

June 2022

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**UPCOMING DEADLINES:**

**Weekly Bulletins:**

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**July Herald Announcements:**

Sunday, June 26 at 5 p.m.

**TIME CHANGE:**

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

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. HEBREWS 13:8

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## 'Tis the (Graduation) Season

The Mission and Outreach Committee of St. John's has made it a priority to live out one of the core values of the NALC by being a "mission-driven" church. As part of an outreach project to the local communities, every year the church awards a one-time, \$500 scholarship to one boy and one girl from the graduating class of North Butler High School. All students may apply, as the scholarship is not awarded based on GPA, nor is it limited to only St. John's members. The students are selected based on their application responses.



Pictured are this year's recipients, Lucas Martzahn and Ellah Schell, during the awards ceremony at North Butler Middle School auditorium on Wednesday, May 18.

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It is a tradition at St. John's - Vilmar that high school and college graduates are recognized during the worship service on Commencement Sunday. There were a few students who are related to our church that graduated in 2022, and they were recognized and prayed for during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 22.

While we extend our sincere congratulations to all the graduates on their accomplishments and achievements thus far, the advice we offer them - as they finish one journey and begin a new one - is good advice for each of us to remember. With that being said, I thought I'd share it with all of you as this month's message.

SEE A LIST OF THE 2022 GRADUATES ON PAGE 7

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# Treasurer's Report

## MARCH 2022

**Beginning Balance..... \$72,087.24**

### INCOME:

Envelope .....\$18,616.00  
 Vanco ..... \$410.00  
 March Loose – Heifer Int'l.....\$96.00  
 March Mission – Heifer Int'l.....\$200.00  
 Thrivent Funds ..... \$720.95  
 Lent Offering..... \$1,862.00

### From:

Thrivent Funds for Heifer Int'l..... \$100.00  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship .....\$442.50

**Total Income..... \$22,447.45**

### EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply ..... \$1,600.00  
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage..... \$435.96  
 Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance .. \$400.00  
 Pulpit Supply – Medical .....\$580.00  
 Wages – Janitors..... \$415.58  
 Wages – Director of Comm.....\$692.62  
 Electricity ..... \$539.49  
 Telephone ..... \$70.93  
 LP..... \$654.12

Printer Contract..... \$186.79  
 Vanco .....\$4.69  
 Worship Supplies ..... \$146.25  
 Licensing and Fees ..... \$277.00  
 Janitor Supplies .....\$8.96  
 Charitable Missions  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship .....\$442.50  
 TO: Heifer International.....\$396.00  
 TO: Thrivent Funds..... \$720.95  
 TO: Lent Offering ..... \$1,862.00

**Total Expenses ..... \$9,433.84**

**Operating Balance..... \$85,100.85**

Thrivent Funds..... \$3,373.49  
 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  
 Heifer International.....\$396.00  
 Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip..\$258.00  
 Lent Offering.....\$1,862.00

**General Fund Balance..... \$100,793.32**

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

\*The April bank statement was not available in time for the May council meeting.

Margaret prepared a preliminary report for April for the council. The full, approved reports for both April and May will be posted in the July Herald. Thanks for your understanding.

## Time Change

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

## Flowers

During the summer, if anyone would like to share flowers for the altar, feel free to bring them with you on Sunday morning.

## Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, May 01:	43	40
Sunday, May 08:	64	n/a
Sunday, May 15:	60	47
Sunday, May 22:	39	n/a

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A devotion based on Psalm 119 was read by Diane Hummel.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read by Barb Wagner and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Each year St. John's awards two \$500 scholarships to one boy and one girl graduating from North Butler. After reviewing many worthy applicants the Mission and Outreach Team chose Lucas Martzahn and Ellah Schell as the 2022 recipients. The scholarships certificates will be awarded at the Awards Program on May 18.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** No report.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke received quotes for cleaning the carpet in the church and for rewaxing the basement floor. A motion was made by Margaret DeBower and seconded by Diane Hummel to have the church carpets cleaned by Heaven's Best at a cost of \$738.65. Motion carried. Warren also noted that the educational roof needs sealing. Warren will find help to reseal the roof. The north sidewalk concrete needs to be replaced and will be done by trustees and available help. Evan and Meredith Steere fixed the siding on the educational unit, and a new light was put in at the ed. unit entrance.
- **Parish Ed.:** May 22 will be the last day of Sunday school for the summer break. A special thank you to students and parents for faithful attendance and commitment and teachers and staff for your faithfulness is teaching the youth.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker has posted a sign-up sheet for mowing this summer. If you can help in any way, please sign up. Dust control has been put on hold until next month. Several dates to keep in mind: May 15 the family of Brenda Schmadeke will host lunch following the service in honor of Brenda's birthday. May 21 is the wedding of Isabella Seehusen and Wyatt Ragsdale led by Mission District Dean Chris Staley. On May 22 high school and college graduates will be honored. Names of honorees can be given to Monica for recognition in the bulletin. Memorial Day, May 30 there will be a short program at the south Vilmar cemetery conducted by Allison Honor Guard. On Sunday June 12, Vilmar will have a Sunday of Hope Service honoring cancer survivors and remembering those who have died from cancer. Luminary bags may be purchased from Margaret DeBower or Jennifer Seehusen for \$10 each, and will be displayed in the sanctuary on that Sunday of Hope. The Voigts family has reserved the fellowship hall for the Voigts Reunion on June 12.

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### OLD BUSINESS

- None.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Salge shared with the council that Pastor David Craig gave a formal notice stating that, due to health concerns, he would not be asking to extend his position at St. John's once the contract dates have been fulfilled at the end of August.
- The council voted to send a memorial to Pastor Steffenson's family. His memorial service was held on May 7.
- A total of \$3,247.10 was collected during Lent to send to Lutheran World Relief's Ukraine Mission project. After discussion, Warren Van Dyke made a motion to up the amount to \$5,000 from the mission fund. Don Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

### 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	A Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING
5-01-22	\$4,105.00	\$77.00	\$382.00
5-08-22	\$1,065.00	\$20.60	\$0.00
5-15-22	\$2,055.00	\$505.10	\$372.00
5-22-22	\$1,260.00	\$5.00	\$0.00

## Volunteers Needed

#### Scripture Readers:

(sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex)

#### Fellowship Hosts:

(sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex)

**Sunshine Committee:** (talk to Margaret DeBower)

**Water Testing:** (talk to Ron Salge)

#### Children's Sermon:

(talk to Diane Hummel or Monica Edeker)

#### Mowing Volunteers:

(sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex)

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

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### **SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 12 – HOPE SUNDAY**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Diane Hummel

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Fellowship Hosts:** Voigts Family

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Fellowship Hosts:** Warren and Lollie VanDyke

**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 27**

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. David Craig

**Organist:** Barb Wagner

**Reader:** Reader Needed

**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

## **Special Music Notes**

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If at any time you, or someone you know, would like to provide special music (instrumental, vocal, or both!), please let Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson know.

## **Thank You**

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Dear Friends at St. John's – Vilmar, Thank you for the very kind words above Dave and thank you for the memorial gift. Dave was always happy to get to go to other churches and preach and be with God's people as family of God. And he had a special place in his heart for those of you in Iowa, as his mom and dad were from Iowa. Thank you again for the prayers. God is so good – all the times. Blessings, Julie Steffenson and family

## **Mission and Outreach**

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### **JUNE MISSION SPOTLIGHT**

For the month of June, Vilmar is designating its mission money to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Butler County to support the fight for a cancer-free world.

Relay For Life brings local communities together to honor individuals who have fought bravely against cancer. Survivors, their families and all those who have been affected by this disease come together to walk, run and camp out at the fairgrounds, to create a united network of support and dedication. The Relay begins with a Survivor Lap, an inspiring time where survivors are honored by participants in support of their incredible fight. One of the most memorable events during the night is the Luminaria Ceremony, where everyone has the opportunity to light candles and take a moment to honor those who have beat the disease, those who are still fighting, and those who have courageously fought but have lost their lives to cancer.

## **Sunday of Hope**

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Vilmar will hold its annual Sunday of Hope on Sunday, June 12 during the worship service. The sanctuary will be decorated with the Relay For Life luminaries in honor and memory of our loved ones who have been affected by cancer. If you would like to purchase a luminary please contact Margaret DeBower and Jennifer Seehusen. Cost is \$10 each. The names will be read and a special prayer will be given to commemorate the day.

## **Thank You**

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Dear Friends in Christ, Thank all of you that came to my 70th birthday party. Vilmar has been faithful to my family and me. I am forever indebted to you for acts of kindness and countless prayers. Vilmar will always be home to me. Much love and blessings go out to all of you, Brenda Schmadeke

# Vilmar Women's Fellowship

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JUNE 2022

## BIBLE STUDY

No Bible study in June.

## ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for June is Betty Debner and Diane Hummel.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of June are Brenda Boden and Barb Meyer.

## BIRTHDAYS

**June 21:** Bill Debner, 15354 Jay Ave.,  
Greene, IA 50636

## SEWING DAYS

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

## ITEMS AVAILABLE

Check the table in the narthex for items for sale. These handmade, one-of-a-kind items make great gifts or are useful for personal use – plus cookbooks and old Vilmar annuals are available. All money raised will be used by the women's group for their yearly mission donations.

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

# Recycling

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As some of you may know, or if you did not know, 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 (paper, magazines, cardboard, plastic, glass, bottles, etc.) 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!

# 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, Carol Finke, Kirk Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, Donna Hardy, Jaxon Hartkopp, Kayla Sankey, Pastor James Puotyual, Courtney Debner, Harold Kruse, Larry Voigts, Vera Kraft, Linda Wagner, Eric Miller, and Scot Korte.

## 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.

# Corrections, Information

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## 2022 Graduates

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*(Graduates are listed as they were provided to us)*

**Keyan Ensign**, son of Jeremiah and Jess Poland;  
Hampton-Dumont High School

**Avery Buseman**, granddaughter of Barb Wagner;  
University of Northern Iowa

**Micaiah DeWitt**, Jane Thompson's Great nephew;  
Lee University of Business, Tennessee

**Samuel Wicks**, Grandson of Ken and Margaret  
DeBower; University of Wyoming

**Gannon Williams**, Grandson of Dean and Kay  
Brinkman; Marshalltown High School

### GRADUATION FROM PAGE 1

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Whatever challenges we encounter, God has promised to help us. As it is written in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." As we all continue our adventures on this earth, we must remember to carry the promises of God with us. When our faith is tested or circumstances are uncertain, we can rest confident in the guarantees from God's Word. We must keep our faith – believe in Him; study His word; and live His will. We can be confident – through our faith and Christ's redeeming love – that someday we'll all graduate from this life into a new, perfect one in heaven.

May God bless and guide all the graduates on their new journeys, as well as all of us, as we continue in our lives. May he surround us with His grace and mercy, and keep His hand of protection on us. I pray God blesses each of us with a hope that keeps our hearts open and eager to help make the world a better place by serving Him and seeking ways to help others. May the road before you all be paved with opportunities that bring honor and glory to the Lord's name.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Monica Edeker, *Director of Communications*

## 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.

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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)

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[Facebook.com/StJohnsVilmar](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsVilmar)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	3	4 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
5	6	7	8 7:30 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	9 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	10	11 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
12	13	14	15	16 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	17	18 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
19	20	21	22	23 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	24	25 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
26	27	28	29	30 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		

Deacons: Ron Salge and Ron Taylor