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**UPCOMING DEADLINES:**

**Weekly Bulletins:**

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**May Herald Announcements:**

Sunday, April 23 at 5 p.m.

He is not here; he has risen,  
just as he said. Come and  
see the place where he lay.  
MATTHEW 28:6

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## 2023 Holy Week Schedule

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2: Palm Sunday**

- 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. Jack Miller with special music by the senior choir while the Sunday School children wave the palms
- 11 a.m.:** Coffee and Fellowship

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6: Maundy Thursday**

- 7 p.m.:** Maundy Thursday Worship Service led by Vilmar lay leaders with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar; Senior Choir will sing "The Upper Room" and Aaron Ellermann will sing "Watch the Lamb"

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7: Good Friday**

- 7 p.m.:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service led by Don and Vernetta Salge and the confirmation class

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9: Easter Sunday**

- 7 a.m.:** Easter Sunrise Service by the Luther League
- 7:30-8:45 a.m.:** Easter Breakfast by the Luther League
- 9:15 a.m.:** Easter Regular Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Robert Salge
- No Sunday School*

## Easter Lilies

We welcome Easter lilies to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would be willing to share a lily with us, please bring it to the church by Saturday, April 8 (the day before Easter). You may leave them in the narthex of the church, and we will arrange them throughout the front of the church. Please mark them with your name, so you can collect your's after the worship service. Thank you!

# Treasurer's Report

FEBRUARY 2023

**Beginning Operating Balance ..... \$106,131.02**

**INCOME:**

Envelope ..... \$5,710.00  
 Vanco ..... \$754.00  
 Loose Offering-Wells of Inspiration ..... \$325.00  
 January Mission-Prison Ministry ..... \$200.00  
 Febraury Mission-Wells of Inspirations ...\$24,133.76  
 Mission Investment Interest ..... \$29.21  
 Thrivent Funds ..... \$102.95

From:

Thrivent Funds for Wells of Inspiration... \$100.00  
 Gideons ..... \$550.12  
 Prison Ministry..... \$422.00

**Total Income.....\$32,327.04**

**EXPENSES:**

Pulpit Supply ..... \$450.00  
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage ..... \$340.60  
 Wages / Janitors..... \$461.74  
 Wages / Director of Communications ..... \$769.58  
 Tax Preparation ..... \$162.50  
 Electricity ..... \$171.72  
 LP ..... \$989.47  
 Telephone..... \$71.31  
 Printer Contract ..... \$196.04  
 Council Dinner ..... \$275.00  
 Choir Music ..... \$24.00  
 Vanco ..... \$8.19

**EXPENSES, continued:**

Building Maintenance ..... \$562.43  
 Janitorial supplies ..... \$28.77  
 Wells of Inspiration ..... \$17,021.40  
 Gideons..... \$550.12  
 Prison Fellowship ..... \$622.00  
 TO: CDs.....\$20,000.00  
 TO: Thrivent ..... \$102.95  
 TO: Wells of Inspiration..... \$7,537.36

**Total Expenses .....\$50,345.18**

**Operating Balance..... \$88,112.88**

**SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS:**

Thrivent Funds .....\$3,719.94  
 Scholarships ..... \$1,845.03  
 Youth Camp Fund..... \$615.00  
 Feed My Starving Children ..... \$1,376.25  
 Mission ..... \$2,932.66  
 Operation Christmas Child ..... \$535.90  
 Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip ..... \$258.00  
 Wells of Inspiration ..... \$7,637.36

**Specified Accounts Balance ..... \$18,919.24**

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE..... \$107,033.02**

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

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	LENT	WELLS	THRIVENT
2-26-23	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,045.76	\$102.95
3-1-23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
3-5-23	\$2,320.00	\$98.26	\$382.00	\$0.00	\$22.86	\$0.00
3-8-23	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3-12-23	\$1,035.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3-15-23	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148.04	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
3-19-23	\$1,520.00	\$58.00	\$372.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$0.00
3-22-23	\$5,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.00	\$4,875.00	\$102.95
3-26-23	\$2,470.00	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8 following the evening's Lenten Service. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report read and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Report read and approved.
- **Chairman:** Looking into replacement wheels for the wheelchair.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** March mission is NALC flood buckets; April mission is the North Butler Scholarships. Lent mission money will be going to LWR to assist earthquake victims in Turkey.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Fixed the lighting on the outdoor cross above the narthex.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Ordered palms. Bought an extender boom for the lecturn microphone. Planning the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast with the Luther League.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Still waiting for the new speaker to be installed.
- Vilmar will be looking into starting a prayer chain.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Tabled spring clean-up date until next month.
- Mowing list will be posted in the narthex.

### NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

### MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)	P Dale Janssen	P Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

# VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: APRIL 2023

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 9 a.m., in the church fellowship hall. Betty Rewerts will lead the study and Kay Brinkman will serve. It has been decided to continue meeting in the mornings. We will also meet during the summer months and not meet as often in the winter.

## ALTAR COMMITTEE

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

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine person for the month of April is Betty Rewerts.

