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**UPCOMING DEADLINES:**

**Weekly Bulletins:**

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**March Herald Announcements:**

Sunday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m.

**NOTICE:** In the event of a weather-related cancellation, announcements will **ONLY** be posted on Vilmar's Facebook Page, KWWL, and KLMJ 104.9.

For we live by faith,  
not by sight.  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

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## From the Chairman

I was glad when they said to me let us go into the house of the Lord. – Psalm 122:1

**A**s I was thinking about what to write for my chairman's report this year, I decided to talk about something that I have never touched on before. I went through our church directory and found all the confirmed members of St. John's who live within 25 miles of our church. In the 2021 directory there are roughly 150 confirmed members residing within that 25 mile radius. This does not include children or members that I would call shut-ins or those who are physically unable to make it to church on a regular basis.

In 2021, our average attendance was 46. Does that number surprise you? It did me. Let me first say that I am not trying to offend anyone. I am sure that there are a number of reasons that members don't worship regularly, whether it be job responsibilities, illness, family obligations or they are joining us on Facebook on Sunday morning. There are also members who are worshipping at other churches. I'm sure the fear of COVID has also had an effect on our attendance as well. Whatever the reason, we want you to know that we miss seeing you and hope you will join us soon.

We are currently going through some challenging times at St. John's. Even though we are blessed to have a pastor who is serving us on a regular basis, we need to look ahead and plan for our future. The church council and call committee have been struggling with the question of whether we can financially support a full-time pastor if one would become available once Pastor Craig has fulfilled his contract in August. We have continued to have our profile and video on the NALC website, but as of a few days ago we have not been informed of any pastors wishing to contact us with interest in accepting a call to our church. We need to continue to pray that God's will be done in sending us a new pastor for our congregation. Regular church attendance is vital for the life of any congregation.

See, **Chairman:** Page 4

# Treasurer's Report

DECEMBER 2021

**Beginning Balance.....\$62,417.94**

## INCOME:

Envelope .....\$21,535.00  
Vanco ..... \$410.00  
Dec. Loose – Gideons .....\$80.25  
Dec. Mission – Gideons .....\$665.00  
Christmas Eve/Day Missions..... \$1,372.00  
Thrivent Funds ..... \$205.90  
Church Mutual Refund ..... \$17.00

## From:

Thrivent Funds for Gideons ..... \$100.00  
Bremwood .....\$864.24  
Missions for Bremwood..... \$945.00  
Thanksgiving Eve ..... \$945.00  
Missions for Christmas Family ..... \$333.32

**Total Income.....\$26,537.98**

## EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply ..... \$1,650.00  
Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage..... \$235.77  
Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance .. \$400.00  
Wages – Janitor & Dir. of Comm. ....\$831.15  
Wages – Choir Director.....\$700.00  
Wages – Choir Accompanist ..... \$250.00  
Wages – Organist (\$40/service) ....\$2,320.00

Worship Supplies – Portals of Prayer \$146.25  
LP – Fill Contract ..... \$5,346.79  
Electricity ..... \$408.12  
Telephone ..... \$71.06  
Printer Contract..... \$186.79

Vanco .....\$4.69  
Repairs & Maintenance – Building ... \$52.93

## Charitable Donations

Christmas Tree Family ..... \$333.32  
Ethiopia Seminary Building .....\$500.00  
Ethiopia Flood Damage ..... \$500.00  
NB Elem. Food Program.....\$472.50  
BC Visions of Well-Being.....\$472.50  
Bremwood ..... \$874.51  
Radio Broadcast (3 stations) ..... \$450.00

TO: Gideons..... \$845.25  
TO: Christmas Day/Eve Missions ...\$922.00  
TO: Thrivent Funds..... \$205.90

**Total Expenses .....\$18,179.43**

**Operating Balance..... \$70,776.49**

Thrivent Funds..... \$2,387.64  
Scholarships .....\$1,818.75  
Youth Camp Fund..... \$815.00  
Feed My Starving Children ..... \$1,376.25  
Mission ..... \$5,620.84  
Operation Christmas Child .....\$172.14  
Christmas Day/Eve Mission .....\$922.00  
Gideons..... \$845.25  
Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip ..\$258.00

