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Weekly Bulletins:

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March Herald Announcements:

Sunday, Feb. 19 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.

And let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." JOHN 7:38

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Wells of Inspiration

Our Mission and Outreach project for February will be the **"Wells of Inspiration" in Liberia, Africa.** The following article portrays information about the project's inception and how one family's mission idea ebbed and flowed for years, and is now becoming a far-reaching reality. Wells are currently being dug, Bibles, clothes, and supplies have been gifted, rice has been donated, and the people – now filled with joy and praise – have felt Christ's hope and mercy. Read along to see how our small church, in rural Iowa, is positively impacting struggling villagers on the other side of the globe.

THE MISSION

The mission: "To share blessings and gifts bestowed in abundance with others less fortunate." This was once just a thought in my brother-in-law's head, and after he shared it with our family, it's finally becoming a reality. We had no idea just how big God's plan was for us and this mission. We're excited to share information about the people, struggles, blessings, and the overwhelming support along the way that has brought this mission to life for us.

The mission first started with conversation to do a Seehusen brothers – Brent, Clint, Curt, Marc, and Tyler – mission project for others somewhere in the world; maybe dig a well. We wanted the mission to include all our families in whatever capacity we could support it. This was an idea that was shared many times over the course of a couple of years. I, Jennifer Seehusen, am a sister-in-law and married to the fourth brother, Marc. My passion rooted deep within is to help people reach the goals they set. So, I set out to support this dream and mission.

THE SPARK NEEDED TO BE SHARED

My work colleague and Sister in Christ, Sheila, is a person that I knew would be moved by this vision. She was just as excited as I was for the Godly journey, and was willing to pray for a future mission. With God paving the way, the search was on to find a mission.

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Most companies split up larger mission groups, in order to be more efficient. My light dwindled with each failed attempt to find a project able to support the number of workers we would have. Doing the mission together seemed important when reflecting on conversations, so I needed a better fit. In passing at work, Sheila asked how the plans were coming, and I shared my frustrations. Sheila turned to God in prayer.

GOD WAS WORKING THROUGH US ALL

Hours later, I opened the door at my granddaughter's school program and assisted a janitor in carrying some trash from her overflowing cart. As she thanked me, I asked her name and where she was from. She responded, "Teta Ross from Liberia, Africa." Inquiring about her village led me to discover village members didn't have access to safe, local water. This inspired me to share my brother-in-law's desire.

"Does the village need a well?" I asked, "Because I know someone that wants to help people put in a well."

"You are kidding? Yes, they get so sick from bad water. Really!? You can help? Praise God! Praise God!" Teta exclaimed with her hands were in the air. "This is the answer the village has been praying for."

God ignited the spark.

The more I visited, the more I discovered her story; it was God's intention for us to meet. Teta shared their needs for clean water, clothing, hygiene items, sewing items, dishes, and many other things. Teta sends boxes of these supplies to Liberia, and was working on sending a box in the next week or two. God opens doors and we just need to acknowledge His power.

He also continues to put things in our grasp. As I went to purchase pants for my active grandson, Cody, we found ourselves at Wal-Mart. As we came around to the back aisle, loads of summer clearance were marked to \$1. Vividly colored dresses, kids' clothing, shorts, and tanks filled the clothing rack. My heart runneth over as my grandson would grab an item and ask, "How about this one, Grandma?" Cody helped me find 150 clothing items to give to Teta. We also

purchase thread and some hygiene items. God's light was warming us from the inside out.

The Holy Spirit poured into conversation with various people over the next few days and inspired many to share their gifts. Margaret, from my church, St. John's – Vilmar, is the head of the quilting group. She had thread and big pieces of fabric that she would be willing to donate. Teta's husband shared that he had a need for Bibles. Teta shared that some of the village members were new to getting to know about God, and were doubting, not understanding why they have to suffer. Teta reassured them God would provide and shared our conversations. My church communications director, Monica, had adult and youth Bibles and Sunday School kids packets that she wanted to send. Robert, a member of Gideons International, also had Bibles to send. My grandkids shared with a church in Charles City which offered more Bibles. My stepmom, Terri, is talking to her quilt group to get them on board as well. Teta shared that staff members at her school in Charles City also shares items like dishes, pots, pans, shoes, clothing, and new undergarments. All of these are needed.

God is certainly on the move and pouring into peoples' hearts and this mission.

THE MISSION IS A GO

At the annual Seehusen brothers Iowa Hawkeye game weekend, I was able to share with some of the family members the mission that had been unfolding over the past weeks. The family was onboard and supported making this mission happen. Details of cost and needs would be unveiled and shared over the next weeks and months.

With the mission a go, Teta and I were able to call her husband, J. Boima Kiazolu, known to me as JB, and he was able to share with me details of rainy and dry seasons, and knowledge of what needed to be done to dig a well. He informed us that the cost is \$2,200 for a hand-dug well, if big equipment couldn't

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access the point, and \$5,000 to put in a well if the equipment would have access. The men of the village are gathering information on supplies and soil types. The women walked from area to area to find out how long people would have to travel by foot to find clean water. This will narrow where the best location to place one well and benefit the most people. The mission is in amazing hands as JB continues to organize the mission in Liberia, Africa.

STRUGGLES ARE REAL

Teta shared during one of our conversations that her village members will work and not get paid for months at a time. This might amount from \$50-\$200 a month. This was followed by the description of bad things that, at times, happen to the young ladies as they work to afford the basic necessities of food.

These struggles trouble Teta, so she helps the Liberian Women in Christ to learn the trade skills of cooking bread and sewing, which helps them to be able to sell items to support their family, so those awful things don't have to happen to these girls. Teta sends funds to rent a facility and pays a lady to teach these women the skills twice a month until they graduate from the program. Teta recently found out that the rental unit she uses to house the supplies and teach women was rented by someone willing to pay more.

Teta took out a loan for \$2,000 to get started on a new building, and briskly picked up a second job to help pay for village members to build it, which will allow them to continue God's work. The cost of the building is \$1/brick, with hopes of being able to supply 5,000 bricks to complete the project. Teta doesn't know how the rest will be paid for, but she knows she will do her best. Teta turns to God to address the struggles she faces with supporting the village, and He provides a glimpse of hope.

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WELL OF INSPIRATION



Liberian Africa Mission
Block A Peace Community
Upper Caldwell Township
Bushred Island
Montserrado County
Liberia, West Africa



FUND A WELL

\$5,000 will provide one well for a village and give them access to clean drinking water.



RICE

3-5 months between paychecks leaves families hungry. \$17 buys a 25 pound bag of rice.



BRICKS FOR LEARNING

\$1 buys supplies to make bricks needed for the multipurpose space used for worship, teaching trade skills, & housing. Goal 5,000 bricks



TRAINING

Trade skills of sewing and baking are being taught 2x per month to women. Giving them skills to support their families.



DONATIONS

Checks Payable:
St. John's Lutheran Church Vilmar
Memo: African Mission
16073 Keystone Ave, Greene, IA 50636
<https://www.vilmarchurch.org>

Supporting the building comes at a cost that has put villagers in need. Each year at Christmas time, Teta attempts to supply families with a 25-pound bag of rice that costs \$17, and an additional \$10 to make the rice into a soup, which makes it go further. Her hope is to fill bellies and bring momentary joy to as many as she can afford to support. This year, however, she told her husband that she wouldn't be able to afford to send the rice. JB told her that she was doing all she could, and God will provide.

GOD'S WILL BE DONE

Teta shared the rice struggle with me, and I reached out to the family to share updates on the cost of wells, the Christmas rice struggle, and the building needs. God answered the call, and we were able to provide for 60 families to receive Christmas rice for 2022. A request has also been sent to JB to secure the digging of five wells.

The village is praying that God's will be done. Plans are currently underway to see which family members will be able to travel to Liberia in March 2023. This will be the highest point in the dry season and the best time to get to the good depth

needed to sustain the wells over time. Teta will travel with the family to guide us on this mission. While there, we will visit families, share God's word, share the supplies sent, see some of the well sites and help at the site as needed, lend a hand in forming bricks, make improvements to homes, talk farming, and build relationships with as many people as possible. If we are able to get supplies, a lean-to could be added on the side of some of the village homes when we go. This may help stop some of the water that comes into the homes on the dirt floors during the rainy season. The week will be filled with lots of opportunities to do God's work.

On Jan. 17, videos flooded my phone – the first hand-dug well was put in. The water is flowing and the people are rejoicing. Tears of joy fill my eyes as this mission is really taking off. God is a Well of Inspiration. Many will answer the call to be the well of inspiration for others and share their gifts. Our family has no idea how big God is going to make this mission, but we are ready to answer His call to serve others.

We thank you for all the prayers and support,
Jennifer Seehusen

JOIN US SUNDAY, FEB. 12

- Teta Ross, along with the Seehusen Family, will give a presentation during the 10 a.m. Sunday morning church service at St. John's – Vilmar.
- **Following the service will be a soup dinner and bake sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is open to the public.**
- All proceeds from the fundraiser, as well as all loose and designated mission offering for February will be put toward the Wells of Inspiration project.



DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Please make checks payable to: St. John's Church – Vilmar, 16073 Keystone Ave., Greene, Iowa 50636
Memo: African Mission or Well of Inspiration

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church–Vilmar was held on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, with 38 in attendance. The meeting began with Ron Salge leading a responsive reading and prayer. Council Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. The proposed agenda was presented. A motion was made by Kurt Roose and seconded by Don Salge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

REPORTS

• **Secretary:** The minutes from the annual meeting held Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022 were read by Barb Wagner. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Carol Seehusen made a motion to approve the minutes. Diane Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

• **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower reviewed the treasurer's report from 2022. The year began with an operating balance of \$70,776.49. Funds available beginning Jan. 1, 2023 were \$120,153.63. Margaret expressed appreciation for the continued financial givings throughout the year for operating expenses and mission support. Jeff Seehusen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given with Darwin Dralle seconding the motion. Motion carried.

• **Nominating Committee:** Ron Salge expressed appreciation to those who were willing to have their names on the ballot for 2023. He also thanked the outgoing council members for their service. The names on the ballot were read and the floor was opened for any other nominations to the ballot. With none being made, Ken Debner made a motion to accept the ballot with Bob Janssen seconding the motion. The ballot was unanimously approved. The newly elected council members are:

- Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Dick Ulrich
- Secretary: Rhonda Edeker
- Mission and Outreach, Barb Meyer
- Cemetery Committee: Dean Brinkman
- Trustee: Dale Janssen
- Worship and Fellowship: Diane Hummel
- Parish Ed.: Julie Eberline

Ken and Margaret DeBower will serve as NALC Convocation delegates.

Bob and Karen Janssen will server as the Iowa Mission District-NALC Convocation delegates.

Barb Wagner will serve as the Bartels Home delegate.

• Reports from Luther League, Brotherhood, Women's Fellowship, Memorial Fund, Mission and Outreach were able to be reviewed. There were no questions regarding any of these reports. A question regarding the price of cemetery lots was asked. The price is \$500 per 4-person lot; \$300 per 2-person lot; and \$200 for 1 space.

• **Worship and Fellowship:** Diane Hummel has been in contact with the NALC who will provide assistance to lay leaders if needed. Diane expressed her appreciation for those assisting with lay services in the absence of a pastor. Vilmar is still currently on the NALC website and can be also viewed on the Vilmar website and Facebook page. Shelly Shultz is currently our new contact with the NALC.

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- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker provided reports on the Iowa Mission District, NALC, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, the Statistical and Parochial Report and a summary of Pastoral Acts. Don Salge made a motion and Darwin Dralle seconded to approve these reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- Stewardship and Finance Chairperson, Don Salge, reviewed the 2023 proposed budget. After an explanation of a few items, a motion was made by Barb Wagner to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Karen Janssen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLOSING

With no other business brought up Bill Debner made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jason Edeker seconding the motion. The 2023 annual meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

The St. John's Church Council met briefly following the Jan. 22, 2023 annual meeting. Installation of council is set for Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023. Monica offered copies of St. John's constitution and code of conduct to any members who might want one. The council dinner for incoming and outgoing council members will be also held Sunday, Feb. 5, following the church service. The calling tree will be discussed at the next regular council meeting. After some discussion about appointing a new council chairman, Don Salge made a motion to table to appointment until the next regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., when all members are present. Margaret DeBower seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

Present: Ron Salge, Rhonda Edeker, Monica Edeker, Don Salge, Ron Taylor, Meredith Steere, Tyler Seehusen, Barb Meyer, Diane Hummel and Margaret DeBower.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Jan. 11. Diane Hummel gave devotions based on Psalms 27. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read. There were no corrections or additions and would stand as read.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report as well as the financial review of the year 2022. There were no corrections and would stand as read.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** The January mission emphasis will be Prisoner Fellowship, a national, non-profit organization that helps transform of incarcerated men and women by sharing the Gospel and bringing hope through programs and events run by staff and volunteers. February's mission will be "Wells of Inspiration" in Liberia, Africa. A soup luncheon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to help raise funds to benefit the Wells of Inspiration mission. The luncheon will be open to the public.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that David Burrier will be conducting services on Sunday, Jan. 15.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Evan Steere reported that the fire extinguishers were inspected and new batteries were put in the back door lock. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to purchase a new defibrillator at a cost of \$1,665 from One Beat Medical and Training Company. Barb Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was suggested that a new training on operating the defibrillator be done after the defibrillator arrives.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** The Gospel Group, "SaltLight" will present a service of music on March 12. The Dwight Haverkamp family has reserved the church basement on Saturday, Jan. 21.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22. Light suppers will be held prior to the Wednesday services from 5:30-6:45 p.m., with the services beginning at 7 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted for hosting the suppers. Suppers will not be held on Ash Wednesday or Holy Week.
- Don Salge, Stewardship chairman, presented the 2023 budget. After reviewing the budget, Warren Van Dyke made a motion and Barb Wagner seconded to approve the 2023 budget. Motion carried.

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- Ron Salge, chairman, presented the agenda for the annual meeting. Margaret DeBower made a motion and Diane Hummel seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- The 2023 council ballot was presented and reviewed by the council. Warren VanDyke made a motion to approve the ballot with Meredith Steere seconding that motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8, 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	P Don Salge
A Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	OTHER
1-1-23	\$1,130.00	\$79.00	\$382.00	\$0.00
1-8-23	\$812.00	\$59.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-15-23	\$1,935.00	\$60.00	\$372.00	\$100.00 (Wells)
1-22-23	\$1,015.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$102.95 (Thrivent)

Attendance Report

Worship Service Attendance Communed

Sunday, Jan. 1:39 n/a

Sunday, Jan. 8:50 n/a

Sunday, Jan. 15:5346

Sunday, Jan. 22:53 n/a

Music Schedule

ANY ONE is invited to join the choir. They will be singing on most Sunday mornings until Easter. They will practice every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the choir loft. For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson.

Offering Envelopes

Our offering envelopes were automatically renewed and ordered in early 2022, however the distributor is still in the publishing stages with them. We are hoping they will be delivered by the end of the month. Thank you for your patience while we wait for them.

Annual Reports

If you'd like a copy of the annual reports and/or 2023 directory, you may pick up a copy from the church narthex.

Treasurer's Report

DECEMBER 2022

Beginning Operating Balance \$98,972.97

INCOME:

Envelopes	\$19,627.00
Vanco	\$754.00
December Loose-Gideons	\$49.56
December Missions-Gideons	\$400.56
Christmas Offering.....	\$1,540.00
Missions	\$200.00
Wells of Inspirations	\$10,000.00
North Butler Elementary	\$25.00
North Butler Family	\$350.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$620.00
From:	
Thrivent Funds for Gideons	\$100.00
Bremwood	\$872.50
Visions of Welling	\$415.00
North Butler Lunch Progam.....	\$416.00
Missions fund	\$200.00
Total Income.....	\$35,569.62

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply	\$300.00
Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage	\$130.00
Wages / Janitors	\$415.58
Wages / Director of Communications ..	\$692.62
Organist	\$2,400.00
Choir Director	\$700.00
Choir Accompanist.....	\$250.00
Electricity	\$482.51
LP	\$649.89
Telephone	\$71.05
Printer Contract.....	\$196.04
Vanco	\$8.19
Kitchen Supplies	\$19.33
Janitorial supplies.....	\$159.75

