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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:
Thursdays at 9 a.m.

March Herald Announcements:
Sunday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

"I planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the increase."
1 CORINTHIANS 3:6

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

How do we serve our God? How shall we serve our God? These are important questions to ask ourselves individually and as a church.

Ministries vary at home, work, school, church, community, world. Some things are very simple and spontaneous; and others take much planning and involvement. Some have been going on since forever! Others have yet to be dreamed! Some use our talents well. Others may press us in the uncomfortable learning zone. Some talents and ministries are unknown. While some are yearning to find a place to serve God and others. Some ministries continue to serve well and some have passed their purpose at this time.



Pastor Keen

It is always good to periodically review the ministries we have in a church. It is particularly wise to visit the topic of ministries together with a new pastor. What do we long to preserve? ... What would we like to move toward or accomplish in ministry? ... What would feed your soul? ... How would you like to participate? ... Are your thoughts being heard? ... Do you wish that _____? ...

For the purpose to further learn where your hearts are for the ministry at St. John's - Vilmar, we will host a "Dream Team" meeting in the fellowship hall from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 for any and all interested people, of all ages! It will be a time for brainstorming, where no thought is crazy or impossible - that's brainstorming. We serve a God of the impossible, so if that is God's Will - look out world! With your input, we can begin the process of reflection, prayer, discernment, prioritizing, and action with the shared information and vision for our congregation.

To be sure this is an on-going venture, the path may have a few detours, some periods of construction, and some rest stops may be needed, but the ultimate destination is to serve and glorify

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Treasurer's Report

DECEMBER 2023

Beginning Operating Balance\$104,814.25

INCOME:

Envelope.....\$25,980.00
Vanco \$754.00
Loose Offering – Bremwood \$172.10
December Mission –Bremwood \$285.00
Christmas Eve-North Butler Family..... \$869.00
Christmas Day-Gideons.....\$637.00
Mission Fund \$250.00
Luther League..... \$25.00
Vilmar Memorial fund donations..... \$120.00
Wells of Inspirations \$18,161.51
Thrivent Funds\$407.95

FROM:

North Butler Hot Lunch.....\$270.50
BC Visions of Well Being.....\$270.50
Mission Fund – Randy Brinkman.. \$3,846.25
Samaritan's Purse..... \$187.85
Thrivent Fund – Bremwood..... \$100.00

Total Income..... \$52,336.66

EXPENSES:

Wages/Janitors.....\$461.74
Wages/Director of Communications.....\$769.62
Choir Director \$700.00
Organist \$2,835.00
Choir Accompanist..... \$250.00
Pastor's Salary \$3,500.00
Pastor's Social Security..... \$357.00
Pastor's Health Insurance..... \$0.00
Pastor's Insurance/Pension \$0.00
Mileage\$779.45
Electricity\$453.36
Telephone \$71.88
LP\$770.14
Water..... \$15.50
Office Maintenance..... \$263.22
Worship Supplies \$125.19
Janitor Supplies..... \$2.97

Parsonage Repair \$586.33
Printer Contract..... \$206.39
Postage\$198.00
Vanco\$8.19
Wells of Inspirations \$14,021.40
Samaritan's Purse..... \$187.85
Vilmar Memorial..... \$120.00
Randy Brinkman \$3,846.25
North Butler Hot Lunch.....\$270.50
BC Visions of Well Being.....\$270.50
North Butler Family \$200.00
Bremwood\$495.10
TO: Thrivent.....\$407.95
TO: North Butler Family..... \$669.00
TO: Mission \$250.00
TO: Luther League \$25.00
TO: Gideons\$637.00
TO: Bremwood \$62.00
TO: Wells of Inspiration \$4,140.11

Total Expenses.....\$37,956.64

Operating Balance..... \$119,194.27

SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS:

Thrivent Funds.....\$2,335.44
Scholarships..... \$1,634.64
Youth Camp Fund\$215.00
Mission\$775.61
North Butler Family \$669.00
Gideons\$637.00
Bremwood \$62.00
Operation Christmas Child \$257.10
Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip... \$258.00
Luther League..... \$25.00
Wells of Inspiration..... \$16,600.04

Specified Accounts Balance \$23,468.83

GENERAL FUND BALANCE.....\$142,663.10

Respectfully Submitted By:
Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024

OPENING

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Pastor Keen gave devotions based on leadership. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Meredith Steere moved, Diane Hummel seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Barb Meyer moved, Dick Ulrich seconded, to approve the December treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Dale Janssen moved, Ron Taylor seconded, to approved the year-end treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chairman:** Don Salge thanked the volunteers for helping with the Christmas stage.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** February's mission will be the Wells of Inspiration.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** Need to replace a bulb on candelabra.
- **Trustees:** The furnaces have been installed at the church and the parsonage outlets are working.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Schumacher Elevator did their annual inspection of the elevator.
- **Pastor:** Pastor Keen gave an accounting of her recent pastoral activities. In December she made 53 visits and provided private communion to 30 and presided over 1 funeral. Her mileage for the month was 694 miles. Pastor reported that Randy Wildeboer requested a letter of transfer to First Reformed Church in Sheldon where he lives with his family. We have received a new member inquiry from Danielle Neve and her son Liam.

OLD BUSINESS

- Don Salge and Dale Janssen will hang Robert Dralle's painting above the elevator.

NEW BUSINESS

- Margaret DeBower moved, Meredith Steere seconded, to approve Sacred Call gospel group to perform on Sunday, Sept. 8 at Vilmar. Motion carried unanimously.
- Don Salge reported that after snowfall, various members will work to clear the driveways and Evan Steere will clean the sidewalks.
- Dale Janssen moved, Margaret DeBower seconded, to approve the 2024 annual meeting agenda with the addition of Pastor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ron Taylor moved, Dick Ulrich seconded, approve the 2024 ballot with the addition of Margaret DeBower for treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.
- Rhonda Edeker moved, Barb Meyer seconded, to approved the 2024 proposed budget with the addition of \$1,000 added to the LP amount. Motion carried unanimously.

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CLOSING

Dale Janssen moved, Meredith Steere seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The next council meeting will be discussed following the annual meeting with the newly elected council. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)	P Dale Janssen	P Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke
P Pastor Keen	P Monica Edeker	

DATE	GENERAL	MONTHLY MISSIONS	OTHER FUNDS
12/24/23	\$5,925.00	\$32.00	\$636.51 – Wells of Inspiration \$102.95 – Thrivent
12/24/23 (Christmas Eve)	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$120 – Organ Fund \$743.00 – NB Family
12/25/23	\$320.00	\$100.00	\$562.00 – Gideons \$100 – NB Family \$50.00 – Wells of Inspiration
12/31/23	\$8,450.00	\$40.10	\$2,000 – Wells of Inspiration
1/7/24	\$1,995.00	\$151.56	\$382.00 – Simply Giving \$300.00 – Wells of Inspiration
1/28/24	\$3,360.00	\$160.00	\$3,872.00 – Simply Giving \$21,496.80 – Wells of Inspiration \$102.95 – Thrivent

PASTOR'S NOTE FROM PAGE 1

God and His Will within St. John's – Vilmar, our communities, the NALC, the nation, and the world.

Each of you have some thoughts on this. I need to hear them. The church needs to hear each other. Come and listen. Come and share. Come and dream. Where is the breath of God moving in our church?

– Pastor Keen

Scripture Reflections

“God promised, “I will pour out my Spirit upon all people, Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.” – Joel 2:28

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” – 1 Peter 4:10

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024

OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar was held Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024, with 32 voting members in attendance. The meeting began with Pastor Keen leading a responsive reading and prayer. Council Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. The proposed agenda was presented. A motion was made by Barb Wagner and seconded by Kurt Roose to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Secretary: Ron Salge made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Margaret DeBower reviewed the treasurer's report from 2023. Carol Seehusen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Vernetta Salge seconded. Motion carried.

Reports from various committees were available for members to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Jen Seehusen asked about extending the sidewalk to the cemetery and moving the flag pole. Both items have been previously approved by council. Completion of the projects will be looked into.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Salge, reviewed the 2024 proposed budget. A motion was made by Harlan Martzahn to approve the budget as presented. Ken DeBower seconded. Motion carried.

Don Salge presented the election of officers. Barb Wagner made a motion to cease nominations from the floor. Jason Edeker seconded. Motion carried. Ken DeBower made a motion to elect a unanimous ballot. Ron Salge seconded. Motion carried. The newly elected officers are:

- Deacons: Ron Taylor and Meredith Steere
- Trustee: Harlan Martzahn
- Treasurer: Margaret DeBower
- Stewardship and Finance: Kurt Roose
- Cemetery Committee: Jeff Seehusen
- Bob and Karen Janssen will serve as the Iowa Mission District-NALC Convocation delegates.
- Barb Wagner will serve as the Bartels Home delegate.

An inquiry was brought up about planting trees to replace the ash trees that were removed. If anyone wants to donate trees for that project, it must be presented before the council for approval.

It was discussed that the new council should look into a possible new deck/patio at the parsonage when the steps are replaced.

CLOSING

With no other business brought up Kurt Roose made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jason Edeker seconding. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By: Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

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The church council met briefly following the Jan. 28, 2024 annual meeting. Installation of council members is set for Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024. 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 is tentatively set for Sunday, Feb. 11, following the church service. The settlement of \$60 to replace pastor's lost piano bench was discussed and will be taken care of. Rhonda Edeker nominated Kurt Roose for council chairman. Diane Hummel seconded. Kurt accepted the nomination. With no other nominations made, a vote was taken. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting was discussed. It will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14 following the Ash Wednesday service.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

Present: Don Salge, Rhonda Edeker, Monica Edeker, Ron Taylor, Tyler Seehusen, Diane Hummel and Margaret DeBower, Kurt Roose, Harlan Martzahn, and Pastor Keen.

Attendance Report

Worship Service	Attendance	Communed
Sunday, Dec. 24:	55	n/a
Christmas Eve:	166	n/a
Christmas Day:	50	44
Sunday, Dec. 31:	51	n/a
Sunday, Jan. 7:	54	46
Sunday, Jan. 14 & 21:	services canceled	
Sunday, Jan. 28:	51	n/a

Music Schedule

Anyone and everyone is invited to join the choir. They will practice at 9:15 a.m., on Sunday mornings, and will sing during the worship services. For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson at 319-415-8456.

We are always looking for special music volunteers for the Sunday morning services too. If at any time you, or someone you know, would like to provide special music (instrumental, vocal, or both!) let Jane know and she will get you on the schedule!

Serving in the Lord's House

SCRIPTURE READERS

- Sunday, Feb. 4:** Kurt Roose
- Sunday, Feb. 11:** Margaret DeBower
- Sunday, Feb. 18:** Jeff Seehusen
- Sunday, Feb. 25:** Betty Rewerts

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- Sunday, Feb. 4:** Host Needed
- Sunday, Feb. 11:** Host Needed
- Sunday, Feb. 18:** Jen Seehusen
- Sunday, Feb. 25:** Host Needed

If you would be willing to serve coffee and fellowship after worship or read the scripture lessons during worship service, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Diane Hummel or Carol Seehusen.

Annual Reports

If you'd like a copy of the annual reports and/or 2024 directory, you may pick up a copy from the church narthex.

Lent Information and Schedule

During Lent we will be using the Sola Lenten Drama, “Fulfilled in Him”

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth...” (1 Kings 8:15)

Jesus began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”(Luke 4:21)

One of the most repeated refrains in the New Testament has the assertion that all of Scripture is fulfilled in Jesus Christ himself. He used the Old Testament to teach the disciples about himself, telling them that the promise of the biblical ancestors and prophets pointed forward to him. (Luke 24:44)

During the season of Lent, we will focus on the events leading up to Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion. In the ancient words of Scripture Christ’s sacrificial giving of himself for our sake is realized. In our Lenten drama series, we focus on five pairs of characters. Each pair includes one character from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. Each demonstrating in their witness the fulfillment of God’s promise.

Each week we will meet two Biblical characters reflecting on his or her faith through monologues. Through what is shared in the paring of these characters, we have an opportunity to examine how Christ is the key to Scripture – “the founder and perfecter of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:2)

Various readers from the congregation will be helpful to make these dialogues more interesting for your listening. Lectors for the scripture passages assigned will be helpful, as well. Pastor will have copies of each monologue and the scripture for you.

The Mid-week practice of Lenten worship offers us all an opportunity to hear again and anew the many truths of God’s words and to help us deepen our faith journey with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. I hope we can each carve out time to receive Christ in the many services at church and in your own homes.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 – Ash Wednesday

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

8 p.m.: Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 – Week 1

5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper (*host needed*)

6 p.m.: Confirmation Class at the church

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Lenten Service

Theme: Faith

Characters: From Abraham to the Centurion (*readers needed*)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28 – Week 2

5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper (*host needed*)

6 p.m.: Confirmation Class at the church

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Lenten Service

Theme: Righteousness

Characters: From Moses to Paul (*readers needed*)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 – Week 3

5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper (*host needed*)

6 p.m.: Confirmation Class at the church

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Lenten Service

Theme: Being Chosen

Characters: From Ruth to Samara (*readers needed*)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 – Week 4