**General Fund Balance.....\$84,992.36**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Brenda Boden, *Treasurer*

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Jan. 12, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Diane Hummel read scripture from Psalms and Samuel.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report was read and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** A thank you was received from Samaritan's Purse thanking our congregation for the donation to their organization. January mission focus will be Retrieving Freedom. Brenda gave a summary of some of the Christmas gifts that were purchased for the NB family.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Pastor Craig would like to have a hymn sing on Jan. 30, and every fifth Sunday of the month. Council approved the request and Diane will visit with Pastor Craig more about the abbreviated order of service on those Sundays.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke reported that Norton has completed the tree removal and cleanup of the damaged trees around the parsonage. Warren also reported that he had consulted with Associated Crafts, who is currently repairing stained glass windows in another church in the area, to look at the current condition of the windows at St. John's. The windows were said to have an approximate value of \$109,000. An estimate on repairing and recaulking the windows was said to cost around of \$36,000. Warren said Kurt Menken is still on schedule to touch up the outside of the windows for \$50/window this year.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline thanked Diane Hummel and all those individuals who were involved with the Christmas Program. There were many positive comments about how well the children did and how beautiful the service was.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported that she is continuing to work on reports and preparing for the annual meeting on Jan. 23.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Ron Salge reported that the new speakers for the church are expected to arrive soon, however the amplifier may not arrive until April because of the unavailability of the chip that it needs.
- There was some discussion as to whether St. John's name should be taken off the NALC website. Don Salge made a motion and Julie Eberline seconded it to remove St. John's from the NALC's website call list. Motion carried

### NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Salge presented the agenda of the 2022 annual meeting to be held on Jan. 23. Brenda Boden made a motion to approve the agenda for the annual meeting. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Council approved.

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- Brenda Boden presented the 2021 financial year end report. Barb Wagner made a motion to approve the 2021 year-end report. Don Salge seconded the motion. Council approved.
- Brenda Boden and Don Salge presented the 2022 proposed budget for approval. Don Salge made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Council approved.
- The 2022 ballot of election was presented. Diane Hummel made a motion to approve the 2022 ballot. Brenda Boden seconded. Council approved.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 at 7 p.m., in the kitchen.

**CLOSING**

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**  
Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

P Ron Salge (President)	A Evan Steere	A Jason Edeker
P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	A Jeff Seehusen	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	OTHER
*12-24-21	\$2,425.00	\$892.00	\$0.00	\$114.95
*12-25-21	\$265.00	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-2-22	No Service Held			
1-9-22	\$1,690.00	\$91.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-16-22	\$1,650.00	\$120.01	\$372.00	\$0.00
1-23-22	\$1,955.00	\$672.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

\*correction from last month’s numbers

**CHAIRMAN** FROM PAGE 1

If you have not been worshipping regularly with us please join us on Sunday morning. We would love to have you worship with us and hope to see you soon.

As always, thanks to all the faithful members who have helped us throughout the year. A special thank you to our church council members, worship committee chairman Diane Hummel, as well as Monica Edeker, for their help organizing our Sunday

morning worship. Thanks to everyone involved in the day to day work here at St. John’s. Also thank you to the people who continue to lift this congregation up in prayer daily. Without your hard work, dedication and prayerful support we couldn’t make it happen. God bless you all.

**In His Service:**  
Ron Salge, *Chairman*

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022

### OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar was held on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service, with 31 members in attendance. The meeting began with devotion, responsive reading, and prayer. Council Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order. The congregational annual meeting agenda was presented and there were no additions or corrections to the presented agenda. Brenda Boden made the motion to accept the agenda and Barbara Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried and the agenda was approved as presented.

### REPORTS

• **Secretary:** The minutes from the annual meeting held Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, were read by Barb Wagner. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Margaret DeBower made a motion to approve the minutes with Diane Salge seconding the motion. Motion carried. Minutes will stand approved as read.

