

THE Herald

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

April Herald Announcements:

Thursday, March 25 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.

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From the NALC

A time of repentance, reflection and renewal has been practiced by Christians as a 40-day season (excluding Sundays) from the fourth century to the present day.

This Lent, the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is providing a devotional resource for members and friends of the NALC. This year's resource is titled, "From Ashes to Easter." This devotional offers short, to-the-point devotions that do not take much time so that you may find joy in the simple Lenten discipline of daily devotions. It is

based upon the daily lectionary provided in the Lutheran Book of Worship, Year I. This year, each North American Lutheran Church

executive staff member has written a portion of the Lenten devotions, ending with Bishop Dan Selbo preparing the devotions for Holy Week and Easter.

The devotional is available in a variety of formats:

- Download a pdf or print version from the NALC website at <https://thenalc.org/lent2021/>
- Receive a daily text by texting "ReadingTheWord" to 24251
- Receive a daily email by visiting callingpost.site/ReadingTheWordofGod. (Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the box that says "sign up now.")
- Listen to this year's devotional on the North American Lutheran Church's podcast on Apple, Google Play, Spotify, or thenalc.org/media
- Watch a daily video at: facebook.com/thenalc
- If you do not have access to any of the electronic means listed above, contact Monica Edeker for a printed copy.



Serving in the Lord's House

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3 at 7 p.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 at 10 a.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Isabella Seehusen

Music: Senior Choir – hymn

Notes: Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10 at 7 p.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 at 10 a.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Ron Salge

Music: Senior Choir – hymn

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17 at 7 p.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 at 10 a.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Diane Hummel

Music: Senior Choir – hymn

Notes: Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24 at 7 p.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 at 10 a.m.:

Pastor: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Betty Rewerts

Music: Senior Choir – “Antiphonal Hosanna”

Notes: Palm Sunday

2021 Lent Schedule

All Lenten services will be held in-person and on Facebook Live at 7 p.m., and will be led by Guest Pastor, Rev. David Craig. We will not have Lenten suppers this year.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

- Wednesday, March 3: Lenten Service
- Wednesday, March 10: Lenten Service
- Wednesday, March 17: Lenten Service
- Wednesday, March 24: Lenten Service

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday (10 a.m.)
- Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday (7 p.m.)
Notes: Choir sings and Holy Communion
- Friday, April 2: Good Friday (7 p.m.)
Note: Women's Quartet sings
- Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday
Notes: Service(s) and times still being discussed; Choir sings

Music Schedule

PRACTICES:

- Sunday, March 07: 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, March 14: 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, March 21: 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, March 28: 9:15 a.m.

Practices will be held 45 minutes prior to the church services, at 9:15 a.m. Any choir members who are available, and any others that would like to join, are invited to come and sing. The choir will continue to sing at the altar to be able to social distance from each other. For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021

Jim Wubbena addressed the council regarding the water/waters issues in the parsonage. Jim explained some of the concerns and what was needed to be changed/fixed, and looked into regarding smell of the water. Council approved to have Jim contact Joe's Plumbing and Heating to do the repairs and replacements as needed. Ron Salge, Chairman, opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

REPORTS

- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker gave a report of the following: She has sent out the biennial report to the Secretary of State, the annual report to the NALC, and the congregation vote to the NALC regarding their constitution. Monica reminded council members that copies of the Constitution and the Code of Conduct are available. A new book has been purchased to record baptismal, confirmation, marriage, and death records. The issues with the iPad have been resolved and virtual services appear to be recording well. Dumont Telephone has installed the internet to the balcony for the sound system. New mailboxes have been installed for those wishing to pick up their monthly Herald at the church. Council approved to have Julie Eberline added to the Parish Ed account, and remove Rhonda Edeker. Monica Edeker will stay on the account as the second signer. Those individuals who are distributing communion to parishioners at home, are reminded to give Monica a list of individuals who received communion for the church record. Monica Edeker will be training the deacons on running the sound system in case of her absence. There may be opportunities for others to receive training in the future.
- **Secretary:** Barb Wagner read the minutes from the January meeting. There were no corrections and additions, and the report will stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden presented the treasurer's report for January 2021. The NALC will be given five percent of the 2020 budget which amounts to \$6,746.95. The GoServGlobal mission was sent \$893. There were no other additions or correction to the report and will stand as read. The postal permit for sending bulk mailing will not be renewed. Currently Monica Edeker is listed on the account of the general fund for writing checks, as is Brenda Boden. Council discussed the options of changing this information. Brenda Boden made a motion to keep Monica Edeker on the general fund account. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Council approved.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge asked to have a council member designated as vice-chair in case of his absence. Barb Wagner nominated Jason Edeker to serve as vice-chairman. Council approved.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** No report.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Pastor David Craig will conduct services in March including Lenten services, Palm Sunday and Easter. Council will furnish the parsonage with a few pieces of needed furniture for Pastor Craig when he stays on Saturday evenings.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke repaired the issues that led to no heat in the church on Sunday, Feb. 7. From this point forward the thermostat will not be lowered during the week.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.

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OLD BUSINESS

- The sound system has now been installed and has improved the quality of our virtual services. A total of \$3,695.66 has been given in donations towards the sound system project. The total cost of the system is \$4,615.67. The remaining balance will be paid out of the mission fund.
- The congregational workshop will be held on Feb. 21, 2021 at 1 p.m. Members of St. John’s are encouraged to attend and participate.

NEW BUSINESS

- Margaret DeBower made a request to have Barb Meyer added to the Vilmar Funeral Account. Barb is filling the position due to the resignation of Lois Kramer. Council approved to have Barb Meyer added to the funeral account and remove Lois Kramer.
- Since the COVID restrictions were put in place, communion has not been offered at the rail. There was discussion if we could lift that restriction and offer communion at the railing again. Council decided to continue offering communion as we have been doing.

NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting will be announced at a later date.

CLOSING

Barb Wagner made a motion and Julie Eberline seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Jeff Seehusen	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	THRIVENT	LENT
Jan. 24, 2021	\$1,495.00	\$250.00	\$102.95	n/a
Jan. 31, 2021	In-person services cancelled due to the weather			n/a
Feb. 7, 2021	\$2,522.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	n/a
Feb. 14, 2021	In-person services cancelled due to the weather			n/a
Feb. 17, 2021	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Feb. 21, 2021	\$1,035.00	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feb. 24, 2021	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$259.00
Simply Giving	\$354.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 2021

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

INCOME:

Envelope \$6,573.00
Vanco \$182.00
Jan Missions – GoServ Global \$750.00
Jan Missions – Loose \$43.00
From Thrivent for Missions – GoServ \$100.00
Thrivent Funds Deposit..... \$102.95
Total Income..... \$7,750.95

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$450.00
Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$359.95
Wages..... \$831.15
Supplies–Janitor \$44.92
Supplies–Worship..... \$65.80
Supplies–Postage \$84.88
Supplies–Business..... \$20.87
Work Comp Insurance \$5.00
Electricity..... \$567.47
Telephone..... \$71.25
Printer Contract \$212.87
Vanco..... \$0.49
Repairs / Bldg..... \$21.89
LP \$591.81
2020 4th Qtr. Payroll Taxes \$413.10
To Missions – GoServ Global \$893.00
To Thrivent \$102.95
Total Expenses \$4,737.40

Operating Balance..... \$28,042.01

Thrivent Funds \$1,441.24
Sound System..... \$3,695.66
Scholarships \$2,268.75
Youth Camp Fund..... \$965.00
Mission \$11,475.19
Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25
Operation Christmas Child \$153.61
Bremwood..... \$1.14
GoServ Global..... \$893.00
Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip..... \$225.00
General Fund Balance \$50,539.80

Respectfully Submitted By:

Brenda Boden, *Treasurer*

Vilmar Women's Fellowship

MARCH 2021

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, P.O. Box 126,
Allison, IA 50602
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

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 March is Dean & Kay Brinkman. Note, please check with the deacons about setting up during this time of limited activities.

Bible Study:

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

Sunshine Visitors:

Sunshine people for the month of March are Kenny & Helen Debner.

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.

WNALC Newsletter:

Keep up-to-date on the news and happenings of the WNALC from around the country by logging into the Women's organization website, wnalc.org.

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, Pastor Jordan Long, and Dick Ulrich.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Remember the Family of MaryAnn (Brinkman) Jensen:

MaryAnn, 80, of Greene, passed away Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at her home. A public visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25 at Retz Funeral Home in Greene.

Remember the Family of Kelly (Luchtenburg) Lester:

Kelly, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly of Allison, Iowa, and a Vilmar member, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16, due to complications from a back surgery. The family is making arrangements, with plans to lay her to rest in the South Vilmar Cemetery at a later date. Kelly was the daughter of Gary Luchtenburg and Sue (Stan) Swingen, and granddaughter of Viola Luchtenburg.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to our Vilmar family and friends for all the prayers, kind words and thoughts, cards, messages, food, and memorials since the passing of my mother, Verlene Senne. Thanks to everyone who helped us in any way. A very special thank you to Vilmar's Senior Choir for the flower arrangement and the song in memory of my mom. We really appreciated everything during this difficult time. –Amy Fehlberg and family

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.

Mission and Outreach

Lenten Offering:

Vilmar's Lenten Offering will be given to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). LWR tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives; partner with communities to build and grow rural economies; and break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive.

March Mission Spotlight:

During the month of March, our mission partner will be Hope Ministries. Hope has been serving people in need in central Iowa since 1915. They provide food, clothing, shelter and life recovery programs for men, women and children out of seven ministry centers around Des Moines.

Devotion Books

The April-May-June Portals of Prayer Booklets are available for pick-up from the table in the narthex.

Parish Ed. Notes

The Parish Ed. committee will be meeting soon to discuss any adjustments that need to be made with classes and COVID procedures. If there are any changes, parents/guardians will be notified. For the time being, we have tentatively set the following as re-opening dates for the youth programs:

- **Sunday, March 7, 8:45-9:45 a.m.**
Sunday School
- **Wednesday, March 10, 5:30-6:50* p.m.**
Confirmation, Little Lutherans, Luther League
**Please note time change due to Lenten services beginning at 7 p.m.*
***After Lent, class times will go back to 6-7:30 p.m.*

Attendance Report

DATE	ATTENDANCE	COMMUNED
2-07-21	42	33
2-14-21	SERVICE CANCELLED	
2-17-21	25	22
2-21-21	33	N/A
2-24-21	25	N/A

Devoted to Prayer

The NALC has provided a daily prayer and Bible reading guide, “Devoted to Prayer.” It was prepared by the Rev. Andrew S. Ames Fuller, director of communications for the NALC. This guide is to provide the simple tools for sorting through the busyness of our lives and reclaiming an act of daily discipleship with the Lord. The hope is that it will provide new life for congregations learning and re-learning to pray in the midst of a difficult and changing world. If you would like to learn more, visit thenalc.org/worship-resources/devoted-to-prayer

Mowing Volunteers

It’s early, but we are thinking about warmer weather after the past few weeks of cold and snow. There is a sing-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for mowing volunteers. Volunteers will need to mow both the church and parsonage grounds this year. We appreciate everyone’s willingness to serve the church in this way.

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.

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 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)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			7 p.m.: Lenten Service led by David Craig	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. David Craig			5:30-6:50 p.m.: Little Lutherans & Confirmation 7 p.m.: Lenten Service led by David Craig 7:45 p.m.: Council meeting	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Deacons: Jeff Seehusen and Tyler Seehusen