## BIRTHDAYS

- April 11:** Vera Kraft, 1103 Short St.,  
Clarksville, IA 50619
- April 16:** Robert Vieker, 18248 Keystone  
Ave., Allison, IA 50602
- April 17:** Harlan Martzahn, 20076 150th  
St., Greene, IA 50636
- April 18:** Richard Kraft, 1103 Short St.,  
Clarksville, IA 50619

*If you or someone you know is 75 or older, let Margaret DeBower know.*

## SEWING DAYS

April sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, April 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., each day. A potluck lunch will be served both days. We can use more volunteers to help assemble and tie quilts. If you have any questions, please talk to Margaret DeBower, Betty Debner or Betty Rewerts.

## LWR QUILTS

Lutheran World Relief quilt shipping will be Saturday, April 15 from 8-11 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly and Monday, April 17 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at South Port Mall, Mason City.

## THANK YOU

- Thank you to everyone who provided and served our Lenten Suppers during March. They were well attended and greatly appreciated.
- Also a belated BIG thank you to all who donated to the bake sale held in February. Over \$500 was raised for Well of Inspiration mission project in Africa.

## 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.

## ITEMS AVAILABLE

Check the table in the basement for items for sale. These items make great gifts! All money raised will be used by the group for their yearly mission donations.

## WNALC NEWSLETTER

You can keep up-to-date on the news and happenings of the WNALC by logging into the Women's organization website, [wnalc.org](http://wnalc.org).

## Offering Envelopes

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Our offering envelopes have arrived! You may pick up your box from the table in the narthex. If we have missed anyone, please let Rhonda or Monica Edeker know and we will get you a box.

## Serving in the Lord's House

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### SUNDAY, APRIL 2 – PALM SUNDAY

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Jack Miller

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Carol Seehusen

**Fellowship Hosts:** Meredith and Linda Steere

**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – EASTER

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Robert Salge

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

**Lay Leader:** James Koop

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Tim Nappe

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Jack Miller

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

## Mowing Sign-Up

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We are looking for mowing volunteers to take care of the church/parsonage lawns for the upcoming spring/summer/fall. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Special Music Notes

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- The Senior Choir will be done for the season after Easter. If at any time anyone would like to provide special music beginning April 9 through the summer months, please let Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson know.
- Thank you to the choir members and accompanists for sharing your talents and praising the Lord with song and music this past year! – Jane

## Attendance Report

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<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, Feb. 26:	59	n/a
Wed., March 1:	47	n/a
Sunday, March 5:	56	45
Wed., March 8:	46	n/a
Sunday, March 12:	86	n/a
Wed., March 15:	45	n/a
Sunday, March 19:	61	51
Wed., March 22:	44	n/a
Sunday, March 26:	57	n/a

## Meals on Wheels

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St. John's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of May. Delivery days are Tuesday–Friday. If you would be willing to help with this project, please talk to Julie Eberline, 641-373-3863.

## Thank You

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Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Wells of Inspiration Mission Project. The group has returned safely, and will be giving a presentation on Sunday, May 7 during the 10 a.m. morning worship service.

## Portals of Prayer

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The April-May-June Portals of Prayer booklets are available in the narthex for anyone to take.



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## Mission and Outreach

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During the month of April, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations to be put toward the yearly North Butler Scholarship Program. Each year, Vilmar provides a one-time \$500 scholarship to one boy and one girl from the graduating class of NB High School.

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## Remember in Our Prayers

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### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Dean Westendorf, Robert and Jurene Dralle, Ellie Munis, Amy Cooper, Evalyn Nettleton, Joy Schueler, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Carol Finke, Cheryl and Kayla Sankey, Kirk Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, Donna Hardy, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Jim Wubbena, Sandra Greenlee, Emily Martzahn, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Pastor Rich Eddy, Paul Hughes, Wendell Debner, Bill Debner, and Helen Debner.

### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

### FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

**Remember the Family of Lavone Louise Frerichs:** Lavone, 86, of Greene, passed away Thursday, March 16. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, March 25 at 11 a.m. at St. John's – Vilmar. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Greene. Arrangements were made with Counsell Woodley Funeral Home.

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## Pastoral Care

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During this time if you need assistance of any kind, please let Council President, Don Salge (319-239-2816) or Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348) know, and they will arrange for your needs.

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## 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.

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## Simply Giving

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

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## Contributions

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If you are not able to 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.

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## 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)

### About the Women of the NALC

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

**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)

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## 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 is very much appreciated. Thanks!

## APRIL 2023: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9 a.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline 7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Service	<b>7</b> 7 p.m.: Good Friday Service	<b>8</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>9</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service 7:30-8:45 a.m.: Easter Breakfast 9:15 a.m.: Easter Service with Holy Communion	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>16</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	<b>18</b> 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	<b>19</b> 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class	<b>20</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>23</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>May Herald Announcements Due</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class	<b>27</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>30</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>May 1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 a.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class	<b>4</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home

Deacons: Ron Taylor and Dick Ulrich