

December 2021

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## UPCOMING DEADLINES:

**Weekly Bulletins:**  
Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**January Herald Announcements:**  
Sunday, 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.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. PSALM 107:1

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## Notice

Please accept my apologies, as this month's Herald is very delayed. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughts, and comments while I was sick and recovering from COVID. A special thank you to everyone who stepped up and pitched in with all the daily and weekly church operations. I appreciate all the help! -Monica Edeker

## Christmas Schedule

**Sunday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m.:** Christmas Caroling - all are welcome!

**Friday, Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.:** Christmas Eve Program  
and Candlelight Service

**Saturday, Dec. 25, 9:15 a.m.:** Christmas Day Worship Service

## Meal Packing Event



The Vilmar group (from left: Jim Wubbena, Jason Edeker, Karly Nederhoff, Ken DeBower, Kimberley Edeker, Emily Edeker, Margaret DeBower, and Monica Edeker) had a fun time packing rice and bean meals at Algona UMC on Nov. 14. A total of 10,250 bags were packed, and each bag has a serving size of 6 meals, for a grand total of 61,500 meals packed. The meals, sponsored by The Outreach Program, will be sent to GoServ Global's orphanages in Haiti where many of our members have taken mission trips.

# October Treasurer's Report

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

## INCOME:

Envelope ..... \$6,494.92  
Vanco..... \$410.00  
Sept. Mission – GoServ Global ..... \$100.00  
Oct. Loose – Samaritan's Purse ..... \$101.63  
Oct. Mission – Samaritan's Purse..... \$725.00  
Thrivent Funds Deposit..... \$102.95  
From: Thrivent – Samaritan's Purse ..... \$100.00  
From: GoServ Global ..... \$646.00  
From: Thrivent for GoServ Global..... \$2,127.00  
From Mission for GoServ Global ..... \$2,127.00

**Total Income.....\$12,934.50**

## EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply ..... \$1,600.00  
Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage ..... \$231.29  
Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance..... \$400.00  
Wages..... \$831.15  
Supplies – Office – Postage..... \$16.62  
Supplies – Janitor..... \$5.33  
Insurance ..... \$6,289.00  
IRS 3rd Qtr Payroll Taxes..... \$413.10  
Electricity ..... \$267.92  
Telephone..... \$71.06  
Printer Contract ..... \$221.95  
Vanco..... \$9.44  
Repairs & Maintenance – Parsonage..... \$157.23  
Repairs & Maintenance – Building..... \$19.24  
Charitable Donation – GoServ Global ..... \$5,000.00  
Charitable Donation – Samaritan's Purse.... \$468.10  
TO: Thrivent ..... \$102.95  
TO: Samaritan's Purse..... \$558.53

**Total Expenses .....\$16,662.91**

**Operating Balance..... \$62,302.56**

Thrivent Funds ..... \$2,381.74  
Scholarships ..... \$1,818.75  
Youth Camp Fund..... \$815.00  
Feed My Starving Children ..... \$1,376.25  
Mission ..... \$5,964.43  
Operation Christmas Child ..... \$712.14  
Bremwood..... \$1.14  
Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip..... \$258.00

**General Fund Balance .....\$75,630.01**

**Submitted By:** Brenda Boden, *Treasurer*

# Serving in the Lord's House

## SUNDAY, DEC. 5

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Karen Janssen

**Fellowship Hosts:** Ken and Margaret DeBower

**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

## SUNDAY, DEC. 12

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Children's Sermon:** Karen Janssen

**Fellowship Hosts:** Diane Hummel

## SUNDAY, DEC. 19

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Ken DeBower

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

## FRIDAY, DEC. 24: Christmas Eve

**Lay Leader:** Jason Edeker

**Music:** Diane Hummel and Barb Wagner

## SATURDAY, DEC. 25: Christmas Day

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Reader Needed

## SUNDAY, DEC. 26

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Julie Eberline

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

# Receipts Needed

Please submit year-end receipts by Dec. 20, if possible, to Brenda Boden. Thanks!

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the kitchen. Diane Hummel gave the opening devotion based on Psalm 27. Council chairman, Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Secretary Barb Wagner gave the minutes from the October 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 \$62,302.56 with \$75,630.01 in the general fund. There were no correction or additions to the treasurer's report and would stand approved as read.
- **Chairman:** Chairman's Report Ron Salge was contacted by Senior Choir Director, Jane Thompson, concerning the senior choir going Christmas carolling this year. The council discussed and decided that the individuals who would be carolled to should be contacted to see if they were comfortable with carolling visitors.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** No report.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Pastor Marshall Hahn will lead the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 21. Pastor Hahn will be giving a presentation during the Sunday School hour on the mission project undertaken by our mission partner church body, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. The project goal is the construction of a new building to provide space and funding for the training of Bible translators. Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30 p.m., and Christmas morning will begin at 9:15 a.m. The Christmas offering will go to three radio stations- Christian Crusaders, Life 101,9 and American Family 88.9.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke reported that Ron Taylor did a beautiful job refinishing the podium in the narthex. The council thanks Ron for taking on this project. Wayne Dralle and Warren VanDyke removed the trees from the cemetery. Warren also donated a vacuum cleaner for use at the parsonage. A service call was done on the furnace and was in good condition, however parts for the furnace are no longer available. Don Olson from West Music took measurements for the new speakers. Installation will be in the near future.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported that the Women's Fellowship ordered 400 cookbooks of the first edition. They will ready for distribution soon. The cost per coobook is \$15. The Thanksgiving offering will be divided between the North Butler Lunch Program and Butler County Visions of Well Being. The focus for December missions will be the Gideons and a local family in need of helping during the Christmas holiday. Vilmar members are invited to attend a meal packing event for GoServ Global at Algona United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS

- None.

