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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

March Herald Announcements:

Sunday, Feb. 21 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.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-17
**REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY
WITHOUT CEASING**

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From the Council

The council has made a decision that beginning with the MARCH HERALD:

- If you requested a paper copy of the Herald be mailed to you, it will be mailed to you.
- If you requested to receive a digital copy of the Herald, it will be emailed to you.
- If you requested to be removed from the Herald mailing list, this will be the final issue sent to you.

Thank you to everyone who replied to our survey or answered the individual messages sent. We appreciate everyone's input and feedback. The council has decided this will be more cost-effective way to share the Herald with everyone, and we thank you all for helping with this project.

Just a reminder, everything printed in the monthly Heralds—with the exception of financial information and the prayer concern lists—can also be found our website, vilmarchurch.org.

Mission & Outreach: **World Vision**

February Mission Spotlight:

During the month of February, our mission partner will be World Vision. Mission funds gathered during the month will be used to purchase animals that provide nutrition and income for families in Haiti served by World Vision. To learn more about World Vision, visit donate.worldvision.org.

Mission Thank You:

Thank you to everyone who supported the January Mission Project – GoServ Global. Funds that were donated will be given to them to assist with their mission work at the orphanages in Les Cayes, Haiti. If you'd like more information about GoServ Global, visit goservglobal.org or talk to Jason Edeker.

Treasurer's Report

DECEMBER 2020

Operating Balance..... \$6,232.31

INCOME:

Envelope\$25,027.05
 Vanco..... \$10.00
 Nov Missions – Bremwood..... \$100.00
 Dec Missions – Gideons\$500.00
 Dec Missions – Loose.....\$20.00
 Thanksgiving Eve..... \$100.00
 Christmas Eve & Day Offering\$50.00
 Christmas Tree Family\$275.00
 From Thrivent for Missions – Gideons..... \$100.00
 Thrivent Funds Deposit..... \$102.95
 From Missions – Bremwood\$668.86
 From Missions – Thanksgiving Eve \$50.00
 From Missions – Samaritan's Purse\$549.00
 From Missions.....\$1,040.00
Total Income..... \$28,592.86

EXPENSES:

Choir Director 2020.....\$700.00
 Organists 2020.....\$1,640.00
 Pulpit Supply.....\$300.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$218.50
 Wages.....\$831.15
 Supplies–Worship (Portals of Prayer) \$1,233.60
 Supplies–Postage \$107.34
 Work Comp Insurance – Qtrly Pmt..... \$211.00
 Electricity.....\$417.04
 Telephone.....\$71.42
 Printer Contract\$209.50
 Vanco.....\$0.49
 Repairs / Water.....\$12.50
 LP\$491.31
 Mission Payments
 • Gideons.....\$620.00
 • Samaritan's Purse / Postage\$549.00
 • Bremwood.....\$768.86
 • Christmas Tree (NB Family).....\$765.00
 • Visions of Well Being.....\$200.00
 • Life 101.9 FM\$150.00
 • Christian Crusaders.....\$150.00
 • 88.5 FM (American Family Association)\$150.00
Total Expenses.....\$9,796.71

Operating Balance..... \$25,028.46

Treasurer's Report

Thrivent Funds \$1,441.24
 Scholarships\$2,268.75
 Youth Camp Fund.....\$965.00
 Mission \$11,466.80
 Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25
 Operation Christmas Child\$153.61
 Bremwood..... \$1.14
 Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip.....\$225.00
 Sound System.....\$3,695.66
General Fund Balance\$46,621.91

2020 FINANCIAL RECAP

2020 Approved Budget..... \$140,786.62
 Monthly offerings needed to meet budget ...\$11,732.22
 Amount needed to meet budget
 thru Dec. 31, 2020 \$140,786.62
 Monthly Offerings as of Nov. 30, 2020.....\$111,025.09
Current budget deficit –\$29,761.53

Respectfully Submitted By:
 Brenda Boden, *Treasurer*

Attendance Report

| DATE | ATTENDANCE | COMMUNED |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 01-03-21 | 35 | 32 |
| 01-10-21 | 32 | N/A |
| 01-17-21 | 38 | 35 |
| 01-24-21 | 34 | N/A |

Want More Information?

To learn more about Vilmar's ministry and upcoming events, visit our website:

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)

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021

The January Vilmar council meeting was opened with devotions given by Rhonda Edeker. Chairman, Ron Salge, called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was given by Barb Wagner. There were no corrections or additions and the report would stand approved as read. Treasurer's report was given by Brenda Boden. The operating balance is \$25,028.46 with \$46,621.91 in the general fund.

REPORTS

- **Chairman:** Ron Salge expressed his appreciation to all the council members for their time and commitment to serving on the council. Outgoing members were thanked for their time.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Rhonda Edeker gave a report on the disbursement of December mission funds: \$920 was given to the Gideons; the North Butler Family was presented with a variety of gifts for Christmas; and the three radio stations were given \$150 each. January mission emphasis is GoServ Global.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported Feb. 7 services will be conducted by Pastor David Craig; Feb 14 and Feb 21 services will be conducted by Pastor Miller. The Pastoral Committee was able to serve in home communion with several individuals.
- **Deacons:** The iPad that currently runs the sound system is locked. Monica will be contacting Wright Sound System in Waverly to try and resolve the issues.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica noted that the record books that are currently used for the recording of baptisms, confirmations, deaths, etc. are showing age. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to purchase a new record book using memorial money. Motion carried. Council was given a listing of Herald mailings. St. John's is now offering a digital version of the Herald. Members were asked to request their preference in a survey mailed in 2020. Council members will be contacting members who have not responded to find out their preference in receiving the Herald.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new live streaming system will be installed soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council was given a sample ballot for elections. Brenda Boden made a motion to approve the 2021 ballot. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The annual meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021. The agenda for this meeting was presented. After reviewing the agenda, two additions were made. Don Salge made a motion to approve the agenda for the annual meeting. Jason Edeker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Call Committee has been formed. This committee will consist of Monica Edeker, Diane Hummel, Doug Schueler, Marc Seehusen, Julie Eberline, and Barb Wagner. Ron Salge, as Church Council President will be an ex-officio member of the Call Committee.

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- Brenda Boden presented the financial report for 2020. Barb Wagner made a motion to approve the report. Diane Hummel seconded the motion. Motion approved and carried.
- Don Salge presented the proposed budget of \$68,286.00 for 2021. After reviewing and discussion Jason Edeker made a motion to approve the proposed 2021 budget. Diane Hummel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- On Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021, a congregational workshop will be held and conducted by Pastor Staley. The purpose of this workshop is to put together a congregational profile that will be used in calling a pastor for St. John's. Pastor Staley expressed that this meeting is an important step in the call process and is one way that all members of St. John's can be involved. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m., and is expected to take 4-5 hours.
- Helen Debner is stepping down as the Memorial Fund chairperson. The council appreciates and thanks Helen for her years serving in this position. Diane Salge was appointed the new contact person for recording memorials and the council appreciates her willingness to serve. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to accept Diane Salge as the Memorial Fund contact person. Jason Edeker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Jason Edeker |
| P Brenda Boden (Treasurer) | P Diane Hummel | P Monica Edeker |
| P Barb Wagner (Secretary) | A Isabella Seehusen | P Don Salge |
| P Rhonda Edeker | P Jeff Seehusen | P Warren Van Dyke |

| DATE | GENERAL FUND | MISSION FUND | SIMPLY GIVING |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| December, 2020 | \$300.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 |
| January 3, 2021 | \$2,773.00 | \$120.00 | \$10.00 |
| January 10, 2021 | \$850.00 | \$23.00 | \$0.00 |
| January 17, 2021 | \$1,455.00 | \$400.00 | \$172.00 |

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021

OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar was held on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021 immediately following the worship service at 11 a.m., with 27 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. There were no additions or corrections to the presented agenda. Jim Wubbena made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Isabella Seehusen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting held Jan. 26, 2020 were read by Barb Wagner. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Diane Salge made a motion to approve the minutes and Brenda Boden seconded. Motion carried. Minutes will stand approved as read.

- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden, reviewed the financial report for 2020. The operating balance for 2020 was \$25,028,46. The general fund as of Dec. 31, 2020 was \$46,621.91. The floor was opened for any questions concerning the budget. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to approve the 2020 Treasurer's Report. Margaret DeBower seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Nominating Committee:** The ballot for 2021 elections was reviewed. The floor was opened for any other nominations to the ballot. With none being made, Ken DeBower made the motion for nominations to cease with Kenny Debner seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion to accept the unanimous ballot for elections was made by Jeff Seehusen and seconded by Warren VanDyke. Motion carried. Chairman Ron Salge thanked the outgoing council members and expressed appreciation to the nominating committee. The newly elected council members are:

- Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Ron Salge
- Parish Ed.: Julie Eberline
- Cemetery Committee: Meredith Steere
- Trustee: Evan Steere
- Mission and Outreach: Barb Meyer

Bob and Karen Janssen will serve as delegate and alternate for the NALC Convocation. 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. Diane Salge will be the new Memorial Fund chairperson. Helen Debner was thanked for serving as chairperson for many years.

- Diane Hummel, Worship and Fellowship Committee chairperson, expressed her thanks for the pastors who have been assisting with our services at Vilmar.

- Director of Communications, Monica Edeker, briefly explained the Pastor Discretionary Fund, which is now an account at the Iowa State Bank in Clarksville. She also reviewed the Pastoral Acts and Statistical Parochial Report.

- Rhonda Edeker gave an overview of the 2020 Mission and Outreach Report. St. John's continues to embrace their call to be a "mission-driven" church contributing to local, national and international organizations. Total mission funds spent in 2020 was \$11,102.16.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

• Don Salge, Stewardship and Finance Chairman, reviewed the 2021 proposed budget of \$68,286.00. There were no questions or concerns regarding the budget. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Dean Brinkman. The motion carried and the budget will stand as outlined.

• Ron Salge reviewed a ballot on the 2021 Ratification of Constitutional Amendments of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The two resolutions needing to be voted on are:

- Delete in Article 7.02 the specific number of baptized members for the apportionment of additional lay delegates to the convocation, and to clarify the Executive Council’s responsibility for apportioning additional lay delegates to meet the requirement that “at least an equal number of layperson” and ordained NALC ministers serve as delegates at each convocation, and
- Change the requirement for an annual convocation to a biennial convocation; to amend articles to make the transition from annual to biennial; amend article to require each convocation to adopt a budget for the next two calendar year; and
- Amend article to require the Executive Council to report quarterly all action to congregations and clergy, as well as to each convocation.

Jim Wubbena made a motion to accept the constitutional amendments to the NALC. Ron Taylor seconded the motion. There were no questions from the floor. Motion carried.

• Ron Salge shared that the Call Committee is now formed and will be moving forward in the call process once the Congregational Workshop is completed on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. Those serving on the call committee are: Monica Edeker, Diane Hummel, Doug Schueler, Marc Seehusen, Julie Eberline, and Barb Wagner. Ron Salge, as Church Council President, will be an ex-officio member.

• A concern was brought up about church information in the local newspapers not being updated weekly. Monica explained that she has sent monthly updates to each paper, but the information has yet to follow through with the corrections. This issue will be checked into again.

CLOSING

With no further business Bill Debner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Betty Rewerts seconded that motion. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The St. John’s Church Council met briefly following the Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021 Annual Meeting. Assignments were handed out for the prayer chain / weather cancellation notifications. Nominations were opened for the council chairperson position. Brenda Boden made a motion to nominate Ron Salge as St. John’s Council President. Barb Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. A special council meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, Jan. 24 to discuss the Herald. The next regular council meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, FEB. 7 at 10 a.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Margaret DeBower

Music: Choir, "Thy Word"

Notes: Council Installation; Holy Communion

SUNDAY, FEB. 14 at 10 a.m.:

Pastor: Rev. Jack Miller

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Jeff Seehusen

Music: Choir, "Be Thou My Vision"

WEDNESDAY FEB. 17 at 7 p.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Music: Choir, "Hope of the World"

Notes: Ash Wednesday; Holy Communion

SUNDAY, FEB. 21 at 10 a.m.:

Pastor: Rev. Jack Miller

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Isabella Seehusen

Special Music: Jerry Wearda

Notes: March Herald Announcements Due;
Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY FEB. 24 at 7 p.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

SUNDAY, FEB. 28 at 10 a.m.:

Lay Leaders: Ken and Margaret DeBower

Organist: Barb Wagner

Readers: Ken and Margaret DeBower

Music: Choir, "The Gift of Love"

Pastoral Care

During this time that Vilmar is without a pastor, 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.

