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## UPCOMING DEADLINES:

**Weekly Bulletins:**

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**June Herald Announcements:**

Sunday, May 22 at 5 p.m.

## TIME CHANGE:

During June, July, and August, the church services begin at 9 a.m. No Sunday School.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19

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## NALC News

### 'Assistants to the Bishop' appointed by Bishop Selbo

Five area assistants to the bishop have been appointed by NALC Bishop Dan Selbo. The primary role of these new assistants to the bishop is to provide discipling and pastoral care for the deans, pastors and mission districts in five geographic areas of the North American Lutheran Church.

The new assistants to the bishop are the Rev. Dr. Jesse Abbott of Loveland, Ohio; the Rev. Mark Braaten of Bullard, Texas; the Rev. Marvin Combs of Huntington Beach, California, the Rev. Kevin Ree of Bentley, Alberta; and the Rev. William "Bill" White of Lexington, South Carolina.

The positions were created in response to an action of the 2021 NALC Mission Convocation. These part-time positions (10 hours per week) begin in May and will be responsible and accountable to the bishop.

The new positions are designed to be an extension and evidence of the denominational commitment to discipleship and a model of the kind of discipling relationships the NALC seeks to have among its pastors and congregational members throughout the NALC.

The five area assistants were chosen by Bishop Selbo from a list of nominees provided by mission districts. The selections were confirmed by the Executive Council at its January meeting. The pastors were installed in their new positions on Feb. 16 during worship at the NALC Pastors' Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Two of the five assistants will serve two-year terms, with the other three serving for three years. After the initial staggered terms, which are renewable, all future appointments will be for three years.

"As the NALC continues to grow numerically, it is essential that we stay connected and continue to grow in the support and discipling relationships we provide," said Bishop Selbo. "The connections offered through the area assistants will enhance the communication and support we offer to our pastors and deans, and strengthen our commitment to the Great Commission we have been given by our Lord Jesus."

## **Serving in the Lord's House**

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### **SUNDAY, MAY 1**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Carol Seehusen

**Fellowship Hosts:** Kenny and Helen Debner

**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

### **SUNDAY, MAY 8**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Ken DeBower

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

### **SUNDAY, MAY 15**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Linda Steere

**Fellowship Hosts:** Potluck/Birthday Party

**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

### **SUNDAY, MAY 22**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Ron Salge

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

**Notes:** Graduates Recognized

### **SUNDAY, MAY 29**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Margaret DeBower

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

## **Special Music Notes**

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• The Senior Choir has wrapped up for the 2021-22 season. If at any time you, or someone you know, would like to provide special music (instrumental, vocal, or both!) beginning in May through August, please let Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson know and she will get you on the schedule!

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

## **April Council Meeting**

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St. John's Church Council did not hold a monthly meeting in April due to Holy Week interfering with the date, so there was no secretary's minutes or treasurer's report to print this month. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday evening, May 11 at 7 p.m., in the church kitchen.

## **Luther League Thank You**

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- A huge thank you to everyone who helped me with the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast: Keyan Ensign, Kimberley Edeker, Jason Edeker, Rhonda Edeker, Barb Wagner, Julie Eberline, Ron and Diane Salge, and Karly Nederhoff. Everyone's help was much appreciated to make sure the morning went smoothly.
- Thank you to everyone who donated to the Luther League's annual breakfast fundraiser, so that they can continue to hold meetings, work on mission projects, and grow in their faith together with activities and outings.

–Monica Edeker,  
*Luther League Sponsor*

## **Happy Mother's Day!**

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We wish extend a loving and appreciative mother's day blessing to all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and wonderful women of Vilmar on Sunday, May 8. May God's blessings be with you always.

## **Graduates Recognition**

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If someone in your family is graduating this year – high school, college, or any other schooling – and you'd like their name included in the bulletin, please let Monica know by Thursday, May 19. If we have any graduates to recognize, we will have a special prayer for them on Sunday, May 22, Commencement Sunday.

## **Fellowship Hosts**

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We are looking for people to serve coffee and fellowship following the worship services on Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthax.

## **Sunshine Committee**

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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**

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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.

## **Children's Sermons**

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If anyone would be willing to lead a Children's Sermon on Sunday morning during the worship service, let Monica Edeker or Diane Hummel know and they will get you scheduled. We appreciate everyone sharing the Word of God with the kids.

## **Memorial Day**

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The Memorial Day Service will be held at Vilmar's South Cemetery, mid-morning on Monday, May 30. The public is welcome to attend.

## **Upcoming Wedding**

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Congratulations to Isabella Seehusen, daughter of Marc and Jennifer Seehusen, who will be united in marriage to Wyatt Ragsdale on Saturday, May 21 at Vilmar. Pastor Chris Staley will be officiating the ceremony. Congrats to the couple!

## **Sunday School**

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- The final day of Sunday School for the 2021-22 season will be Sunday, May 22 at 8:45 a.m.
- Thanks to all the kids for participating in our programs this year and their parents/guardians for faithfully bringing them class each week.
- Thank you to all the volunteers for their many hours and faithfully working to bring the Word of God to the children each week.
- We will be looking for more volunteers to help lead the Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings in the coming fall. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way. Thanks!

## **Mission and Outreach**

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### **MAY MISSION SPOTLIGHT**

During the month of May, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations to be put toward the North America Lutheran Seminary (NALS).

### **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.

## **Sunday of Hope**

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If anyone would like to purchase Relay For Life luminaries in honor or remembrance of a loved one, please talk to Margaret DeBower or Jennifer Seehusen. Cost is \$10 each. St. John's will hold their annual 'Sunday of Hope' on Sunday, June 12. We will decorate the narthex and sanctuary with the bags and have a prayer and commemoration with all the names.

# Vilmar Women's Fellowship

MAY 2022

## REBECCA CIRCLE

The group will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m., in the church fellowship hall. Karen Janssen will lead the Bible study, and Betty Rewerts will serve lunch.

## Birthdays

- May 1:** Barb Westendorf, 20217 190th St., Allison, IA 50602
- May 10:** Evelyn Nettleton, 602 11th St., Charles City, 50616
- May 28:** Betty Rewerts, P.O. Box 565, Allison, IA 50602
- May 30:** Robert Dralle, P.O. Box 191, Allison, IA 50602

*If you or someone you know is 75 or older, and would like to be on the list, please let Margaret DeBower know.*

## Altar Committee

The altar committee for May is Ron & Diane Salge.

## Sunshine Visitors

Sunshine people for the month of May are Ken & Margaret DeBower.

## Sewing Committee

There will be no sewing days this month. Watch for updates on future dates.

# SURPRISE PARTY!

**Shhh! A surprise 70th birthday party will be held Sunday, May 15 for Brenda Schmadeke following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. The party following the service is going to be her surprise, so be sure not to spill the beans!**

The party will be potluck-style, so bring a dish to share if you want. It will be open house-style from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., so you are able to come and go as you need. A short slideshow will also be shown during the celebration.

The family requests no gifts, but encourages donations to the church if you feel inclined to do so. (Thank you!)

EVERYONE is invited to attend. Brenda does not know, so please remember to keep it quiet.

“As you know, Brenda just got down this last year battling breast cancer with chemotherapy and surgery. It was a rough year for her and she hasn't quite gotten back to her 'Brenda-self.' This party will be a way that we can show her that she is still her loving, awesome, funny mom, friend, sister, wife, and beloved person. She has touched many peoples' lives, and we want to remind her of all those good memories.”

—Libby Uhlenhopp

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	LENT	SIMPLY GIVING
April 03, 2022	\$1,860.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$382.00
April 06, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
April 10, 2022	\$1,585.00	\$56.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
April 14, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00
April 15, 2022	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$345.00	\$372.00
April 17, 2022	\$1,135.00	\$275.00	\$400.00 (Easter)	\$0.00
April 24, 2022	\$2,420.00	\$126.23	n/a	\$0.00
Other Donations: Cemetery, \$1,000.00 (4-17-22) Luther League, \$400.00 (4-17-22)				

Respectfully Submitted By: Barb Wagner, Secretary



## Thank You

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Thank you to everyone who helped during the spring clean-up day in April; we appreciate your service to the church in this way.

## Attendance Report

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<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Communed</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 30:</b> .....	29 .....	n/a
<b>Sunday, April 3:</b> .....	56 .....	n/a
<b>Wednesday, April 6:</b> .....	31 .....	n/a
<b>Sunday, April 10:</b> .....	59 .....	n/a
<b>Thursday, April 14:</b> .....	25 .....	n/a
<b>Friday, April 15:</b> .....	45 .....	n/a
<b>Easter Sunrise, April 17:</b> .....	48 .....	n/a
<b>Easter Regular, April 17:</b> .....	93 .....	79
<b>Sunday, April 24:</b> .....	44 .....	n/a

## Remember in Our Prayers

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### 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, and Vera Kraft.

### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

## Pastoral Care

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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.

## 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.

## Simply Giving

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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

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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

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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, 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?

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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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>8</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7 p.m.: Rebecca Circle at the Church	<b>11</b> 7 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>15</b> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship with Communion 11 a.m.: Potluck/Surprise Birthday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7 p.m.: North Butler Senior Awards Night	<b>19</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>22</b> <i>Final Day of Sunday School</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship with 2022 Graduate Recognition 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>June Herald Announcements Due</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>27</b> Church Reserved for Seehusen/Ragsdale Wedding	<b>28</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
<b>29</b> 10 a.m.: Worship 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	<b>30</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> Mid-morning: Service at South Cemetery by Allison AmVets	<b>31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home

**Deacons:** Meredith Steere and Tyler Seehusen