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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:
Thursdays at 9 a.m.

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

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Spring Clean-Up!

St. John's will host its spring cleaning day (indoors and outdoors) on **Saturday, April 2** beginning at 9 a.m. (April 9 snow/rain date.) MANY volunteers are needed to help with indoor and outdoor projects. We would appreciate members from every family to come and help for as long as you are able. Many hands make light work, and we have projects for all ages.

Easter Services

The Luther Leaguers invite you to **JOIN US on Easter Sunday for Vilmar's annual Sunrise Service and Breakfast.** The service will begin at 7 a.m., with the breakfast following at 7:45 a.m. The regular Easter Service will begin at 9:15 a.m. with Holy Communion, led by Rev. David Craig. For our Holy Week and Easter schedule, see page 5.

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 16 (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!

Church Services on Dumont Cable

Our Sunday Worship Services and Mid-Week Lenten Services are showing on Dumont Cable Vision, channel 1005, so anyone who has a Dumont Cable subscription can watch them on TV now. The services will air live during the service time, and then they will play all week long, on a loop (over and over again). Service announcements and information will occasionally be broadcast on the channel as well. The playback sound is working, however, I am still troubleshooting the sound for the live broadcast. I may need some time to adjust that, so I thank you for your patience while I get everything configured.

- Monica Edeker

Treasurer's Report

FEBRUARY 2022

Beginning Balance..... \$73,114.81

INCOME:

Envelope \$7,695.00
 Vanco \$410.00
 Feb. Loose – CEF..... \$82.50
 Feb. Mission – CEF \$260.00
 Thrivent Funds \$461.95
 Mission Investment Interest \$29.21

From:

Thrivent Funds for CEF..... \$100.00
 Retrieving Freedom..... \$888.01

Total Income..... \$9,926.67

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$1,600.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage..... \$223.01
 Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance .. \$400.00
 Wages – Janitors..... \$415.58
 Wages – Director of Comm..... \$692.62
 Electricity \$156.36
 Telephone \$70.79
 Printer Contract..... \$186.79
 Vanco \$4.69

Repairs & Maintenance

– Building \$549.25
 –Property \$4,601.00
 Office Expense – Postage \$116.00
 Tax Preparation..... \$125.00
 Supplies – Janitor..... \$20.69
 Charitable Missions
 Retrieving Freedom..... \$888.01
 TO: Child Evangelism Fellowship... \$442.50
 TO: Thrivent Funds..... \$461.95

Total Expenses \$10,954.24

Operating Balance..... \$72,087.24

Thrivent Funds..... \$2,752.54
 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
 Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) ... \$442.50
 Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip .. \$258.00
General Fund Balance..... \$85,343.26

Respectfully Submitted By:
 Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, Feb. 27:	38	n/a
Wednesday, March 2: ...	32	29
Sunday, March 6:	38	37
Wednesday, March 9: ...	35	n/a
Sunday, March 13:	48	n/a
Wednesday, March 16: .	28	n/a
Sunday, March 20:	51	41
Wednesday, March 23: .	39	n/a
Sunday, March 27:	37	n/a

Thank You

- The family of Mary Lou Meyer would like to thank our family at Vilmar for all the prayers, kind words, expressions of sympathy, and visits during her sickness and eventual passing. Kurt & Pam Roose
- Thank you to everyone who has faithfully served our church by volunteering to serve fellowship, provide Lenten suppers, read scriptures during the services, and help during the worship services each week and serves on our various committees. We really appreciated everyone's willingness to serve the church in this way.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on March 10, 2022, following the Lenten Worship Service. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read by Barb Wagner, and approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge gave an update on the information he had received regarding investing a portion of the general fund into an investment account. The council made the recommendation to look into more options that might be available. Ron will report back to the council when more information is gathered. Ron was informed that the new speakers have arrived and hope to be installed in the next month. Easter morning service schedule was discussed and will be as follows: Sunrise Service will begin at 7 a.m.; Breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by second service at 9:15 a.m.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** GoServ Global's annual banquet will be held April 8 in Fort Dodge. Individuals who are interested in attending or wanting more information may contact Barb Meyer, Mission and Outreach Chairperson.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** No report.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica will be meeting with a representative from Dumont Cable for an estimate for installing equipment for services to be broadcasted on Dumont Cable. Spring clean-up for church and parsonage grounds has tentatively been set for April 2 at 9 a.m. Many hands will make light work and all help will be appreciated. Individuals are encouraged to come help as they are able. Rain date for clean up is scheduled for April 9 at 9 a.m. Monica will be organizing and assisting the Luther League in preparing and serving the Easter breakfast. Because of the small number of youth, Monica would appreciate any extra help with the breakfast. If anyone can help with food preparation/serving please contact Monica Edeker.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

A Evan Steere

P Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

A Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	LENT	THRIVENT
2-27-22	\$885.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3-02-22	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$113.00	\$0.00
3-06-22	\$12,020.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3-09-22	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$268.00	\$0.00
3-13-22	\$660.00	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$372.00
3-16-22	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$276.00	\$0.00
3-20-22	\$2,946.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3-23-22	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$102.95
3-27-22	\$1,245.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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.