EXPENSES, cont.:

Postage	\$120.00
Elevator	\$553.19
Worship Supplies	\$273.69
Memorial Fund.....	\$620.00
NALC 5%	\$3,370.43
North Butler Family	\$506.29
Visions of Well Being.....	\$415.00
Bremwood	\$873.33
North Butler Hot Lunch Program.....	\$416.00
Fire Victim Fundraiser	\$400.00
Wells of Inspirations	\$10,000.00
Radio Stations-Christmas Offering....	\$1,540.00
To: Gideons	\$550.12
To: North Butler Elementary	\$25.00
Total Expenses	\$26,138.01

Operating Balance..... \$108,404.58

SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS:

Thrivent Funds.....	\$3,611.09
Scholarships.....	\$1,845.03
Youth Camp Fund	\$615.00
Feed My Starving Children.....	\$1,376.25
Mission	\$2,932.66
Operation Christmas Child	\$535.90
Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip...	\$258.00
Gideons	\$550.12
North Butler Elementary	\$25.00
Specified Accounts Balance	\$11,749.05

GENERAL FUND BALANCE.....\$120,153.63

Respectfully Submitted By:
Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

Guest Pastor: Rev. Jack Miller
Organist: Diane Hummel
Reader: Karen Janssen
Special Music: Senior Choir
Fellowship Hosts: Bill and Betty Debner
Notes: Holy Communion; Council Installation

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

Lay Leaders: Seehusen Family
Organist: Diane Hummel
Reader: Seehusen Family
Special Music: Seehusen Family
Fellowship Hosts: Soup Lunch Fundraiser
Notes: Mission Presentation

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Salge
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Reader Needed
Special Music: Senior Choir
Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed
Notes: Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 – 7 P.M.

Lay Leader: Vilmar Members
Organist: Diane Hummel
Special Music: Senior Choir
Notes: Ash Wednesday; Holy Communion

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

Lay Leader: David Burrier
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Reader Needed
Special Music: Senior Choir
Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Volunteers Needed

We need scripture readers and fellowship hosts. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthax. Thank you to everyone who participates in this way for our church!

Vilmar Women's Fellowship

FEBRUARY 2023

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will be Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m., at the church. Margaret DeBower will lead and serve. All are welcome to join us.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for February is Dean and Kay Brinkman. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of February are the JoAnn Taylor and Barb Wagner.

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 12: Sandra Greenlee, 20076 150th St.,
Greene, IA 50636
Feb. 29: Marlys Kruse, 900 7th St.,
Allison, IA 50602

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are in need of sheets and light weight blankets to use for insides and quilts backs. Donations can be left at the east end of the fellowship hall.

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

The women's group will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, Feb. 12 during the Soup Fundraiser for Wells of Inspiration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baked goods can be brought that morning before church. Please price your items. Any questions please talk to Margaret DeBower.

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.

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, Pastor David Craig, and Sharleen Hubbard.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Remember the Family of Donald Alfred Heuer: Don, 73, of Aplington, formerly of Allison, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at the Iowa City VA Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 23, at Hope Reformed Church in Parkersburg. He was the son of Alfred and Anna Heuer.

Thank You

Sharleen Hubbard had a successful surgery in Iowa City recently. She and Dave returned home from the hospital after a few days stay, and she is recovering now. They would like to thank everyone for their continued thoughts, prayers, and cards during this time.

Pastoral Care

During this time if you need assistance of any kind, please let Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348) know, and she will help arrange for your needs.

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

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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.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home	2 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	3	4 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
5 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion and Council Installation led by Rev. Jack Miller 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 12 p.m.: Council Dinner	6	7 9 a.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study	8 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home 7:30 p.m.: Council Meeting	9 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	10	11 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
12 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Mission Presentation – Wells of Inspiration for Liberia, Africa 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Soup Dinner and Bake Sale Fundraiser	13	14	15 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane's home	16 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	17	18 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
19 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship led by Rev. Salge 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>March Herald Announcements Due</i>	20 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	21 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	22 6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service <i>No Confirmation</i>	23 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	24	25 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
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