• **Treasurer:** Treasurer, Brenda Boden reviewed the financial report for 2021. The Jan. 1, 2021 balance was \$25,028,46. Total income for 2021 was reported as \$141,435.39. Total expenses for 2021 were \$95,687.36. The operating balance was \$70,776.49 with \$14,215.87 in designated special funds. Brenda expressed her thanks for the continued financial support of St. John's and for special mission projects. There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report. Warren VanDyke made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with Don Salge seconding the motion. Motion carried.

• **Nominating Committee:** The ballot for 2022 elections was reviewed. Chairman, Ron Salge expressed his thanks for all those who have consented to have their name on the 2022 ballot. The floor was opened for any other nominations to the ballot. With none being made, Ken DeBower made the motion to accept the ballot as presented. Kay Brinkman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The newly elected council members are:

- Deacons: Ron Taylor and Meredith Steere
- Trustee: Warren VanDyke
- Treasurer: Margaret DeBower
- Stewardship and Finance: Don Salge
- Cemetery Committee: Kevin Edeker

Ken and Margaret DeBower will serve as Iowa Mission District-NALC Convocation delegates. Betty Debner will serve as the Bartels Home delegate.

- **Reports** from the various organizations were reviewed.

### OLD BUSINESS

• Ron Salge gave an update on the new speakers that have been ordered. Updating the current sound system has been an ongoing project for some time. The speakers have been ordered and are ready to be installed pending the delivery of the amplifiers. As with many delays during the pandemic,

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the amplifiers are yet not available.

- A call committee update was also given. Currently Vilmar is not actively in the call process, however our video can still be viewed on the NALC website, Vilmar's website and Facebook page. Ron reported we have not been informed of any interested pastoral candidates. Pastor Craig has been contracted through August and we are fortunate and grateful for his commitment to serving St. John's.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Stewardship and Finance Chairperson, Don Salge, presented the proposed 2022 Financial budget. A correction was made for reimbursement for Pastor Craig's mileage from \$0.56 per mile (per IRS) to \$0.58 per mile. The floor was opened for questions and/or concerns regarding the proposed budget. With no further discussion, Kenny DeBower made a motion to accept the 2022 proposed budget as presented. Julie Eberline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Director of Communications, Monica Edeker, briefly explained the changes for the ratification of the NALC Constitutional Amendment 11. The changes made are to clarify terminology used in the amendment and each congregation needs to vote to approve or veto the proposed changes. With no questions concerning the changes Warren Van Dyke made a motion to bring to a vote the ballot to ratify the amendments to Articles 11.01, 11.02 and 11.03. Ron Taylor seconded the motion. By show of hands, St. John's voted to unanimously to approve the changes.

## **CLOSING**

With no other business brought up Meredith Steere made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Diane Salge seconding the motion. The 2022 annual meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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The St. John's Church Council met briefly following the Jan. 23, 2022 annual meeting. Installation of council was tentatively set for Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022. The council dinner for incoming and outgoing council members will be held at home of Barb Wagner with a date to be determined this summer. Barb Wagner made a motion to nominate Ron Salge as council chairman and Diane Hummel as co-chairperson. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved. There was some discussion as to the necessity of having a phone call chain when services are cancelled due to inclement weather. Currently cancellations are posted Facebook, KWWL-TV and the Hampton Radio station. The council decided that calling members was not necessary. Parishioners are welcome to call Ron Salge, Monica Edeker or any council member if needing service update.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

Present: Ron Salge, Barb Wagner, Warren VanDyke, Diane Hummel, Don Salge, Margaret DeBower, Monica Edeker, Meredith Steere, Julie Eberline, and Brenda Boden.

# Serving in the Lord's House

## SUNDAY, FEB. 6

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig  
**Organist:** Diane Hummel  
**Special Music:** Senior Choir  
**Reader:** Reader Needed  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed  
**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

## SUNDAY, FEB. 13

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig  
**Organist:** Diane Hummel  
**Special Music:** Sunday School Choir  
**Reader:** Reader Needed  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed  
**Notes:** Council Installation

## SUNDAY, FEB. 20

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig  
**Organist:** Barb Wagner  
**Special Music:** Senior Choir  
**Reader:** Reader Needed  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed  
**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

## SUNDAY, FEB. 27

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig  
**Organist:** Barb Wagner  
**Special Music:** Senior Choir  
**Reader:** Reader Needed  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

## Music Schedule

ANY ONE is invited to join the choir. They sing on Sunday mornings during the worship service, and hold practices on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary. For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson.