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NEW BUSINESS

- None.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 8 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	A Jason Edeker
P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
A Barb Meyer	P Jeff Seehusen	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING
Oct. 31, 2021	\$1,372.00	\$223.63	\$0.00
Nov. 7, 2021	\$680.00	\$278.00	\$382.00
Nov. 14, 2021	\$1,520.00	\$100.10	\$372.00
Nov. 21, 2021	\$1,595.00	\$2.00	\$0.00

## NALC Advent Devotional

The North American Lutheran Church presents Come!, an Advent devotional booklet for 2021. This year’s booklet is based on the two-year daily lectionary provided in the North American Lutheran Church’s Devoted To Prayer daily prayer and reading guide, which is also an adapted version of the daily lectionary in the Lutheran Book of Worship, Year II. The executive staff of the NALC have prepared devotions for each day from the First Sunday of Advent to Christmas Day.

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 [thenalc.org/advent](http://thenalc.org/advent). (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](http://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](https://facebook.com/thenalc)

# VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: DECEMBER 2021

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

Vilmar Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Diane Hummel will lead the Bible study and Carol Seehusen 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.

## **MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning in January, Diane Hummel will lead a morning Bible study. Time and date to be determined. Please talk to Diane for more information.

## **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.

## **COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE**

Reminder, the Women's Fellowship group had the original cookbook reprinted! There are still many copies available for purchase. Cost is \$15/book. If interested, please contact Margaret DeBower.

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE**

Please check the table in the narthex 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.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- Dec. 25:** Dean Brinkman,  
13637 Camp Comfort Rd.,  
Greene, IA 50636.
- Dec. 30:** Harley Uhlenhopp,  
1447 Timber Ave.,  
Hampton, IA 50441.

## **SEWING DAYS**

The Sewing Committee had a great time in November with some new members joining in the work and fellowship. There will be no sewing days in December, but we will resume again in January. In the meantime we are still accepting donations of sheets, blankets, and fabric. If you have any questions, please talk Margaret DeBower or Betty Rewerts.

## **WOMEN'S 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.

## **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](http://wnalc.org).

## Mission and Outreach

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### 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..

### EECMY Mission

On Sunday, Nov. 21 Rev. Marshall Hahn gave an interesting presentation on an exciting mission project undertaken by our mission partner church body, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY). They are partnering with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) in the construction of a new building on the seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Their goal in this project is to provide space and funding for training Bible translators to spread the Gospel to the people of Ethiopia and Beyond.

Unfortunately the seminary and people in the area suffered from a devastating flood. Tragically eight members of the seminary community lost their lives while some students and faculty lost their homes. Mission donations toward the building project may be sent to: Lutheran Bible Translators, P.O. Box 789, Concordia, Missouri 64020 (indicate "EEMCY" on the memo line). Mission donations toward the Flood Damage may be sent to: North American Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 860565, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55486-0565 (indicate "EECMY" on the memo line).

## Volunteers Needed

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**Council Members:** We are nearing the time of year when the nominating committee will be meeting to make phone calls, looking for volunteers to serve on the church council. If you would be willing to be on the ballot in 2022 to serve the church, contact Ron Salge, and he will get you for more information about the seats available.

## 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.

## Music Schedule

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### SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, Dec. 05:** Senior Choir

**Sunday, Dec. 12:** Sunday School Choir,

**Sunday, Dec. 19:** Senior Choir

**Saturday, Dec. 25:** TBD

**Sunday, Dec. 26:** Senior Choir

### SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE:

For December the choir will be practicing at 9:30 a.m., before the church service in the sanctuary AND Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

### 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.

## Wedding Reception Invite

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Sherry Way Meek and David Burrier will be married on New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 in a private ceremony at a local church. Following, family and friends are invited to join them for a Celebration Reception from 3-5 p.m., at the Pleasant Hill Diner, 5015 E. University Ave., Pleasant Hill (east side suburb of Des Moines). Congratulations to Sherry and David!

## Program Practice

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Christmas Program Practices will be held Sunday mornings in December during the Sunday School hour. We would love for all Vilmar kids to join us, so please bring them to practice during the Sunday School hour!

## Attendance Report

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<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Communed</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 31:</b>	58	43
<b>Sunday, Nov. 07:</b>	38	33
<b>Sunday, Nov. 14:</b>	40	n/a
<b>Sunday, Nov. 21:</b>	31	30
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 24:</b>	25	n/a
<b>Sunday, Nov. 28:</b>	38	n/a
<b>Sunday, Dec. 5:</b>	50	40

## Remember in Your 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, Courtney Debner, Harold Kruse, David Burrier, and Pastor Jack Miller.

**Service Men and Women:** Dalton Fehlberg, Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

## 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).

## Recycling

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Reminder: when you take your recycling to the Butler County Transfer Station, you can designate those items 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.

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

## 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.

## Want More Information?

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To learn more...:

**About Vilmar’s ministry**

[vilmarchurch.org](http://vilmarchurch.org)

**About the North American Lutheran Church**

[thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org)

**About the Iowa Mission District–NALC**

[iowamissiondistrict.com](http://iowamissiondistrict.com)

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

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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational 9 a.m.: Cookbook Pick-Up Day
			8	9	10	11
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Program Practice 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Craig 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	6	7	6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7 p.m.: Council Meeting	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
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Deacons: Ron Salge and Jason Edeker