5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper (*host needed*)

6 p.m.: Confirmation Class at the church

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Lenten Service

Theme: Repentance

Characters: From Jeremiah to John (*readers needed*)

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 – Week 5

5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper (*host needed*)

6 p.m.: Confirmation Class at the church

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Lenten Service

Theme: Fulfillment

Characters: From Job to Martha
(*readers needed*)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – Palm Sunday

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

9 a.m.: Choir Practice

10 a.m.: Worship Service

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 – Maundy Thursday

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and special music by the choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – Good Friday

7 p.m.: Tenebrae Service with special music by Aaron Ellermann

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service led by the Luther League and Vilmar Lay Leaders

7:30-8:45 a.m.: Easter Dawn Breakfast

9:15 a.m.: Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

Community Lent Gatherings

Pastor Russel Muilenburg from Trinity Reformed in Allison has invited Vilmar members to a community-wide, informal Lenten devotional and soup/sandwich supper on Sunday evenings during Lent (Feb. 18 — March 24) from 5-6 p.m. Pastors for area churches in the Allison and Bristow communities will be leading the devotional time each week. Pastor Keen will take her turn on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Mission Presentation

On Sunday, Feb. 18, the Seehusen family will give an update/presentation about the Wells of Inspiration Mission Project in Liberia, Africa, during the 10 a.m. morning worship service.

Thank You

Dear Vilmar Church: Thank you so much for the gift of money that you sent me. I really appreciate it. It will help a lot with all the bills we have to pay. I am also very thankful for all the prayers that I received. They really helped me to recover and get better when I was in the hospital and when I got home. I am also thankful for all the get well cards I received. I enjoyed reading all of them. They helped me to stay strong and positive. Thanks again for everything you did. Sincerely, Randy Brinkman

A **special thank you** to Jurene Dralle and family for their donation of Robert's painting. It has been hung up above the elevator in the sanctuary.

Pastor Keen's Schedule

- **Mondays:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Office Hours
- **Tuesdays:** Weekly NALC Pastor's Bible Study (locations are determined each month); First week of each month, 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study at Vilmar
- **Wednesdays:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Office Hours Evenings, Confirmation Class
- **Thursdays:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Office Hours (except third week for pre-arranged visitations)
- **Fridays:** Pastor's Day Off
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m., Prayer Group at Jurene's

Please Note: Pastor Keen is not limited to the hours stated above. Know that you are always welcome to set up a time to meet with her. She plans to be present in the church at these designated hours, unless there is an emergency or if an unknown pastor's need arises. A note will be left on the office door and/or message with Monica if this is the case.

Chili Cook-Off

Calling all cooks! A chili cook-off fundraiser will be held Sunday, Feb. 18 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at St. John's. Anyone is eligible to enter. Everyone is a judge – each person may taste samples of the chilis, vote, and then enjoy a bowl of their favorite. The meal will include a relish tray, cinnamon rolls, and beverages.

There will also be a bake sale. The fundraiser is free will donation, and there is no entry fee for the cooks. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Wells of Inspiration mission project in Liberia, Africa – the goal this year is to dig 20 wells and finish construction on the multi-purpose school/church.

To register your chili for the contest, let Monica Edeker know. Cooks will need to arrive around 4 p.m. to set up. The chili with the most votes will receive a trophy at the end of the event.

If you would be willing to help at the event, please talk to Jen Seehusen or Monica Edeker. We will also be taking donations for the bake sale as well.

2024 MISSION SPOTLIGHTS		Reach
January	Lutheran Military Vets and Families	National
February	Wells of Inspiration	International
March	Feed My Starving Children	International
April	North Butler Scholarship	Local
May	NALS (Seminary)	National
June	Relay For Life of Butler County	Local
July	Allison and Greene Food Banks	Local
August	Vilmar Youth Camperships	Local
September	Hope Ministries	Local
October	Operation Christmas Child	International
November	Covenant House	National
December	Christian Appalachian	National
Lent	GoServ Global – Haiti	International
Easter	Vilmar Luther League	Local
Thanksgiving	North Butler Hot Lunch and Butler County Visions of Wellbeing	Local
Christmas Eve	Life 101.9, Christian Crusaders, and American Family Radio	Local/National
Christmas Day	Gideons	International
OTHERS	<i>More mission projects and events may pop-up throughout the year. We will announce those as they come, but these were the other known ones at the time of the mission meeting on 1/11/24.</i>	
February	Chili Cook-Off at Vilmar on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., to support the Wells of Inspiration mission project in Liberia, Africa	
Summer	Walking in the Allison, Bristow, and Greene parades	
September	Sacred Call Gospel Group will present at Vilmar on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. during the service	
November	We will participate in a meal packing event in Algona	

VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: FEBRUARY 2024

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 9 a.m., in the church fellowship hall. Diane Hummel will lead the study and Betty Debner will serve.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

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

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine Committee for February will be JoAnn Taylor and Barb Wagner.