# Attendance Report

Worship Service	Attendance	Communed
Sunday, Jan. 2:	.....	Service Cancelled
Sunday, Jan. 9:	..... 44	..... n/a
Sunday, Jan. 16:	..... 40	..... 37
Sunday, Jan. 23:	..... 50	..... n/a

## Volunteers Needed

**Altar Committee:** Volunteers are still needed for March. The committee members will need to set-up and clean-up for communion distribution, as well as change the altar paraments, when needed.

**Sunshine Committee:** Volunteers are still needed to fill the months of August and October.

If you'd be willing to serve on the Altar or Sunshine Committees, please let Margaret DeBower know.

**Scripture Readers:** We are looking for readers for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Diane Hummel (Worship Chairperson) will contact you with the readings each week. We will be printing the New King James version in the bulletins.

**Fellowship Volunteers:** We are looking for people to serve coffee and fellowship following the worship services on Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax.

**Children's Sermon Volunteers:** If anyone would like to lead a children's sermon on Sunday mornings, please let Monica Edeker or Diane Hummel know.

*Please prayerfully consider helping with these opportunities to serve our church family!*

# Mission and Outreach

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## February Mission Spotlight

During the month of February, **Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) – Black Hawk Chapter.** CEF is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

The Good News Club and 5-Day Club ministries take place in neighborhood settings such as homes, backyards, schools and community centers all over the world. These fast-paced, one-hour programs are designed to bring the Gospel of Christ to children on their level in their environment.

Along with these clubs, CEF also has fair, camping, open-air, and internet ministries for children. Last year through these combined ministries over 16.4 million children worldwide heard the Good News.

## 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 will be meeting soon to set their giving plan for 2022, if you have an idea to consider – or if you'd like to join us! – please contact Barb Meyer, Mission and Outreach Chairperson.

## Thank You

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I would like to thank those who assisted me with the annual reports and directory this year. Everything went very smoothly for me with everyone's supportive communication and assistance. Thanks to everyone for having your reports ready in a timely manner. I really appreciate it. Thanks!

– Monica Edeker,  
*Director of Communications*

# Vilmar Women's Fellowship

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FEBRUARY 2021

## BIBLE STUDY

• Rebecca Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., at the church. Diane Hummel will lead the Bible study, and Diane Salge will serve the lunch.

• Rachel Circle will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m., at Diane Hummel's home.

## ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for February is Dean and Kay Brinkman.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

## BIRTHDAYS

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

**March 1:** Althea Uhlenhopp, 1447 Timber Ave., Hampton, IA 50441

## SEWING DAYS

Sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a potluck at noon. Everyone is welcome to join, even if it is only for an hour or two—you don't need special skills, as we have jobs for everyone.

## 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

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.



## Water Testing

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We are looking for a volunteer to be responsible for the water testing at the church and parsonage. The person would need to do the testing once a week and fill out monthly DNR reports. If you have questions or are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Ron Salge.

## Remember in Our 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, 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, and David Burrier.

### 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 assistance of any kind, please let Council President, Ron Salge (641-330-0456) or Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348) know, and they will arrange for your needs.

## Weather Announcements

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In the event of a weather-related cancellation, announcements will **ONLY** be posted on Vilmar's Facebook Page, KWWL, and KLMJ 104.9. If you have questions, please talk to Council President, Ron Salge.

## Cookbooks Available

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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

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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

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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.

## 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)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7 p.m.: Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 p.m.: Rebecca Circle at the Church	<b>9</b> 9 a.m.: Rachel Circle at Diane H. 6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7 p.m.: Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	<b>16</b> 7 p.m.: Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 p.m.: Choir Practice	<b>24</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service	<b>3</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home