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**TIME CHANGE:**

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

**UPCOMING DEADLINES:**

**Weekly Bulletins:**

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**July Herald Announcements:**

Sunday, June 20 at 5 p.m.

**The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.** PSALM 145:18

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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 are encouraged to 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: Kaleb Salge (center) and Michaela Shear (right). Council President Ron Salge presented the scholarships during the Senior Awards Ceremony at North Butler on May 19.

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 many students who are related to our church that graduated in 2021, and they were recognized and prayed for during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 23.

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.

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# April Treasurer's Report

**Operating Balance..... \$34,516.18**

**INCOME:**

Envelope .....	13,100.10
Vanco.....	354.00
April Missions–North Butler Scholarships ..	\$350.00
April Missions–Loose.....	\$100.00
From: Thrivent for Missions– Scholarships ..	100.00
Easter .....	\$33.00
Thrivent Funds Deposit.....	\$204.00
Lent Offering .....	\$295.00
FROM: Hope Ministries .....	\$252.00
FROM: Scholarships .....	\$450.00
FROM: Iowa City Children's Hospital.....	\$200.00
FROM: Lent .....	\$1,079.00

**Total Income..... \$16,517.10**

**EXPENSES:**

Pulpit Supply.....	\$825.00
Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage .....	\$290.09
Wages.....	\$831.15
IRS–1st Quarter payroll taxes.....	\$413.10
St John's Women–Cookbooks .....	\$24.00
Supplies–Office.....	\$49.00
Electricity.....	\$317.89
Telephone.....	\$71.37
Printer Contract .....	\$216.62
Vanco.....	\$4.19
Repairs–Parsonage .....	\$74.00
Missions Payments	
-Lutheran World Relief .....	\$1,374.00
-Hope Ministries .....	\$252.00
-North Butler Scholarships.....	\$1,000.00
-U of I Steed Family Children's Hospital ...	\$200.00
TO: Thrivent .....	\$204.00
TO: Easter .....	\$33.00

**Total Expenses..... \$6,179.41**

**Operating Balance..... \$44,853.87**

Thrivent Funds .....	\$4,077.09
Scholarships .....	\$1,818.75
Youth Camp Fund.....	\$965.00
Feed My Starving Children .....	\$1,376.25
Mission .....	\$10,555.18
World Vision .....	\$495.00
Operation Christmas Child .....	\$153.61
Bremwood.....	\$1.14
Easter–IA Youth NALC Mission Trip.....	\$258.00

**General Fund Balance ..... \$64,553.89**

**Submitted By:** Brenda Boden, *Treasurer*

# Mission and Outreach

## Mission Meeting

A mission meeting is tentatively planned for Wednesday, June 9 at 6 p.m., to discuss mission projects and opportunities. If you'd like to participate or have ideas, feel free to attend!

## June Mission Spotlight

During the month of June, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations for the Butler County Relay For Life.

## NALC Disaster Response

We will continue to collect items for the NALC Disaster Response truck through Thursday, June 10. Please bring any items to the church and leave them in basement on the carpeted area. Mission and Outreach volunteers we will pack the items and arrange for the delivery.

**Flood Buckets:** We have 15 flood buckets available to fill at the church. Each bucket should include: 1 jug bleach; 2 large trash bags; 1 roll paper towels; Comet or scouring cleanser; Pine Sol or liquid cleaner; scrub brush; gloves, 1 pair rubber gloves; 1 pair leather gloves; 1 pair cotton gloves (all size L)

**High School Kit:** 1 backpack or duffle bag; 4 notebooks; 4 pocket folders; 4 pencils; 1 sharpener; 1 eraser; 4 pens; 1 high school calculator

**Elementary School Kit:** 1 backpack or duffle bag; 4 notebooks; 4 pocket folders; 1 blunt scissors; 1 ruler; 1 pencil sharpener; 4 pencils; 2 pens; 1 eraser; 1 box of crayons

**Health Care Kit:** 1 bath towel; 1 washcloth; 1 shampoo (regular size or 2 travel size); 1 bar of soap (regular size or 2 travel size); 1 toothbrush; 1 pack of floss; 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size); 1 comb; 1 deodorant; 1 nail clippers (Pack items in 2-gallon Ziplock bag or tote bag)

**Miscellaneous:** Bibles (new or slightly used); prayer books; quilts and blankets; gift cards to Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart; masks; baby diapers (disposable, assorted sizes); mops, booms, dustpans, rakes, shovels, etc.

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

The St. John's Church council met for its regular meeting on May 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Secretary Barb Wagner gave the minutes of the April council meeting. One correction was noted that Pastor Craig would be hired for a three month period of May, June, and July.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave a review of the financial report. Currently the operating balance is \$44,853.87. The mission payments are up to date and a thank you from Hope Ministries in Des Moines was read, thanking St. John's for their continued support.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reported that donations for the flood buckets will continue through June 10. Buckets can be found in the narthex and a list is included in each for the needed supplies needed. Monetary donations are also being received. A banquet fundraiser for GoServ Global will be held at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake on June 4. An RSVP is required to attend and information about the event is on the table in the narthex. Sunday, June 6 will be Hope Sunday, in coordination with the Butler County Relay For Life.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that she will be contacting Pastor Miller about conducting worship service on Father's Day. It was also noted that Fellowship hosts are needed.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica reported that the church has been reserved for a wedding on June 19, and Pastor Kim Thacker will be leading meeting with the couple for counseling and performing the ceremony. Services will soon be able to be viewed through Dumont Cable Vision. Monica will be visiting with Roger at Butler County Computers to set services up. Monica would appreciate help in reminding parishioners to pick up their Herald from their mailboxes on the first Sunday of the month.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Sound System:** Pastor Craig has currently been using a face microphone and the comments are that individuals can hear him better. The council discussed purchasing another style of microphone that would be more versatile for anyone wanting to use it. Brenda Boden made a motion and Jeff Seehusen seconded the motion to purchase this new style of microphone. The choir microphone has been checked out and needs to be replaced at a cost of \$119.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Beginning in June, Holy Communion will resume at the altar on the first Sunday of the month. Disposable cups will continue to be used with a basket provided for cup disposal.

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- Also beginning in June, the offering plate will be passed to collect the morning offering.
- Permission was granted for Kurt Roose to cut and bale the pasture.

### NEXT MEETING

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021, 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 Jason Edeker
P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Jeff Seehusen	A Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	THRIVENT
May 02, 2021	\$2,665.00	\$50.00	\$182.00	\$102.95
May 09, 2021	\$2,250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May 16, 2021	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	\$182.00	\$0.00

## Sunday of Hope

Vilmar will hold its annual Sunday of Hope on Sunday, June 6 during the worship service. The sanctuary will be decorated with the Butler County 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. The names will be read and a special prayer will be given to commemorate the day.

## Children's Sermon Leaders

We are looking for is volunteers to lead the Children's Sermons during the worship services on Sunday mornings beginning in June. We are looking for people who would like to give a short, 3-5 minute lesson and prayer with the kids. There is a sign-up sheet for this opportunity on the bulletin board in the narthex. If anyone has questions about this, feel free to reach out to Monica Edeker, for more details.

## Recycling

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!

# Serving in the Lord's House

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 6 – HOPE SUNDAY

**Pastor:** Rev. David Craig  
**Organist:** Diane Hummel  
**Reader:** Kurt Roose  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed  
**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

**Pastor:** Rev. David Craig  
**Organist:** Diane Hummel  
**Reader:** Margaret DeBower  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Warren and Lollie Van Dyke

## SUNDAY, JUNE 20 – FATHER'S DAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Jack Miller  
**Organist:** Barb Wagner  
**Reader:** Jason Edeker  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Bill and Betty Debner  
**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

## SUNDAY, JUNE 27

**Pastor:** Rev. David Craig  
**Organist:** Barb Wagner  
**Reader:** Diane Hummel  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed

## Special Music Notes

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We are looking for individuals/groups to provide special music for the Sunday services from June through August. If you or someone you know would like to provide special music, please let Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson know.

## Scripture Readers Notice

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Pastor Craig is preaching on a series he wrote, so we will not be following the three-year lectionary for the next few months. He will provide Diane Hummel (Worship Chairperson) with the readings each week, and she will let you know what they are so you can prepare for the lessons on Sunday. The lectern Bible is NRSV, and that will also be the version printed in the bulletins each week.

# Attendance Report

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<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, May 02: .....	42	.....38
Sunday, May 09: .....	53	..... n/a
Sunday, May 16: .....	44	.....36
Sunday, May 23: .....	54	..... n/a

## Flowers

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During the summer, if anyone would like to share flowers for the altar, feel free to bring them with you on Sunday morning, and be sure to collect them again before you leave.

## Worship Updates

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- **Holy Communion:** Beginning Sunday, June 6, we will return to our normal Holy Communion schedule of communing at the rail on first Sunday of the month; the third Sunday will be processional.
- **Offering:** We are also going to return to passing the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

## Announcements

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- **50th Wedding Anniversary:** James and Sharon Bochmann will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 26. Their family includes children: Brent (Lori) Bochmann, of Fairfield; Nathan (Sarah) Bochmann, of Des Moines; Carissa (Chris) Grant, of Ankeny; and seven grandchildren.
- **80th Birthday:** Robert Dralle will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday, May 30. In honor of this milestone, his family is hosting a card shower in his honor. Birthday greetings and well wishes may be sent to him at P.O. Box 191, Allison, IA 50602.

## Fellowship Volunteers

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We are looking for people to serve coffee and fellowship following the worship services on Sunday morning. There is a sing-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax.

# Vilmar Women's Fellowship

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## Birthdays

**June 3:** Viola Luchtenburg, 900 Seventh St., Allison, IA 50602

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

*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 June is Bob and Karen Janssen.

## Sunshine Visitors

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

## Bible Study

Vilmar Women's Fellowship Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The group will have their final Bible study on the book of Philippians, "In All Things." Margaret DeBower will be the leader.

## Allison Community VBS

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Allison Community Vacation Bible School is now accepting registrations! VBS dates are Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 and July 1. Grades 1-6 will be held at St. James from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A sack lunch will be provided. Preschool (children 4-years old by Sept. 2021) and Kindergarten will be held at Trinity Reformed from 9 to 11 a.m., with a snack provided. Forms are on the narthex table.

## 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 during this time is very much appreciated. Thanks!

# 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, Suzanne Miller, Jimmy Rogers, Susan Seehusen, Mary Lou Meyer, Brenda Schmadeke, Monte Allan, Pastor Jordan Long, Donna Hardy, Pastor Paul Nelson, Viola Luchtenburg, Dennis Prange, Jaxon Hartkopp, John Daub, Breanna Norton, Kayla Sankey, Pastor David Schafer, Pastor James Glesne, and Althea Uhlenhopp.

## SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

## FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

**Remember the Family and Friends of Melissa Hovenga**, 48, who passed away Thursday, April 29, 2021. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 8 at the Clarksville Church of Christ, with burial in the Lynwood Cemetery, both in Clarksville. Visitation was held Friday, May 7 at Redman Funeral Home in Clarksville. Melissa was a member of Vilmar, daughter of Linda Wagner, and niece of Barb Wagner.

**Remember the Family and Friends of William D. "Billy" Klingenberg**, 63, of Bristow, who passed away Thursday, May 20, 2021. Visitation was held Monday, May 24 at the Dumont Reformed Church. Private services will be held.

## Pastoral Care

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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.

## 2021 Graduates

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

**Callie Christoffersen**, Jefferson High School

**Colton Klingenberg**, North Butler High School

Grandchildren of Steve and Barb Meyer

**Taylor Salge**, University of Northern Iowa

**Brynn Salge**, North Butler High School

**Kaleb Salge**, North Butler High School

Grandchildren of Ron and Diane Salge

**Renee Salge**, Maser's Degree from Creighton

Daughter-in-law of Ron and Diane Salge

**Ben Buseman**, Waverly-Shell Rock High School

Grandson of Barb Wagner

**Paige Morrison**, Wartburg College

Granddaughter of Stan and Denise Meyer

Great-granddaughter of Richard and Vera Kraft

**Libbie Seehusen**, Irondale High School

Granddaughter of Jeff and Carol Seehusen

**Emily Hummel**, Hawkeye Community College

**Eryn Perry**, Wartburg College

Granddaughters of Diane Hummel

**Michaela Shear**, North Butler High School

Granddaughter of David and Joan Shear

Great-granddaughter of Jean Morris

**Shayna Engelhardt**, Wartburg College

Daughter of Brian and LaVona Engelhardt

Granddaughter of Robert Vieker

**Lauren Sieren**, Indian Hills Community College

**Trevor Brinkman**, NIACC

**Carson Williams**, Marshalltown High School

Grandchildren of Dean and Kay Brinkman

**Nixon Morris**, Aplington-Parkersburg High School

Great-grandson of Jean Morris

**Andrew Morton**, NIACC

**Jared Downing**, Waverly-Shell Rock High School

Grandsons of Ron and JoAnn Taylor

**Isaac Roose**, Lebanon High School, Tennessee

Grandson of Sandy Roose

**Joe Dennis**, Mount Mercy College

Grandson of Bob and Karen Janssen

## 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.

## 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.

## 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*

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Notice: Worship time change for the summer months! No Sunday School.</i>		1	2	3	4	5
				9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Community Bible Study and Coffee at Allison Congregational Church
<b>6</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Hope Sunday</b> 9 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. David Craig 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LIFT at St. James 7 p.m.: Vilmar Women's Fellowship Bible Study	6 p.m.: Mission Meeting 7 p.m.: Council Meeting	9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline; NALC Disaster Response Items due at the church			7 a.m.: Community Bible Study and Coffee at Allison Congregational Church
<b>13</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 a.m.: Worship Service led by Rev. David Craig 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship				9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	5 p.m.: Cuvelier/Rottink Wedding Rehearsal	7 a.m.: Bible Study in Allison 3 p.m.: Cuvelier/Rottink Wedding led by Rev. Kim Thacker
<b>20</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Father's Day</b> July Herald Announcements Due 9 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Jack Miller 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LIFT at St. James			9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline		7 a.m.: Community Bible Study and Coffee at Allison Congregational Church
<b>27</b>	28	29	30	31	July 1	2
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**Deacons:** Ron Salge and Jason Edeker