Music Schedule

MUSIC THANK YOU:

I would like to thank the choir members for coming together at the last minute and singing "It Is Well With My Soul" in memory of Verlene Senne, who passed away in January. This was one of Verlene's favorite hymns and she sang in choir for so many years. – Jane Thompson, Senior Choir Director

SCHEDULE:

The Senior Choir schedule can be found in the information to the left.

PRACTICES:

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 14: 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28: 9:15 a.m.

Practices will be held 45 minutes prior to the church services. Any choir members who are available, and any others that would like to join, are invited to come and sing. The group will practice prior to the church services at 9:15 a.m. They will continue to sing at the altar to be able to social distance from each other. For Ash Wednesday, please come to practice at 6:30 p.m., ahead of the 7 p.m. service.

For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson.

Offering and Simply Giving

If you are not comfortable, or cannot worship in-person with us, we encourage you to continue your tithes/offering by mailing financial gifts to the church at, St. John's–Vilmar, 16073 Keystone Ave., Greene, IA 50636. If anyone would like to enroll in Vilmar's automatic electronic giving program, please contact council secretary Barb Wagner at any time for the paperwork.

Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns: Diane Osier, Mari Ann Wearda, Faber Miller, Marlys Kruse, Deb Johnson, Dean Westendorf, Robert and Jurene Dralle, Harley Uhlenhopp, Ellie Munis, Amy Cooper, Evalyn Nettleton, Joy Schueler, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Cheryl Sankey, Pastor David Schafer, Pastor Dave Steffenson, Darwin Dralle, Carol Finke, Kirk Tanner, Bob Kanter, Bishop John Bradosky, Pastor Mel Harris, Dan Martzahn and family, Harlan Martzahn, Sandra Greenlee, Suzanne Miller, Jimmy Rogers, Susan Seehusen, Marty Cooper, Mike Swick, Mary Lou Meyer, Brenda Schmadeke, Monte Allan, Lollie VanDyke, and Pastor Jordan Long.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Col. Bryan Opperman, Dalton Fehlberg, Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, Randy Wildeboer, and Alexa Page.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Remember the Family of Verlene Senne: Verlene Kay Senne, 81, passed away at her daughter's home, rural Allison on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021. A private family prayer service was held at the family home with Pastor Daniel Fluke of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene presiding. Interment will be at South Vilmar Cemetery at a later date.

COVID-19 PRAYERS:

Let us remember all the staff and employees in our area care centers, assisted living facilities and hospitals, as well as Butler County Public Health and all other local businesses as everyone is working through the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us pray for all those in our state, in our country, and throughout the world. May our God and Father heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith.

Vilmar Women's Fellowship

FEBRUARY 2021

Birthday:

Feb. 29: Marlys Kruse, P.O. Box 126
Allison, IA 50602

If you or someone you know is 75 or older, and would like to be added to the birthday list, please let Margaret DeBower know.

Altar Committee:

The altar committee for February is Kurt and Pam Roose. Note, please check with the deacons about setting up during this time of limited activities. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way. Remember it is up to you to find your replacement if you discover a conflict in your schedule.

Bible Study:

We will not have Bible Study yet for the month of February. Let's hope this pandemic will get under control and we can resume in the next month or so.

Offering:

While the women's group isn't meeting, if you would like to give an offering to the Vilmar Women's Fellowship please put it in an envelope labeled "Women's Fellowship" in the offering plate in the Narthex or mail it to Barb Wagner.

Lenten Suppers:

Due to the pandemic there will not be Lenten Suppers this year.

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 out.

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

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|----------------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion and Church Council Installation led by Rev. David Craig | | | 7 p.m.: Church Council Meeting | 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 10 a.m.: Worship Service led by Rev. Jack Miller | | | 7 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion led by David Craig | 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| <i>Herald Announcements Due</i> 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Jack Miller | | | 7 p.m.: Lenten Service led by David Craig | 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline | | |
| 28 | March 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 10 a.m.: Worship Service led by Lay Leaders, Ken & Margaret DeBower | | | 7 p.m.: Lenten Service led by David Craig | 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline | | |

Deacons: Ron Salge and Jason Edeker

