presented the council with adjustments to the part-time pastoral contract requested by Rev. Dr. David Craig. The council reviewed the changes, and a new contract will be typed up and presented to council for their approval. Meeting adjourned.

The St. John's Church Council met Sunday, Oct. 3 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting was to review the final contract for the part-time pastoral agreement for Rev. Dr. David Craig. After reviewing the contract the council made the decision to present the prepared contract to Pastor Craig for his signature. Meeting adjourned. **The final terms of the contract are on page 5.**

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The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the council room. Diane Hummel gave the opening devotion based on John 16. Council chairman, Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Secretary Barb Wagner gave the minutes from the September meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes would stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave the treasurer's report. The current operating balance is \$66,030.97 with \$83,696.94 in the general fund.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge stated that funeral services for Viola Luchtenburg will be held at Vilmar on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor Craig conducting the service.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reported that the mission emphasis for October will be Operation Christmas Child. This is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse which provides children overseas with a gift-filled shoebox at Christmas time. Shoeboxes are available in the narthex. Monica has received information from Pastor Marshall Hahn concerning a mission project undertaken by our mission partner church body, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. They are partnering with the NALC, in the construction of a new building on the seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The goal of this project is to provide space and funding for the training of Bible translators who take the gospel to the people of Ethiopia and beyond. Several congregations within the NALC have been supporting and planning this venture. Pastor Hahn shared that if our congregation is interested in hearing more about this project he would be willing to give a presentation to our congregation. The worship committee will contact Pastor Hahn regarding dates for availability.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Blake Jacobson is to be confirmed on Oct. 31, 2021 during the morning worship service. Diane Hummel made a motion and Barb Wagner seconded to approve the confirmation of Blake. The next class of Confirmation instruction will begin in November, taught by Diane Hummel. Since Pastor Craig has been contracted for 11 months, council decided to remove St. John's name from the NALC website call list. Diane will talk to Pastor Craig about leading the children sermons on Sunday mornings.

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- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren Van Dyke shared about some of the general maintenance done around the parsonage and church grounds. Ryan Norton with Norton Tree Service gave an estimate of \$4,500 to cut down, clean up, and grind the stumps of the five trees affected with Emerald Ash Borer disease. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to hire Norton Tree to remove/cleanup the five trees at a cost of \$4,500. Don Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Council agreed that Monica Edeker and Ron Salge will remain the church contacts in case of emergency or general needs. It will be their responsibility to contact Pastor Craig of any special concerns.

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. Dan Olson, a representative from West Music, presented a bid for two new speakers, an amplifier, and installation at a cost of \$4,200. After discussion, Don Salge made a motion hire Don Olson to install speakers/amps at a cost of \$4,200. Warren Van Dyke seconded the motion. Motion carried and council approved. Estimated time of installation could be four to six weeks, depending on product availability.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim Wubbena has been doing water testing at the church and parsonage over the years. Jim would like to hand the responsibility over to another individual. If anyone is interested in learning how to do the testing, please contact Ron Salge. The council thanks Jim for the many trips and commitment to do the required testing.
- The island of Haiti continues to need help in recovery after the hurricanes. During September, \$746 was designated to GoServ Global for the recovery efforts of rebuilding shelters, first aid and food for the Haitians. Council discussed whether to add more money to send, as Jason said the goal of \$500,000 has not yet been met. Council decided to send an additional \$2,127 from the Thrivent account and \$2,127 from the Mission fund and send to GoServ Global. This will make Vilmar’s contribution to \$6,000 total with a previous donation.
- Treasurer, Brenda Boden, noted to the council that the Church Mutual insurance premium increased about \$1,000 since 2020. The premium is due Oct. 29 and the will be paid in full.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the council room.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**  
Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)	A 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

**FINAL TERMS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CONTRACT ARE LAID OUT BELOW:**

**CONTRACTED PART-TIME PASTORAL AGREEMENT**

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar Church Council is offering the following, 11 month contract to Rev. Dr. David Craig beginning Oct. 1, 2021 and ending Aug. 31, 2022, with the following obligations:*

**Salary** .....\$2,000/month + mileage

- Total salary of \$22,000.00, which reflects 11/12 of the year.
- Responsibilities include:
  - Preach the Sunday morning worship services
  - Teach the Sunday morning adult Sunday School class  
*(Adult Sunday School class will be held each Sunday: Oct. 3, 2021 through May 22, 2022.)*
  - Weekly visitations  
*(The day of the week may be determined by the pastor as fits his schedule. 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.)*
  - Preach the special worship services as they fall within the contracted timeframe.
  - *[Ash Wednesday, 5 Mid-week Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday (with the stripping of the altar), Thanksgiving Eve, and Christmas Day]*
- Mileage will be calculated and paid at the current IRS guidelines for mileage reimbursement rate.

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

- Monthly housing allowance will be designated from monthly salary.

**Disbursement of salary will be as follows:**

- \$1,000.00 on the 15th of the month with \$200.00 designated as housing allowance
- \$1,000.00 on the last day of the month with \$200.00 designated as housing allowance

**Additional Salary** ..... \$2,500.00/contract period, per person

- Reimbursement for the patient's responsibility of medical bills incurred within the contract period. Limit of \$2,500.00/contract period for David Craig and \$2,500.00/contract period for Jacque Craig. Documentation must be provided.

**Paid Time Off (PTO)**.....6 weeks

- The pastor will have an allowance of 6 weeks PTO. Both the visitation day and the Sunday worship service/Sunday School class will constitute a "full week," and each week of PTO must be used in "full week" increments.
- 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.
- PTO is not to be taken during Advent or Lent, unless medically required.

**Parsonage:** Vilmar's parsonage will be available for use during the contracted time. No livestock is allowed in the home.

**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.

**Pastoral Responsibilities**

- Faithfully preach and teach God's Word.
- Faithfully distribute the Sacraments.
- Faithfully attend to the spiritual needs of the shut-ins.

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	OTHER
Oct. 03, 2021	\$1,626.00	\$162.00	\$382.00	\$0.00
Oct. 10, 2021	\$1,005.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oct. 17, 2021	\$1,700.00	\$294.00	\$372.00	\$100.00 (Samaritan's Purse)
Oct. 24, 2021	\$894.87	\$0.00	\$41.00	\$0.00

## Music Schedule

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### SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, Nov. 07:** Senior Choir,  
*"In My Father's House"*

**Sunday, Nov. 14:** Senior Choir,  
*"First Song of Isaiah"*

**Sunday, Nov. 21:** Sunday School Choir

**Wednesday, Nov. 24:** TBD

**Sunday, Nov. 28:** Senior Choir  
*"My Lord What a Morning"*

### SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE:

For November 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

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### Worship Service    Attendance    Communed

**Sunday, Oct. 03:** .....56 .....47

**Sunday, Oct. 10:** .....42 ..... n/a

**Sunday, Oct. 17:** .....56 .....53

**Sunday, Oct. 24:** .....58 ..... n/a

## Scripture Readers Notice

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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

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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

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**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, Jaxon Hartkopp, Kayla Sankey, Pastor David Schafer, Pastor James Glesne, Pastor James Puotyual, and Lavone Frerichs.

### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

### FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

**Remember the Family of Viola M. (Senne) Luchtenburg:** Viola, 92, of Allison, passed away on Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison. Memorial services were held at St. John's on Saturday, Oct. 16 with Rev. Craig officiating. Inurnment was in the south cemetery.

## Pastoral Care

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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).

## Simply Giving, Donations

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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.

## Confirmation

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Congratulations to Blake Jacobson who was confirmed on Sunday, Oct. 31 during the Sunday morning worship service.

## Mission and Outreach

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### November Mission Spotlight

For the month of November, Vilmar's mission project will be Bremwood Residential Treatment in Waverly. We will be collecting supplies and Christmas gifts that will be given directly to the students on the campus. Pamphlets of the essential items and gifts allowed at the center are available in the narthex. 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, Nov. 28.

### Meal Packing Event for Haiti

On Sunday, Nov. 14, members and friends of St. John's – Vilmar are invited to attend a meal packing event for GoServ Global – Haiti. Meals will be packed at Algona United Methodist Church from 2:30-4:30 p.m., and will be sent to the orphanages and communities of Les Cayes, as part of their recovery and healing from the recent earthquake and tropical storms. If you would like more information, contact Monica or Jason Edeker. If you would like to carpool to the packing event, please let them know.

## Corrections, Information

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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](mailto: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.

## Vilmar Women's Fellowship

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**BIBLE STUDY:** Vilmar Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Margaret DeBower will lead the Bible study and Kay Brinkman and Brenda Boden will serve. All ladies are welcome to join this very interesting DVD and study. There is no book to purchase, and it isn't too late to join.

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

**ALTAR COMMITTEE:** The altar committee for November is Jeff and Carol Seehusen. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Sunshine people for the month of November are Kenny and Helen Debner.

**SEWING DAYS:** Sewing Days will be Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a potluck at noon. We will begin to make quilts to be delivered next spring. Please join us for a couple hours or a day or both days. If you have any questions, please talk to Margaret DeBower.

**LWR DONATIONS:** On Oct. 16, 51 quilts, 40 school kits and 20 baby care kits were delivered to New Hampton to the Lutheran World Relief semi. Thank you to all who helped with this labor of love for those in need!

**BOOKLET:** It's that time again! We will be getting our yearly Women's Fellowship Book printed in the next month or so. We need people to fill openings for Altar Committee, Sunshine Visits, Bible Study leaders and hostess for our monthly meetings. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to serve our church family. Please talk to Margaret DeBower or call her at 319-269-1306 or 641-775-3431.

**ITEMS AVAILABLE:** Check the table in the basement for items for sale. All money raised will be used by the Women's Fellowship for their yearly mission donations.

**WNALC NEWSLETTER:** Visit [wnalc.org](http://wnalc.org) to learn more.

## NOVEMBER 2021: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church-Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Oct. 31</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion and Rite of Confirmation 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 5-6:30 p.m.: Trunk-or-Treat in Allison	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
<b>7</b> <b>Daylights Savings Time</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion and All Saints Day Commemoration 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LIFT at St. James 7 p.m.: Women's Fellowship	<b>10</b> 7 p.m.: Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
<b>14</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Meal Packing for Haiti at Algona UMC	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
<b>21</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School with Ethiopia Seminary presentation 9 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion led by guest pastor Rev. Hahn 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 5 p.m.: Herald Announcements Due	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LIFT at St. James	<b>24</b> 7 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>26</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>27</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational
<b>28</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational

**Deacons:** Jeff Seehusen and Tyler Seehusen