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 7: JoAnn Taylor, 2153 300th St.,
Greene, IA 50636

Feb. 12: Sandra Greenlee, 20076 150th St.,
Greene, IA 50636

Feb. 29: Marlys Kruse, 900 7th St.,
Allison, IA 50602

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

BINGO

Vilmar is in charge of BINGO at the Allison nursing home on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 1:30 p.m. We need volunteers to help, if you are interested in participating, contact Betty Rewerts.

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. Come join this great time of fellowship, food and working on a vital mission to those in need. Don't be frightened away by the "name" of the group – no sewing skills are needed to help make quilts. If you have any questions please, talk to Betty Debner, Betty Rewerts, Karen Janssen or Margaret DeBower.

LENTEN SUPPERS

We will again be serving a light supper before the Lenten church services. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

ITEMS AVAILABLE

Check the table in the basement for items for sale – there are many new things! These items make great gifts! All money raised will be used by the group for their mission donations.

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.

Announcements

100th Birthday: Louise Kollman, a former member of Vilmar, is celebrating her 100th birthday on Feb. 28. Birthday wishes/messages may be sent to her at 1922 Fifth Ave., Waverly, IA 50677.

Sewing Donations Needed

The sewing committee is in need of sheets and lightweight blankets. Donations can be left at the east end of the basement. Thank you!

Remember in Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Dean and Barb Westendorf, Jurene Dralle, Evalyn Nettleton, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Carol Finke, Cheryl and Kayla Sankey, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Sandra Greenlee, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Pastor Rich Eddy, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Todd DeGroot, Calla Clarey, Pastor Robert Salge, Mark Green, Darwin Dralle, Jamie Osterbuhr, Mary Schipper, Jean Morris, Susan Seehusen, Pastor Mark Walker, Sheryl Johnson, Lori May, Alex Vogt, Gloria Flaten, Marilyn Cole, Amy Fehlberg, and Larry Hinders.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis and Rashell Haxhijaj

FAITHFULLY DEPARTED:

Remember the Family of Luella Miller: Luella, 89, of Greene, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison. A visitation was held Thursday evening, Jan. 18 with a scripture service at Woodley Funeral Home in Greene. A graveside service was held Friday, Jan. 19 at Vilmar's South Cemetery. Luella was the sister-in-law of Fred (Suzanne) Miller.

Remember the family of Marilyn Ruth Johnson: Marilyn 86, of Waverly, passed away Jan. 23, 2024. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, with burial of cremains to follow in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly. Marilyn was the mother of Linda Steere.

Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral assistance or would like private communion, please contact Pastor Tamara Keen at 316-655-3306 (cell), 319-267-2080 (office), or email keentjkk@gmail.com.

New Members

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of St. John's – Vilmar? Please talk to Pastor. Keen for more information about upcoming classes and/or the transfer process. (Cell, 316-655-3306; Office, 319-267-2080)

Notice

In the event of a weather-related cancellation, announcements will be posted on Vilmar's Facebook Page, KWWL, and KLMJ 104.9. If you are unsure, don't hesitate to call.

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.

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

About the Women of the NALC

wnalc.org

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)

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 is very much appreciated. Thanks!

FEBRUARY 2024: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline 1:30 p.m.: BINGO at Allison Rehabilitation Center		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Dream Team Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion and Church Council Installation 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship		9 a.m.: Vilmar Women's Bible Study	6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane Hummel's	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 12 p.m.: Council Dinner			6 p.m.: Choir 7 p.m.: Ash Wed. Worship Service 8 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion and Mission Presentation (Wells) 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Chili Cook-Off	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day with potluck at noon	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day with potluck at noon	5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper 6 p.m.: Choir & Confirmation 7 p.m.: Lenten Worship Service	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home
25	26	27	28	29	March 1	2
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 5-6 p.m.: Lent Meal and Devotion at Trinity Reformed led by Pastor Keen	Herald Announcements Due Sunday		5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper 6 p.m.: Choir & Confirmation 7 p.m.: Lenten Worship Service	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home

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