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, contact Ron Salge.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN APRIL

Sunday, April 3:

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:** Karen Janssen
 - **Fellowship Hosts:** Kenny & Helen Debner
 - **Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail
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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

Wednesday, April 6:

5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Lenten Service

- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Barb Wagner
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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:** Ken DeBower
 - **Fellowship Hosts:** Warren & Lollie VanDyke
 - **Notes:** Kids wave palms during the service
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Thursday, April 14: Maundy Thursday

6 p.m.: Choir Practice

7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Service

- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Diane Hummel
 - **Notes:** Holy Communion; Stripping of Altar
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Friday, April 15: Good Friday (7 p.m.)

Lay Leaders: Vilmar Members

Organist: Barb Wagner

Notes: Tenebrae Service

Special Music: Aaron Ellerman, "Watch the Lamb"

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 17:

7 a.m.: Sunrise Service led by Luther Leaguers

7:45-9 a.m.: Easter Breakfast

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 a.m.: Worship Service

- **Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig
 - **Organist:** Barb Wagner
 - **Reader:** Ron Salge
 - **Special Music:** Sunday School Children Sing, "Easter Song"
 - **Notes:** Holy Communion
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Sunday, April 24:

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:** Barb Wagner
 - **Reader:** *Reader Needed!*
 - **Fellowship Hosts:** *Host Needed!*
 - **Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail
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Special Music Notes

• ANYONE is welcome to join the Senior Choir. They sing on Sunday mornings during the worship service, and hold practices on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary.

• The Senior Choir will be done for the season after Easter. If at any time anyone would like to provide special music beginning April 24 through the summer months, please let Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson know.

• Thank you, choir members and accompanists, for your hard work, and for sharing and praising the Lord's word with song and music this past year! – Jane

Vilmar Women's Fellowship

APRIL 2022

BIBLE STUDY

• **Rebecca Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m., in the church fellowship hall. Jennifer Seehusen will lead the Bible study, and Kay Brinkman 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 April is Ken and Margaret DeBower. May is Ron and Diane Salge. 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.

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 18: Richard Kraft, 1103 Short St., Clarksville, IA 50619

SEWING DAYS

Sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19 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.

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.

Mission and Outreach

LENT OFFERING

During Wednesday night Lenten Services, the loose and designated 'Lent' offering (in a Lent envelope or written in the check memo) will be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We are going to designate these offerings to LWR's Ukrainian Crisis mission, as they are working to help and serve the refugees fleeing from their war-torn county at this time.

APRIL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

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.

ARK ENCOUNTER BUS TRIP

Members of St. John's have been invited to join a group from Waverly on bus trips to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Williamstown, KY (south of Cincinnati, Ohio). The trips will be from June 6-10 OR Dec. 5-9. If anyone has questions, details, prices, itinerary, and contact information about these tours has been posted on the bulletin board at the church.

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 Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Portals of Prayer

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

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, Donna Hardy, Jaxon Hartkopp, Kayla Sankey, Pastor James Glesne, Pastor James Puotyual, Courtney Debner, Harold Kruse, Larry Voigts, Judy Chester, and Vera Kraft.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

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

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.

Recycling

The council would like to remind and inform you of an opportunity to contribute to the church with your recycling. When you take your recycling to the Butler County Transfer Station, you can designate those items to the church. To do so, you will need to weigh the items, and write the total weight on the sheet provided by the station and mark it as "St. John's – Vilmar." At the end of the year, the station sends a reimbursement to the church for the recycling contributions. Thank you to all those who currently participate this way!

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)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						7 a.m.: Bible Study 9 a.m.: Spring Clean-Up Day 4 p.m.: Luther League
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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			5:30-6:45 p.m.: Lenten Supper 6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7 p.m.: Lent Worship Service	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Palm Sunday 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship		7 p.m.: Rebecca Circle at the Church		Maundy Thurs. 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline 6 p.m.: Choir 7 p.m.: Worship with Communion	Good Friday 7 p.m.: Tenebrae Service by Vilmar Lay Leaders	7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter Sunday 7 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service by the Luther League 7:45 a.m.: Easter Breakfast 9:15 a.m.: Worship with Communion <i>No Sunday School on Easter</i>	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day		9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>May Herald Announcements Due</i>				9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home

Deacons: Ron Salge and Ron Taylor