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**UPCOMING DEADLINES:**

**Weekly Bulletins:**  
Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**April Herald Announcements:**  
Sunday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” (JOHN 1:14)

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### *From the Pastor's Desk*

**Dear Friends,**

As I think of March and Lent and the journey of faith that Christians are in as we humble ourselves in honesty and repent and receive forgiveness, I cannot help but be reminded of St. Patrick's Breastplate prayer:

Christ be with me,  
 Christ within me,  
 Christ behind me,  
 Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me,  
 Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me...



**Pastor Keen**

This is also one of our Lutheran hymns, "I Bind Unto Myself Today" The words in translation may be a bit different, but it is the whole prayer of St. Patrick.

St. Patrick had an eventful life, to say the least. Born in the late 4th century in Britain, he was the grandson of a priest and the son of a public official, who was also a deacon. He was captured at age 16 by pirates, sold and kept as a slave herding sheep for 6 years in Ireland. He believed his slavery was due to his lax involvement in religious practice and so he vowed to learn more of God and to develop a life of prayer. He finally escaped his enslavement and made an arduous journey back to his home, nearly starving to death at the age of 22. He studied for priesthood. Returning to the area where he was a slave, he solicited the help of area kings to protect him. This was not a Christian area. He formed a school, missions and converted many, ordained priests and consecrated nuns. He was a sincere, simple man, who truly believed that if any good came from him, "it has been a gift of God." He became the Second Bishop of Ireland. He is the patron saint of Ireland and of Nigeria. St. Patrick was so much more than 4-leaf clovers for good luck. He was a man of devout faith and prayed ardently. He prayed for the embrace of Christ to be all around him.

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# Serving in the Lord's House

## SCRIPTURE READERS

- Sunday, March 03:** Ron Salge  
**Sunday, March 10:** Ken DeBower  
**Sunday, March 17:** Owen Ausborn  
**Sunday, March 24:** Reader Needed  
**Sunday, March 31:** Betty Rewerts

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- Sunday, March 03:** Betty Debner  
**Sunday, March 10:** Evan and Sarah Steere  
**Sunday, March 17:** Host Needed  
**Sunday, March 24:** Host Needed  
**Sunday, March 31:** Easter Dawn Breakfast by  
the Luther League students

If you would be willing to serve coffee and treats during the fellowship time after worship or read the scripture lessons during the service, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Diane Hummel or Carol Seehusen. Thank you to everyone who faithfully serves our church in these ways.

## PASTOR'S NOTE FROM PAGE 1

In this season of Lent and as we move into Holy Week at the end of the month, we long Christ to be with us and within us, behind us and before us. We pray for him to fight for us and to win for us as he dies upon a cross for our sins. We pray for Christ to be the Lord of all our life, to guide and shield and protect.

In our broken lives and world today, we need to pray for Christ's presence, as sincerely and ardently as St. Patrick. We need to believe that his presence is here, that he is very much alive in the lives of believers across the world. We need to wear this breastplate of Christ's presence in all we say and do. The journey is not always easy, but we are not alone. Christ is with us. Our religious practices of faith remind us of the story of God's love in Christ

# 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!

# Pastoral Care

Beginning in March, Pastor Keen will not follow any set office hours, as it has become restrictive on when she can meet with our members and make community connections during the day. If you need pastoral assistance, need to meet/talk with her, or would like private communion, please contact her at 316-655-3306 (cell), 319-267-2080 (office), or email keentjkk@gmail.com to make arrangements. Thank you!

for us throughout Lent and Holy Week. May this season of year bless your faith richly.

**In His Service,**  
Pastor Tamara J. K. Keen

*"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off' do not fear; for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."* (Isaiah 41:9b-10)

*"...It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed interceded for us...nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God which in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:39)

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024

### OPENING

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Pastor Keen gave devotions and prayer. Chairman Kurt Roose called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Meredith Steere moved, Dale Janssen seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Dick Ulrich moved, Ron Taylor seconded, to approve the report as read. Motion carried unanimously. We received a \$256.00 premium reimbursement from our workman's comp payment. Margaret renewed one of our \$10,000 for another year at 5.1%. She also reported that we received a notice that the phone bill will be increasing.
- **Chairman:** Kurt Roose reported that Doyle Brocka burned the brush pile and buried what was left. Kurt is working with Tammy Fleshner to set a date for our annual AED training.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** March mission is Feed My Starving Children. Lent offerings go to GoServ Global – Haiti. Easter offering will be given to the Luther League.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Aug. 23-25 will be Vilmar Wilder Weekend (Family Camp), so the church service will be held in the park that Sunday.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** There was wind damage to vents on the church. Dalen Meyer repaired them. It was brought to the council's attention that we need to keep an eye on the third furnace at the church. Carbon monoxide detectors were installed in the church basement.
- **Parish Ed.:** Diane Hummel reported that after Easter, Pastor Keen will take over confirmation classes and Diane will be starting the Junior Lutheran program on Wednesday evenings. (6-7:30 p.m., both at Diane's home.)
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker met with our printer rep to discuss the copy machine and discuss overage fees.
- **Pastor:** Pastor Keen gave an accounting of her recent pastoral activities. In January she made 56 visits and provided private communion to 42. Her mileage for the month was 352 miles. She did a prayer service at Woodley Funeral Home – Greene and committal service at the South Vilmar Cemetery for Luella Miller, of Greene.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Kurt Roose will look into pouring a sidewalk from the driveway to the cemetery gate.
- Dale Janssen will look into relocating the flag pole.
- Dale Janssen will hang the curtains in the educational classrooms.
- Dale Janssen will remove the dying bushes around the educational unit and south side of the church.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- Rhonda Edeker and Tyler Seehusen will discuss creating a plan for replanting trees at the church.
- The back steps to the parsonage were discussed. The council will be looking into plans for that area.
- Rhonda Edeker moved, Harlan Martzhan seconded, for the church to pay for the initial reservations at Wilder Park. Motion carried unanimously. (Anyone that wants to use the cabins/ RV spots, will reimburse the church, otherwise we will cancel the reservations and get the money back.)
- Margaret DeBower moved, Diane Hummel seconded, to give an Allison fire victim the \$250 Christmas donations from two local banks that was earmarked for a local need. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dick Ulrich announced that he and Colleen will be resigning from the janitor positions. They would like to be done by the first of March.

**CLOSING**

Dale Janssen moved, and Julie Eberline seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 8 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**  
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| P Kurt Roose (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     |
| A Barb Meyer                   | P Ron Taylor     | P Harlan Martzahn |
| P Pastor Keen                  | P Monica Edeker  |                   |

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	OTHER FUNDS
2/4/24	\$2,475.00	\$2,103.00	\$382.00 – Simply Giving
2/11/24	\$1,050.00	\$375.00	
2/14/24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$295.00 – Lent (GoServ Global)
2/18/24	\$1,390.00	\$1,465.00	\$1,537.59 – Chili Cook-Off for Wells
2/21/24	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$887.00 – Lent (GoServ Global)
2/25/24	\$1,560.00	\$2,131.50	\$100.00 – Lent (GoServ Global) \$372.00 – Simply Giving \$102.95 – Thrivent

# Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 2024

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

## INCOME:

Envelope..... \$5,355.00  
Vanco ..... \$754.00  
Loose Offering – LMVFM ..... \$11.56  
January Mission – Lutheran Military  
Vets & Family Inc. .... \$300.00  
Wells of Inspirations ..... \$21,796.80  
Thrivent Funds ..... \$102.95

## FROM:

Thrivent for LMVFM..... \$100.00  
Wells of Inspirations..... \$13,246.00

**Total Income..... \$41,666.31**

## EXPENSES:

Wages/Janitors..... \$507.92  
Wages/Director of Communications.... \$846.55  
Payroll Taxes..... \$612.06  
Pastor's Salary ..... \$3,500.00  
Pastor's Social Security..... \$357.00  
Pastor's Health Insurance ..... \$78.42  
Pastor's Insurance/Pension ..... \$380.42  
Mileage ..... \$454.57  
Electricity ..... \$576.13  
Telephone ..... \$71.90  
LP ..... \$833.67  
Building Repairs – Parsonage..... \$595.65  
Building Repairs – New Furnaces ..... \$9,800.27  
Building Repairs – Elevator Inspection.. \$858.14  
Office Maintenance..... \$224.70  
Worship Supplies ..... \$13.88

## EXPENSES, cont.:

Janitor supplies ..... \$55.74  
Christmas Sacks ..... \$202.90  
Printer Contract..... \$244.56  
Vanco ..... \$8.19  
Wells of Inspirations ..... \$35,042.80  
TO: Thrivent..... \$102.95  
TO: LMVFM..... \$411.56  
**Total Expenses ..... \$55,779.98**

**Operating Balance..... \$105,080.60**

## SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS:

Thrivent Funds..... \$2,338.39  
Scholarships..... \$1,634.64  
Youth Camp Fund ..... \$215.00  
Mission..... \$775.61  
North Butler Family ..... \$669.00  
Lutheran Military Veterans &  
Families Inc ..... \$411.56  
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..... \$3,354.04

**Specified Accounts Balance ..... 10,637.34**

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE.....\$115,717.94**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**  
Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

## Janitorial Help Needed

St. John's – Vilmar is in need of a part-time janitor(s) to clean the church each week, beginning March 1. For more information or if you are interested in the position, talk to Kurt Roose or Monica Edeker.

# VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: MARCH 2024

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 9 a.m., in the church fellowship hall. Margaret DeBower will lead the study and Carol Seehusen will serve.

## ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for March is Ken and Margaret DeBower. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine Committee for March will be Barb Meyer and Margaret DeBower.

## BIRTHDAYS

**March 16:** Jean Arjes, 19183 Pearl Lane,  
Allison, IA 50602

**March 18:** Harold Kruse, 900 7th St.,  
Allison, IA 50602

**March 19:** Dean Westendorf, 900 7th St.,  
Allison, IA 50602

**March 21:** Betty Debner, 15354 Jay Ave.,  
Greene, IA 50636

*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, March 7 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, March 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a potluck lunch at noon both days. We are in need of more hands to help us assemble quilts. If you have any questions, please talk one of our ladies. You don't have to commit to both days or even a whole day. We welcome helpers even if it is only for a short time.

## LENTEN SUPPERS

Reminder: Lenten Suppers are served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. before the Wednesday night services. Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve!

## 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.

## WNALC NEWSLETTER

You can keep up-to-date on the news and happenings of the WNALC at [wnalc.org](http://wnalc.org).

## Meals on Wheels

Vilmar is responsible for delivering the Allison Meals on Wheels in April (Tuesdays—Fridays). If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Julie Eberline at 641-373-3863.

## Luther League

The Luther League will be putting together children's hospital gift bags on Saturday, March 9 from 9-11 a.m. at Monica Edeker's home. If anyone is interested in joining us, feel free to do so.

# Lent and Holy Week Schedule

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 – Week 3

**5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper  
*(Don and Vernetta Salge, Kurt and Pam Roose, and Barb Wagner)*

**6 p.m.:** Confirmation Class at the church

**6 p.m.:** Choir Practice

**7 p.m.:** Lenten Service

**Theme:** Being Chosen

**Drama Readers:** Ron Salge, Intro; Julie Eberline, Ruth; Laura Ausborn, Samara

**Scripture Readers:** Ken DeBower, Barb Wagner, and Don Salge

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 – Week 4

**5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper  
*(Rhonda Edeker and Margaret DeBower)*

**6 p.m.:** Confirmation Class at the church

**6 p.m.:** Choir Practice

**7 p.m.:** Lenten Service

**Theme:** Repentance

**Drama Readers:** Linda Steere, Intro; Meredith Steere, Jeremiah; Dale Janssen, John

**Scripture Readers:** Dave Hubbard, Rhonda Edeker and Vernetta Salge

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 – Week 5

**5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper  
*(Betty Debner and Karol Ellermann)*

**6 p.m.:** Confirmation Class at the church

**6 p.m.:** Choir Practice

**7 p.m.:** Lenten Service

**Theme:** Fulfillment

**Drama Readers:** Betty Rewerts, Intro; Ken DeBower, Job; Diane Hummel, Martha

**Scripture Readers:** Dave Hubbard, Carol Seehusen and Vernetta Salge

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – Palm Sunday

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

**9:15 a.m.:** Choir Practice

**10 a.m.:** Worship Service with palm waving

**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 Worship with Holy Communion

## Lent Offering

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During Lent (Wednesday evening services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday), our offering will be given to GoServ Global for their work with the orphanages in Haiti.

## Easter Lilies

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We welcome Easter lilies to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to share one, please bring it to the church by Saturday, March 30, and leave it in the narthex. We will arrange them throughout the front of the church for the morning services. Be sure to mark your's, so you can collect it after the services.

# UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

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## DREAM TEAM

Many wonderful, creative, and thought-provoking ideas came out of our initial Dream Team meeting. Another meeting was requested from the group to explore further the ideas generated. Anyone is welcome to come and share thoughts. Ideas are already being implemented. Remember this is God's church and we are the stewards of our gifts and callings to serve in love those in our church family and our neighbors in the community and the world. Your thoughts are important and valued. If you are interested in attending, we plan to meet Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon in the church fellowship hall.

## ONE FOR THE LORD!

Does this apply to you? Have you found yourself on your own due to a spouse's death, a divorce, life's transitions ...? Well, this may be a place for you to feel connected to others who understand what this life is like from experience. To get started, with making this a gathering of similar persons who may desire to share a meal with others or go to a movie, concert, or meet for a picnic and hike, or ... come to an initial meeting during the coffee and fellowship time after church on Sunday, March 10. Look for Pastor and we can make a more formal plan with our next meeting learning who is interested and when people are free. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## ADDITIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP

There has been expression for an additional women's group that could meet in the evenings or week-ends. If this is an opportunity that you are interested in, an initial gathering will be held after worship at coffee hour to discuss possibilities of times and subject matter for study and general focus of this group. Grab your cup of coffee and your goodies and meet with Pastor to see where our conversation leads us on Sunday, March 3.

## SINGSPARATION

*"O sing to the LORD a new song;  
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
Tell of his salvation from day to day."*

—Psalm 96:1-2

Scripture is full of passages that speak of singing praise to our LORD. There is a well-known belief that, "Music is the language of the soul." There is no wonder that we are called to sing to our God. Our relationship with Him is so important to nurture and strengthen. It may very well be one of the best languages of prayer that we have.

To that end, opportunities for singing your favorite hymns are being added to our church calendar. We may explore different ways to do it, but it will be an opportunity to sing more hymns and to include your favorites.

The goal is to do this on the fifth Sundays of the month. Since March was Holy Week, this is scheduled in April instead. You may want to mark your home calendar and start thinking of some of the hymns you would like.

2024 Dates: April 28, June 30, September 29, and December 29

## JUNIOR LUTHERANS

Attention all 4th, 5th, 6th graders and parents!

Beginning on Wednesday, April 3, we will add an additional class at Diane Hummel's home for the Junior Lutherans. We plan to continue doing this additional class through May and then assess how it is going and what the fall program might look like.

Diane will teach the Junior Lutherans and Pastor will teach the Confirmation students.

Supper will be served at 6 p.m. Class starts at 6:30, and the students are ready for pick up by 7:30.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor or Diane. Thanks.



# UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

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## PASTOR'S ADULT CLASS

Just to whet your whistle, there has been some interest in a Pastor's Adult Class. Determining the subject matter and time for those who may be interested is of course important. An initial gathering to help answer those 'unknowables' for Pastor, yet, you are invited to share your thoughts after worship on Sunday, April 14.

Here are some suggestions, but we are certainly not limited to these:

- Upcoming Sunday Text Study
- Prayer
- Classic Authors (C.S. Lewis, the Screwtape Letters, The Chronicles of Narnia, A Grief Observed, Henri Nouwen, Dante's, The Divine Comedy, or ...?)
- Watch a movie or series (ie: The Chosen)
- Grief
- Suffering
- Gift Discernment
- Books of the Bible
- Adult Confirmation Review
- Parenting

As far as a time, Pastor Keen will be teaching Confirmation on both Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, as is tradition at Vilmar starting after Holy Week. Tuesday mornings the Area NALC pastors meet for Bible Study and a meeting at various locations. Those times are not an option at this point. Confirmation does not meet in summer, so those times open up then, if desired.

If April 14 does not work for your attendance, please let Pastor Keen know what your thoughts.

## Mission and Outreach

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### Mission Spotlight

During March, our mission donations will be given to the Feed My Starving Children Food Packing event in Butler County.

### Butler County Meal Packing Event

A Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) mobile pack event will be held at Bethel Reformed Church, Aplington, on Friday, March 22 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and Saturday, March 23 (9:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m.). Registration is required. The Vilmar Luther League will be attending the Saturday morning session, and invite you to join them! If you have questions or would like to register for a different shift, please talk to Monica Edeker and she can assist you.

## Scout Sunday

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On Sunday, March 10, we will recognize the scouts in our congregation during the worship service. The kids may wear their uniforms and we'll present a little information about the programs. The kids will have a chance to tell us their names and their favorite thing about the program. Pastor will also lead a prayer for them.

## Sunday Lenten Meals

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Pastor Russel Muilenburg from Trinity Reformed in Allison has invited Vilmar members to a community-wide Lenten meal and devotional time on Sunday evenings during Lent (March 3, 10, 17, and 24) from 5-6 p.m. Pastors for area churches in the Allison and Bristow communities will be leading the devotional time each week.

## Daylight Savings

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Reminder: Sunday, March 10 Daylight Saving Time begins. Be sure to set your clock ahead one hour the night before so you don't miss church!

# VILMAR'S WILDER WEEKEND

More details to come as the date gets closer!

Family Camp



Can't stay the whole time? No problem — come and go as you need/wish!

## A Weekend of Worship at Wilder Park!

Mark your calendars for Friday, Aug. 23 through Sunday, Aug. 25!

We have reserved 4 RV camping sites, the Lodge (for the youth, cooking, and inclement weather back-up), 4 cabins, the Chapel for worship, and the Shelter House for a potluck. Tenting spots are also available. If you would like to reserve one of the RV spots or cabins for your family for the weekend, please talk to Kurt Roose, 641-425-3418. Spots are first come, first serve and the cost will need to be reimbursed to the church.

Since this is a Family Camp, parents are in charge of their children during the camp. Monica Edeker will only be leading the Luther League.

You will need to bring your own beverages, lawn chairs, fishing pole (if you desire) for the events, which are as follows, thus far:

### Friday Evening:

6 p.m., Supper; devotions around the camp fire; s'mores; camp song sing-along

### Saturday:

7:30 a.m., Breakfast  
9 a.m., Devotions and Prayer Walk  
10:30 a.m., Faith Rocks! Rock painting project  
OR kayaking and fishing  
(break for lunch – meal NOT provided)  
1:30 p.m., Service project for Wilder Park  
3 p.m., Games & Activities – mini golf, corn hole, checkers, basketball, football, volleyball, pickleball, playgrounds, biking, walking, tennis, fishing, kayaking, relaxing, etc.  
5:30 p.m., Supper; devotions around the camp fire; s'mores; camp songs sing-along

### Sunday:

7:30 a.m., Breakfast  
10 a.m., Worship at the Chapel (NOTE TIME)  
11:30 a.m., Potluck at the Shelter House  
**\*\*Parental supervision and lifejackets are REQUIRED if any child wishes to use the kayaks during the designated times.**

## Ladies Luncheon

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The women of Vilmar are invited to join St. Peter WELCA for a Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. in Greene. Music will be provided by Witness 4 – a local group of women (Teresa Feldman, Jackie Hatcher, Laurie Rogers, and Sandra Schuknecht) who will share their faith and musical talents through the theme, “Greatest Love Ever Known.” A light lunch and fellowship will follow. No charge. Reservations preferred by March 16, call 641-816-5531.

## Remember in Our Prayers

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### 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, Gloria Flaten, Marilyn Cole, Carrie Wilson, Randy Horst, and Ellie Piehl

### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis and Rashell Haxhijaj

## Sewing Donations Needed

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

## Notice

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

## Attendance Report

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<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 04:</b>	..... 66	.....57
<b>Sunday, Feb. 11:</b>	..... 62	..... n/a
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 14:</b>	.... 50	.....45
<b>Sunday, Feb. 18:</b>	..... 52	.....47
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 21:</b>	.... 45	..... n/a
<b>Sunday, Feb. 25:</b>	..... 62	..... n/a

## Thank You

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- Thank you for remembering our family in various ways during the illness and loss of our loved husband, dad, and grandpa. It was very uplifting and appreciated. – Irene Senne and kids
- Thanks to all the volunteers and participants who were a part of last Sunday’s chili cook-off. We appreciate everyone’s willingness to help with the fundraiser for the Wells of Inspiration mission project.

## 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.

## Want More Information?

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[vilmarchurch.org](http://vilmarchurch.org)

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**About the Iowa Mission District–NALC**

[iowamissiondistrict.com](http://iowamissiondistrict.com)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 11:15 a.m.: Women's Group Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 a.m.: Vilmar Women's Fellowship Bible Study	<b>6</b> 5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper 6 p.m.: Choir & Confirmation 7 p.m.: Worship	<b>7</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline 1:30 p.m.: BINGO at Allison Care Center	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's 10 a.m.: Vision Mtg
<b>10 (Daylight Saving Begins)</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Scout Recog. 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 11:15 a.m.: Singles Group Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 p.m.: Supper 6 p.m.: Choir & Confirmation 7 p.m.: Worship 8 p.m.: Council	<b>14</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home 9 a.m.: Luther League at Monica's
<b>17</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day with potluck at noon	<b>20</b> 5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper 6 p.m.: Choir & Confirmation 7 p.m.: Worship	<b>21</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home
<b>24 (Palm Sunday)</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Palm Waving 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane Hummel's home	<b>28</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline 6 p.m.: Chior 7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Service	<b>29</b> 7 p.m.: Good Friday Service	<b>30</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home 9:30 a.m.: FMSC Meal Pack at Bethel Reformed
<b>31 (Easter Sunday)</b> 7 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service by the Luther League students 7:30 a.m.: Easter Dawn Breakfast 9:15 a.m.: Worship with Communion <i>No Sunday School</i>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation at Diane Hummel's home	<b>4</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home

**Deacons:** Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere