

THE Herald

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

January Herald:

Monday, Dec. 26 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.

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. MATTHEW 24:44

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Advent Devotional

The season of Advent is almost upon us, and it is time, once again, to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus and His eternal reign. The North American Lutheran Church presents this year's Advent devotional booklet, "And He Shall Reign." This year's study was written by 16 members of the NALC staff and is based on the words in Revelation 11:15. It is the NALC's hope that this devotional will aid and bless your personal reflections during this season.

There are several ways to access the devotional. If you have questions, talk to Monica Edeker.

- **PDF Download:** To download a copy of this year's booklet to view on your computer or to print, visit <https://thenalc.org/advent-devotional-2022/>. (If you would like a printed copy, please contact Monica Edeker.)

- **Daily Text Message:** To receive a text message each day, text: ReadingTheWord to 24251.

- **Daily Email:** To receive a daily email, visit: callingpost.site/ReadingTheWordofGod. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the box that says "Sign Up Now."

- **Daily Video:** To watch a video recording of the devotional daily go to: facebook.com/thenalc

Treasurer's Reports

SEPTEMBER 2022

Operating Balance.....\$89,156.18

INCOME:

Envelope\$7,015.00
 Vanco.....\$754.00
 Sept. Loose-AFSP-Suicide Prevention \$98.50
 Sept. Mission-AFSP-Suicide Prevention \$579.0
 Thrivent Funds \$398.95

From:

Thrivent Funds for AFSP..... \$100.00
 Special Hope Network.....\$764.82
 Food Bank\$720.00
 Missions for Special Hope Network \$235.18
 Missions for NALC Disaster Relief.....\$500.00
 Thrivent Funds for NALC Disaster Relief...\$500.00

Total Income.....\$11,665.45

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply.....\$450.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$211.25
 Pulpit Supply Medical\$40.00
 Wages/Janitors \$415.58
 Wages/Director of Communications.....\$692.62
 Electricity.....\$304.17
 Telephone.....\$71.34
 LP\$564.50
 Printer Contract \$186.79
 Worship Supplies.....\$600.05
 Vanco.....\$8.19
 Janitorial Supplies..... \$53.16
 Office Supplies.....\$232.82
 Maintenance & Repair – Building..... \$159.68
 Licenses & Permits \$203.12

Charitable Missions

TO: Food Bank.....\$720.00
 TO: Thrivent Funds.....\$398.95
 TO: NALC Disaster Relief.....\$1,000.00
 TO: AFSP-Suicide Prevention.....\$777.50
 TO: Special Hope Network.....\$1,000.00

Total Expenses.....\$8,089.72

Operating Balance.....\$92,731.91

Thrivent Funds\$3,705.19
 Scholarships\$1,845.03
 Youth Camp Fund.....\$615.00
 Feed My Starving Children\$1,376.25
 Mission\$3,132.66
 Operation Christmas Child.....\$172.14

September Continued

AFSP-Suicide Prevention\$777.50
 Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip\$258.00
General Fund Balance\$104,613.68

OCTOBER 2022

Operating Balance.....\$92,731.91

INCOME:

Envelope\$8,700.31
 Vanco.....\$754.00
 October Loose Offering-Samaritan's Purse....\$194.76
 October Missions-Samaritan's Purse.....\$1,135.00
 Thrivent Funds \$102.95

From:

Thrivent Funds for Samaritan's Purse\$100.00

Total Income.....\$10,987.02

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply.....\$600.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage\$556.25
 Wages / Janitors.....\$415.58
 Wages / Director of Communications.....\$692.62
 Payroll Expenses.....\$550.80
 Electricity.....\$311.99
 Telephone.....\$71.26
 Insurance\$8,325.00
 Printer Contract\$196.04
 Postage.....\$200.40
 Vanco.....\$8.19
 Janitorial supplies\$55.57
 Sound System.....\$1,390.06
 TO: Samaritan's Purse.....\$1,429.76
 TO: Thrivent Funds.....\$102.95

Total Expenses.....\$14,906.47

Operating Balance.....\$88,812.46

Thrivent Funds\$3,708.14
 Scholarships\$1,845.03
 Youth Camp Fund.....\$615.00
 Feed My Starving Children\$1,376.25
 Mission\$3,132.66
 Operation Christmas Child\$1,601.90
 AFSP -Suicide Prevention\$777.50
 Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip\$258.00
General Fund Balance\$102,126.94

Respectfully Submitted By:
 Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022

The council met on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., in the church kitchen. Diane Hummel opened with prayer devotions from Colossians 2:4-8. Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower presented the September and October financial reports. She noted that the insurance premiums have gone up. Report was approved.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge said he was going to spray the lawns once more before winter.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Nothing to report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer read thank yous from the Allison and Greene food pantries. Eighty-three boxes were delivered to Samaritans Purse. Mission emphasis for December will be Gideons, a North Butler Family, and clothing/winter supplies for North Butler Elementary.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel stated she has found pulpit supply for the rest of the year. Barb Wagner will lead the Thanksgiving Eve service.
- **Deacons:** Nothing to report.
- **Trustees:** Nothing to report.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline stated that the Sunday School program is going very well. A Christmas program is in the works.
- **Director of Communications:** Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- The council discussed fees for use of the church for weddings. A motion was made and seconded to charge \$100 for each wedding.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)	A Evan Steere	A Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
A Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	A Warren Van Dyke

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Salge
Organist: Diane Hummel
Reader: Margaret DeBower
Fellowship Hosts: Ron and JoAnn Taylor
Notes: Holy Communion at the rail

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Lay Leader: Vilmar Lay Leaders
Organist: Diane Hummel
Reader: Jane Thompson
Fellowship Hosts: Kenny and Helen Debner

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

Guest Pastor: Rev. Solveig Zamzow
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Reader Needed
Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed
Notes: Processional Holy Communion;
Holy Baptism of Jett Rolin Eberline

SATURDAY, DEC. 24 – Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service Lay Leader: Jason Edeker
Christmas Program: Sunday School Children

SUNDAY, DEC. 25 AT 9 A.M.

Lay Leaders: Ken and Margaret DeBower
Organist: Barb Wagner
No Fellowship

Christmas Caroling

Vilmar Church Christmas caroling is just around the corner! We will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 11 to get organized and head out around 4 p.m. ALL are welcome to come along to send out the good news of Jesus' birth with music! Fellowship with a light supper will be served as we return to the church. If you know of anyone who we can carol to, please let Choir Director, Jane Thompson, know.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of people to read the scriptures during the Sunday morning services, and we are looking for people to serve coffee and fellowship following church. There are a sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthax. Thank you to everyone who participates in this way for our church!

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.

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	OTHER
Oct. 30	\$1,130.00	\$54.00	\$382.00	\$0.00
Nov. 06	\$3,925.00	\$133.25	\$0.00	\$55.00 <i>Samaritians Purse</i>
Nov. 13	\$1,240.00	\$229.25	\$372.00	\$0.00
Nov. 20	\$5,965.04	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nov. 23	\$831.00: Thanksgiving Eve - NB Hot Lunch and BC Visions of Wellbeing			
Nov. 27	\$1,107.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Respectfully Submitted By: Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: DECEMBER 2022

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the fellowship hall. Diane Hummel will lead the study and Rhonda Edeker will serve. It isn't too late to join this interesting study of the Epistles.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for December is Meredith and Linda Steere. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of December are the Christmas Carolers.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 25: Dean Brinkman, 13673 Camp Comfort Rd., Greene, IA 50636

Dec. 30: Harley Uhlenhopp, 1447 Timber Ave., Hampton, IA 50441

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

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days are Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are always in need of old sheets and blankets for fillers. All are welcome to join in this 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 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 to see which months are still available.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to all of you for the love and prayers while Terry was in the hospital and is now recovering from his surgery. We could really feel it. Praise God. – Darla Drewelow

Program Practice

Christmas Program Practices will be held Sunday mornings in December during the Sunday School hour. There will also be a practice on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission and Outreach

December Mission Spotlight

During the month of December, Vilmar’s Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations for **Gideons International**, as they place the Scriptures into the hands of those who need God’s Word the most around the world.

Items needed at North Butler

Help fill the school cupboards! On the bulletin board in the narthex are sticky notes with clothing items that North Butler Elementary is in need of (in case of accidents during the school day). Items needed include: childrens gloves and mittens, socks, underwear sizes S-XL, boys sweatpants and girls stretchy pants sizes S-L (no jeans, please). Feel free to take a note from the board to purchase the items and bring them back to the church and place them in the laundry basket. If you have any questions, please talk to Rhonda Edeker.

Adopting a North Butler Family

We will also be “adopting” a local North Butler family this Christmas season. If you would like to make a financial donation to help purchase gifts, clothes, and winter supplies for the family, please put “NB Family” in the memo. The Mission and Outreach committee will be purchasing the gifts for the family later this month. If you have any questions, please talk to Barb Meyer.

Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, Oct. 30:	51	n/a
Sunday, Nov. 06:	57	51
Sunday, Nov. 13:	54	n/a
Sunday, Nov. 20:	63	57
Wednesday, Nov. 24:	48	n/a
Sunday, Nov. 27:	33	n/a

Luther League Notes



The Luther League girls baked cookies and were the fellowship hosts following the Thanksgiving Eve service.



Vilmar Luther League attended a meal packing event in Algona on Nov. 6. The meals kits were supplied by The Outreach Program out of Union, Iowa. 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. Around 53,000 meals were packed today.

Council Members

Soon we will be nearing the time of year when the nominating committee will be looking for volunteers to serve on the church council. We ask that you prayerfully consider if this is a way that you'd like to serve our church. If you would be willing to be on the ballot in 2023, contact Ron Salge, and he will get you for more information about the seats available.

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, Mike Martzahn, Jim Wubbena, Sandra Greenlee, Wendell Debner, Emily Martzahn, and Randy Brinkman.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

PRAYER OF CELEBRATION:

In mid-December, Dalton Fehlberg will officially complete his four years of service in the U.S. Armed Forces. He will be living in Lexington, Virginia and attending school. Dalton is the son of Amy Fehlberg. Thank you to everyone for their prayers while he was serving.

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 arrange for your needs.

2023 Directory

I will be working on the 2023 Directory in the coming weeks. I would appreciate if everyone could look over your family listings and let me know if you have any changes/corrections/updates/etc. Thanks, Monica Edeker, 319-939-7348, vilmarchurch@gmail.com, or send a note to the church or leave it in the office.

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 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

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)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	2	3 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
4 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Robert Salge 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	5	6	7 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home	8 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	9	10 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church 1 p.m.: Luther League
11 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service led by Vilmar Lay Leaders 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Caroling	12	13 7 p.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study	14 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home 7:30 p.m.: Council Meeting	15 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	16	17 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
18 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism of Jett led by Rev. Solveig Zamzow 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	19 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	20 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	21 6:30 p.m.: Christmas Program Practice	22 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	23	24 6:30 p.m.: Sunday School Christmas Program and Candlelight Service
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> No Sunday School 9 a.m.: Worship Service led by Ken and Margaret DeBower No Fellowship	26 <i>January Herald Announcements Due Today</i>	27	28	29 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	30	31 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church

Deacons: Ron Salge and Ron Taylor