

THE Herald

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

April Herald Announcements:

Sunday, March 27 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.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 JOHN 4:9

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2022 Lent Schedule

Vilmar will once again have Lenten Suppers on Wednesday evenings during Lent, excluding Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. The meals will be served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. (Choir practice will begin at 6 p.m. and the worship service will begin at 7 p.m.) **There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for volunteers to choose a Wednesday night to serve.** Thank you for your participation and willingness to serve in this way. If you have questions, contact Margaret DeBower. *For a full Lent Schedule, see page 6.*

Mission and Outreach

March Mission Spotlight

During the month of March, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations for Heifer International. Heifer works with faith communities around the world to reach disempowered populations, helping them create sustainable and prosperous futures. By providing livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training, they ensure that families have the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

At the end of the month, the mission and outreach team members will choose how to disperse the donations to Heifer, via farm animals (goats, chicks, bees, pigs, etc.); education (school costs, training expenses, etc.), and supplies (care baskets, seeds, water pumps, etc.). If you have a preference on how the money is gifted to this organization, please let Barb Meyer know, and the group will be sure to donate in that specific way. For more information about Heifer International, visit <https://www.heifer.org/>.

Water Testing

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.

Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 2022

Beginning Balance..... \$70,776.49

INCOME:

Envelope \$6,550.00
Vanco \$410.00
Jan. Loose – Retrieving Freedom \$138.01
Jan. Mission – Retrieving Freedom.. \$650.00
Thrivent Funds \$102.95
Church Mutual Refund \$121.00

From:

Thrivent Funds for Retrieving Freedom.....
..... \$100.00
Gideons \$845.25
Radio Stations Broadcasts \$922.00

Total Income..... \$9,839.21

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$1,600.00
Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage..... \$169.19
Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance .. \$400.00
Wages – Janitors..... \$415.58
Wages – Director of Comm..... \$692.62
Electricity \$502.74
Telephone \$70.79
Printer Contract..... \$186.89
Vanco \$4.69
Repairs & Maintenance – Building ... \$13.89

Christmas Sacks.....\$193.31
Office Expense – Postage \$79.88
Fourth Qtr. Payroll Taxes..... \$413.10

Charitable Missions

Gideons \$845.25
Radio Broadcast (3 stations) \$922.00

TO: Retrieving Freedom \$888.01
TO: Thrivent..... \$102.95

Total Expenses \$7,500.89

Operating Balance..... \$73,114.81

Thrivent Funds..... \$2,390.59
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
Retrieving Freedom \$888.01
Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip .. \$258.00

General Fund Balance..... \$86,454.39

Respectfully Submitted By:
Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

Volunteers Needed

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.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Feb. 9, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge welcomed new council members to the meeting. Diane Hummel opened with devotions and prayer. Ron Salge, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Secretary's report was given by Barb Wagner and one correction was noted. The price stated for church window repair should be corrected to read as \$150/window and not \$50/window as printed. Plus cost of materials. There were no other corrections or additions.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurers report. There were no corrections or additions and would stand approved as read.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer received thank you notes from LSI, The Gideons, radio stations 101.9 and Christian Crusaders for the generous financial gifts received from St. John's.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel stated that the Sunday school children will be singing on Feb. 13.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke gave an update on miscellaneous projects that have been done. Warren will also be contacting Kurt Roose as to whether Kurt wants to cut and bale hay from the pasture.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica reported that she has been working on reports and submitting to the NALC. Schumacher Elevator did an annual inspection of the elevator with no issues or concerns noted. Burial services were recently held for Deb Harre at the South Vilmar Cemetery. We are in need of someone to do water testing at the parsonage and church. At the present time, no volunteers have expressed interest. This testing is required by the state and anyone who would be willing to do this should contact Ron Salge or Monica Edeker as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- As newly elected church treasurer, Margaret DeBower's name needs to be added to the general fund account at the bank and Brenda Boden's name will need to be removed from the account. To be in compliance with LSB regulations, a motion was made by Diane Hummel to remove Brenda Boden from the general fund account, add Margaret DeBower to the account. Monica Edeker's name will remain on the general fund account. Motion was seconded by Julie Eberline. Motion was unanimously accepted. Motion carried.
- The council also agreed to have the computer updated.

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- Ron Salge asked the council for input regarding suggestions as to investing a portion of the money in the general fund to an account that would earn some interest but still be readily accessible, if needed. Ron will report back to the council with some options.
- Council installation of the newly elected church council will be Sunday, Feb. 13 at the 10 a.m. service.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022 following the Lenten Service.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)	P Evan Steere	P Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN’S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022

The St. John’s Church council met briefly after worship on Sunday, Feb. 13 to discuss serving supper prior to Wednesday Lenten services. The council expressed no concerns regarding serving supper since social distancing is possible. Council gave Margaret DeBower permission to put up a sign up sheet for individuals who would like to furnish and serve meals during Lenten season, excluding Ash Wednesday.

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	OTHER
1-30-22	\$1,255.00	\$128.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-06-22	\$3,665.00	\$102.00	\$382.00	\$0.00
2-13-22	\$875.00	\$40.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-20-22	\$2,270.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$102.95

Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, Jan. 30:	28	n/a
Sunday, Feb. 06:	54	45
Sunday, Feb. 13:	53	n/a
Sunday, Feb. 20:	41	38

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine people are needed to fill the months of August and October. If you’d be willing to serve this way, please let Margaret DeBower know. Our shut-ins really appreciate these visits each month, and we thank everyone for serving our church family in this way.

Vilmar Women's Fellowship

MARCH 2021

BIBLE STUDY

• **Rebecca Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m., in the church fellowship hall. Margaret DeBower will lead the Bible study, and Carol Seehusen will serve the lunch.

• **Rachel Circle** has been canceled until further notice, but women are encouraged to join the Rebecca Circle Bible Study.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for March is Diane Hummel.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for March are Kenny and Helen Debner.

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

March 18: Harold Kruse, 408 Gilbertville Rd., Elk Run Heights, IA 50707

March 19: Dean Westendorf, 20217 190th St., Allison, IA 50602

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

March 28: Joy Schueler, 1011 7th St. Apt. 1, Allison, IA 50602

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a potluck at noon. More helpers are 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.

LENTEN SUPPERS

There will be a light supper served before the weekly Lenten church service from 5:30-6:45 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for volunteers to choose a Wednesday night to serve. If you have any questions, please talk to 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.

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, MARCH 6:

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Reader Needed

Choir: "Open Thou Mine Eyes"

Fellowship: Host Needed

Notes: Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 13:

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Reader Needed

Choir: "The Old Rugged Cross"

Fellowship: Host Needed

Notes: Daylight Saving Time Begins

SUNDAY, MARCH 20:

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Choir: "The Cross Says Come"

Fellowship: Host Needed

Notes: Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 27:

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Choir: "TBD"

Fellowship: Luchtenburgs and
Monica Edeker

Notes: Baptism of Emma
Luchtenburg

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.

2022 Lent Schedule

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday

- 6 p.m.:** Choir Practice
7 p.m.: Lenten Service
- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Diane Hummel
 - **Notes:** Holy Communion; Imposition of Ashes; Choir Sings, “*We Will Remember You*”

Wednesday, March 9:

- 5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper
- **Supper Hosts:** Host Needed
- 6 p.m.:** Choir Practice
7 p.m.: Lenten Service
- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Barb Wagner
- 8p.m.:** Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 16:

- 5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper
- **Supper Hosts:** Host Needed
- 6 p.m.:** Choir Practice
7 p.m.: Lenten Service
- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Diane Hummel

Wednesday, March 23:

- 5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper
- **Supper Hosts:** Host Needed
- 6 p.m.:** Choir Practice
7 p.m.: Lenten Service
- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Barb Wagner

Wednesday, March 30:

- 5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper
- **Supper Hosts:** Host Needed
- 6 p.m.:** Choir Practice
7 p.m.: Lenten Service
- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Diane Hummel

Wednesday, April 6:

- 5:30-6:45 p.m.:** Lenten Supper
- **Supper Hosts:** Host Needed
- 6 p.m.:** Choir Practice
7 p.m.: Lenten Service
- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Barb Wagner

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday

- 8:45-9:45 a.m.:** Sunday School
9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice
10 a.m.: Worship Service
- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Diane Hummel
 - **Reader:** Reader Needed
 - **Fellowship Hosts:** Warren & Lollie VanDyke

Thursday, April 14: Maundy Thursday (7 p.m.)

- Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
Organist: Diane Hummel
Notes: Holy Communion; Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 15: Good Friday (7 p.m.)

- Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
Organist: Barb Wagner
Notes: Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday

- 7 a.m.:** Sunrise Service led by Luther Leaguers
7:45-8:45 a.m.: Easter Breakfast
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 a.m.: Worship Service
- Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Reader Needed
Notes: Choir Sings; Holy Communion

Remember in Our Prayers

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, Larry Voigts, Natalie Wicks, and Scot Korte.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Remember the family of Deb Harre: Deb, 68, of Allison, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital in Waterloo. Visitation was held Monday, Feb. 7 from 10-11 a.m., at Trinity Reformed Church in Allison, with a funeral service beginning at 11 a.m., followed by burial at St. John’s – Vilmar South Cemetery. Deb was a member of Vilmar.

Pastoral Care

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

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

Cookbooks are available. They are \$15 for the 1979 edition (white cover) and \$10 for the 2004 edition (green cover). Contact Margaret DeBower, Barb Wagner or Monica Edeker if interested.

Simply Giving

If you would like to enroll in Vilmar’s electronic giving, contact council secretary Barb Wagner for the paperwork. We appreciate everyone’s continued financial support of Vilmar’s ministry.

Contributions

If you are not 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

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.

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

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)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship		7 p.m.: Rebecca Circle at the Church	5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper 6 p.m.: Choir 7 p.m.: Worship 8 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper 6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7 p.m.: Lenten Worship	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	April 1	2
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Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere