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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**February Herald
Announcements:**

Sunday, Jan. 22 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.

All your words are true; all
your righteous laws are eternal.
PSALM 119:160

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Annual Meeting Set; Reports Needed

All annual reports are due Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at noon. If at all possible, send them digitally to Monica Edeker through email at vilmarchurch@gmail.com. If you need, they may also be placed in the basket in the office.

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held SUNDAY, JAN. 22 at approximately 12 p.m., following a potluck after the morning worship service.

The following reports are needed:

Monica Edeker – 2021-22 Staff List; Luther League Report; 2023 Directory; Parochial/Statistical Report; NALC Report; Iowa Mission District Report; Organization Officers and Committees List; Pastor's Discretionary Fund; 2022 Summary of Pastoral Acts

Ron Salge – Annual Meeting Agenda;
Letter from the Chairman; 2023 Ballot

Margaret DeBower – Treasurer's Report; Proposed Budget;
Women's Fellowship Written Report

Barb Wagner – 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes;
Women's Fellowship Financial Report

Warren VanDyke – Brotherhood Report

Barb Meyer – Mission and Outreach Report

Julie Eberline – Parish Education Report

Kevin Edeker – Cemetery Report

Diane Salge – Memorial Fund Report

Diane Hummel – Worship/Fellowship Report

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2022 Directory

I am working on the 2023 directory! Please check your family listings. If you have any changes, email them to me at vilmarchurch@gmail.com or leave a note in the basket in the office. Or, if you have questions about your listing, please give me a call, 319-939-7348. The new directory will be printed Jan. 14. Thank you to everyone for your help with this project; I appreciate it! – Monica Edeker

Treasurer's Report

NOVEMBER 2022

Beginning Operating Balance \$88,812.46

INCOME:

Envelopes \$12,135.04
 Vanco \$754.00
 November Loose – Bremwood \$122.50
 November Missions – Bremwood..... \$650.00
 Thanksgiving Offering\$831.00
 October Missions – Samaritan’s Purse\$55.00
 Mission Investment Interest \$29.20
 Thrivent Funds.....\$102.95
 From:
 Thrivent Funds for Bremwood..... \$100.00
 Samaritan’s Purse..... \$1,121.00
 AFSP-Circle of Hope\$777.50
Total Income.....\$16,678.19

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$600.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage\$126.25
 Wages / Janitors \$415.58
 Wages / Director of Communications .. \$692.62
 Electricity \$357.69
 Telephone \$71.26
 Printer Contract.....\$196.04
 Vanco\$8.19
 Maintenance & Repairs\$173.85
 Janitorial Supplies \$102.00

Water Testing\$14.25
 Samaritan’s Purse..... \$1,121.00
 AFSP – Circle of Hope.....\$777.50
 TO: Butler County Visions of Well Being
 (Thanksgiving)\$415.00
 TO: NB Hot Lunch Program
 (Thanksgiving)..... \$416.00
 TO: Samaritan’s Purse\$55.00
 TO: Thrivent Funds\$102.95
 TO: Bremwood \$872.50
Total Expenses\$6,517.68

Operating Balance..... \$98,972.97

Thrivent Funds \$3,711.09
 Scholarships\$1,845.03
 Youth Camp Fund.....\$615.00
 Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25
 Mission\$3,132.66
 Operation Christmas Child \$535.90
 Bremwood..... \$872.50
 Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip \$258.00
 BC Visions of Well Being.....\$415.00
 North Butler Hot Lunch Program \$416.00

General Fund Balance\$112,150.40

Respectfully Submitted By:
 Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

Attendance Report

Worship Service	Attendance	Communed
Sunday, Dec. 04:	58	52
Sunday, Dec. 11:	50	n/a
Sunday, Dec. 18:	73	56
Saturday, Dec. 24:	115	n/a
Sunday, Dec. 25:	40	n/a

Council Members

We are looking for members to serve on the church council. Each term is 2 years, and members are eligible to serve 2 terms, for a total of 4 years. We ask that you prayerfully consider if this is a way that you'd like to serve our church. For more information about the seats available or to be on the ballot, please contact Ron Salge.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022

The St. John's Church council met for its regular meeting on Dec. 14. Diane Hummel gave devotions based on Psalm 46. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes would stand approved as read
- **Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was given by Margaret DeBower. A check from Iowa State Bank in the amount of \$200 was received and was to be used for supporting a local organization or family in need. After discussion about several possible places to donate, Warren Van Dyke made a motion to match the \$200 from Iowa State Bank and present a check for \$400 to Autumn Ackerman's family, from Greene, who recently lost their home and belongings to a fire. Barb Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Margaret also visited with Jen Seehusen about the Wells of Inspiration project in Liberia. Jen is friends with Teta Ross, from Charles City, whose husband is a pastor in Liberia. Teta works in the U.S. and travels to Liberia to help the community with projects. Some current and former members of Vilmar are planning a mission trip to Liberia to help install five wells. The wells cost \$5,000 each, so funds are currently needed for their installation, as well as for the travel expenses for the mission trip. Vilmar will focus on the Wells of Inspiration project in February. Additional details will be coming, or you may talk to Jen if you want more information.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge reported that he has been working to fill nominations for council positions opening up in 2023. Not all positions have been filled.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report available.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reported that gifts for the North Butler family have been purchased and delivered, as well as the gifts for Bremwood. Some items have been purchased for Samaritan's Purse Project for 2023. The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offering will be divided between radio stations Life 101.9, 88.9 Family Radio, and Christian Crusaders.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported Pastor Zamzow will be conducting services on Dec. 18. Ken and Margaret DeBower will lead services on Christmas morning. Christmas Eve service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Christmas morning services will begin at 9 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.
- **Deacons:** Tyler Seehusen reported that more communion cards needed to be purchased. Monica Edeker reported that she already ordered the cards.
- **Trustees:** Evan Steere reported that rodent traps have been checked frequently. He also donated a spotlight that could be used for programs. Fire extinguishers will be checked by Hawkeye Fire and Safety. The defibrillator is in need of a new battery. The current battery will expire in four months. Batteries are currently unavailable through the distributor. A newer defibrillator model is available at a cost of \$1,600. Evan will continue to look for available battery, and Warren Van Dyke is looking into a possible grant for a new machine. The council also discussed another training course to use the defibrillator should be done in 2023.

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- **Parish Ed.:** No report available.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported Schumacher Elevator had completed their elevator inspection and the piano has been tuned and the nativity scene put up. She also reported that Lavone Frerichs is now residing at Valley View Care Center in Greene. Individuals are reminded to make sure all lights/candles/etc. are off when leaving the church. She reported that the organ and the pianos have been tuned as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- The annual meeting has been set for Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 with a snow date of Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023. There will be a potluck following the worship service and the meeting will begin at approximately 12 p.m.
- Annual report deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. Please be prompt in getting Monica your reports so the annual report can be prepared.
- The Christmas stage and backdrop will be put up on Monday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 at 7:30 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 Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	NB SCHOOL	NB FAMILY	WELLS OF INSPIRATION	ORGAN FUND
12-04-22	\$2,370.00	\$450.56	\$382.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-11-22	\$8,415.00	\$2.56	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
12-18-22	\$2,370.00	\$450.56	\$382.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
12-24-22	\$150.00	\$968.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
12-25-22	\$210.00	\$472.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

Lay Leaders: Vilmar Members

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Karen Janssen

Fellowship Hosts: Jeff and Carol Seehusen

Notes: NO Communion or Sunday School

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

Lay Leader: Brent Janssen

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Reader Needed

Special Music: Senior Choir

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

Lay Leaders: Vilmar Members

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Special Music: Senior Choir

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Notes: Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

Lay Leader: Dale Janssen

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Special Music: Senior Choir

Fellowship Hosts: Annual Meeting Potluck

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

Lay Leader: Dale Ackerman

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

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 sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthax. Thank you to everyone who participates in this way for our church!

Portals of Prayer

The January–March Portals of Prayer booklets are available in the narthex for anyone to take.

Mission and Outreach

January Mission Spotlight

During the month of January, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations for Prison Fellowship, a national, nonprofit organization that helps transform the lives of incarcerated men and women by sharing the Gospel and bringing them hope through programs and events run by correctional staff and volunteers. The organization also helps support families of prisoners year-round through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents, sending kids to summer camp, facilitating one-day sports camps, and more.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Vilmar's mission projects in 2022 – whether you made financial contributions, purchased supplies, attended a mission event, or simply offered prayers for the organizations – THANK YOU! Your generosity allowed us to bless many different organizations locally, nationally, and internationally. Our church is truly mission-driven because of everyone's support, and we look forward to the great things that Vilmar can do in the future.

Mission Ideas!

While we have a great list of organizations that we have supported the past years, we are always looking for new projects to feature and lift up to the congregation for your mission support. The mission committee is tentatively planning to meet in February to set their giving plan for 2023, if you have an idea to consider – or if you'd like to join us! – please contact Barb Meyer, Mission and Outreach Chairperson.

VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: JANUARY 2023

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the church – PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE. Margaret DeBower will lead the study and JoAnn Taylor will serve.

We will be meeting in the mornings for the next three months. After that we will discuss the time change again. All ladies are welcome to join us even if it has been a long time since you attended.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for January is Jeff and Carol Seehusen. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of January are the Diane Salge and Diane Hummel.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 23: Jean Morris, 625 Church St., Bristow, IA 50611

Jan. 26: Lavone Frerichs, 20228 160th St., Greene, IA 50636

Jan. 29: Lucy Steere, 19782 135th St., Greene, IA 50636

Jan. 29: Darwin Dralle, 18079 110th St., Greene, IA 50636

Jan. 31: Kay Brinkman, 13673 Camp Comfort Rd., Greene, IA 50636

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

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days are Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a potluck at noon. The group is always in need of old sheets and blankets for fillers. All are welcome to join in this mission project.

WOMEN'S BOOKLET

The 2023 yearbooks are available. Please pick up your copy from the table in the narthex.

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.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Cookbooks 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.

ITEMS AVAILABLE

Check the table in the basement for items for sale. These items make great gifts! 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.

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, Randy Brinkman, and Pastor David Craig.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Remember the family of Chuck Morris: Charles D. (Chuck/Charlie) Morris, 70, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at Cedar Valley Hospice House, Waterloo. No services were held. U.S. Cremation Society was assisting the family. Chuck was Darwin Winkowitsch's brother-in-law.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Remember the family of Bette A. Wubbena: Bette, 75, of Waterloo, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital in Waterloo. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 19, at Locke at Tower Park in Waterloo. Visitation was held from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, at Locke at Tower Park; also, for one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Bette was the sister-in-law of Jim Wubbena.

PRAYER UPDATES:

Lavone Frerichs has been released from the hospital and is currently at Valley View in Greene. She has a long recovery before she will be able to move back home, but if anyone would like to visit her, they may do so at the care center.

Randy Brinkman is recovering from his recent stroke at On With Life, a skilled nursing rehabilitation center in Iowa. His address is On With Life Rm 16, 715 SW Ankeny Rd., Ankeny, IA 50023.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who went Christmas caroling this year— we had a great group of 16 carolers and stopped at 8 places. Thanks to the Luther League for putting together the gifts for our shut-ins. The group also had a nice supper at the church following. — Jane Thompson

Thank you to the teachers, children, parents, grandparents, volunteers, council members, and everyone else who helped make our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services possible once again this year

We also wish to extend a special thank you to Aaron Ellermann for singing “O Holy Night” during our Christmas Eve service.

Pastoral Care

If you need assistance, 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.

Want More Information...

...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)

JANUARY 2023: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>10 a.m.: Worship led Vilmar Lay Leaders 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 a.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 a.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship led by Brent Janssen 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home 7:30 p.m.: Council Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion led by Vilmar Lay Leaders 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home 12 p.m.: Annual Reports Due</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship led by Dale Ackerman 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>**Annual Meeting Snow Date**</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>FEB. 1</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church</p>

Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere