

THE Herald

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2022

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

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Announcements:

Sunday, July 24 at 5 p.m.

TIME CHANGE:

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

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. PSALM 4:8

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HOPE SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 12 during the morning worship service, we honored, remembered, and prayed for those and their families who have been impacted by cancer. The narthex and sanctuary were decorated with luminaries from Margaret DeBower's and Jennifer Seehusen's Relay For Life teams, and each name was read. This is always a special Sunday for our Vilmar Family. Thank you to Margaret for writing and reading the commemoration for us, and thank you to everyone who helped set-up/take down the luminaries.

Treasurer's Reports

April 2022:

Beginning Balance.....\$85,100.85

INCOME:

Envelope \$7,000.00
 Vanco \$754.00
 April Mission – NB Scholarship..... \$197.00
 April Loose Loose – NB Scholarship..... \$229.28
 Thrivent Funds \$620.95
 Cemetary Donation..... \$1,000.00
 Easter Offering – Luther League..... \$325.00
 Lenten Offering..... \$1,385.10
 From Thrivent Funds for NB Scholarship... \$100.00

Total Income..... \$11,611.33

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$1,750.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$459.25
 Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance..... \$400.00
 Cemetery Fund \$1,000.00
 Luther League \$325.00
 Wages – Janitors \$415.58
 Payroll Expenses \$550.80
 Wages – Director of Communications \$692.62
 Electricity \$443.15
 Telephone..... \$70.69
 Printer Contract \$211.58
 Vanco \$4.69
 Postage..... \$252.32
 Worship supplies \$215.10
 Maintenance & Repair \$67.93
 Sound System \$3,197.32
 Janitor Supplies \$57.32
 Charitable Missions
 TO: North Butler Scholarship \$526.28
 TO: Thrivent Funds..... \$620.95
 TO: Lenten Offering..... \$1,385.10

Total Expenses \$12,645.68

Operating Balance..... \$84,066.50

Thrivent Funds \$3,894.44
 Scholarships \$2,345.03
 Youth Camp Fund..... \$815.00
 Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25
 Mission \$5,620.84
 Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse.. \$172.14
 Heifer International..... \$396.00
 Easter – IA Youth NALC Mission Trip \$258.00
 Lenten Offering..... \$3,247.10

General Fund Balance \$102,191.30

May 2022:

Operating Balance..... \$84,066.50

INCOME:

Envelope \$10,750.00
 Vanco \$754.00
 May Mission – NALS..... \$550.00
 April Loose – NALS \$59.63
 Thrivent Funds \$102.95
 From: Thrivent Funds for NALS \$100.00
 From: Heifer International..... \$396.00
 From: Scholarship Fund \$500.00
 From: Lenten Offering \$3,247.10
 Mission Investment interest \$28.25
 Missions for Ukraine relief..... \$1,753.00

Total Income.....\$18,240.93

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$1,600.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$197.16
 Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance..... \$400.00
 Pulpit Supply Medical \$305.00
 Wages – Janitors \$415.58
 Wages – Director of Communications \$692.62
 Electricity..... \$377.60
 LP \$1,417.75
 Telephone..... \$70.77
 Printer Contract \$186.79
 Vanco \$8.19
 Worship supplies \$146.25
 Maintenance & Repair – building \$855.16
 Maintenance & Repair – sidewalk \$2,150.00
 Snow removal \$200.00
 Charitable Missions
 North Butler Scholarship..... \$500.00
 Heifer International..... \$396.00
 Memorial – Pastor Dave Steffenson \$100.00
 LWR-Ukraine Relief \$5,000.00
 TO: Thrivent Funds..... \$102.95
 TO: NALC Seminary..... \$709.63

Total Expenses \$15,831.45

Operating Balance.....\$86,475.98

Thrivent Funds \$3,897.39
 Scholarships \$1,845.03
 Youth Camp Fund..... \$815.00
 Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25
 Mission \$3,867.84
 Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse.. \$172.14
 Easter – IA Youth NALC Mission Trip \$258.00
 NALC Seminary \$709.63

General Fund Balance \$99,417.26

Respectfully Submitted By: Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on June 8, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report was given by Barb Wagner and was approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurers report. It would stand approved as read.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer shared a thank you from Heifer International and Lutheran World Relief. The council discussed summer Bible camp camperships for Vilmar youth. The July Mission emphasis will be Special Hope Mission. Special Hope Network is a faith based Christian organization caring for children with intellectual disabilities in Zambia who help equip families and caregivers to provide these children with loving homes, holistic health, education and therapies. Jessica Cramer is a Speech Language Pathologist who works with Special Hope Network. She is the granddaughter of Lois Stauffer of Allison.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** No report.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren Van Dyke reported that the cement sidewalk on the north side of the church was now complete. The rugs in the narthex were replaced and a new sump pump was installed under the elevator. Warren also completed some maintenance spraying around the church property. The roof on the educational unit is scheduled to begin in August.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reminded council that Relay for Life Hope Sunday will be observed June 12 during the 9 a.m. service. There will be a time of remembrance to honor and remember those affected by cancer. The Voigts Family will host coffee and fellowship and will be having their family reunion at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall on June 12. Monica has replaced the microphone at the lecturn in hopes of better reception for those listening to services online. A request for membership transfer from St. John's Evangelical Church, Vilmar to Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa, was received from the Randy Brinkman family. The Luther League, assisted by Monica Edeker, donated items for Butler County Relay for Life Silent Auction. The council discussed having a worship service/potluck at Wilder Park in August, as in other years. The date has tentatively been set for Sunday, Aug. 14 at 9 a.m. More details will be forthcoming. Monica asked if the council wanted to host a gospel group in September again. The council will discuss a possibility of this at a later date. Monica will be gone on Sunday, July 3 and will not be available to do the live-streaming of the worship service. Monica would like to train someone to run the system so that live-streaming may continue in her absence(s). Please contact Monica if you would be willing to train/assist when needed.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Ron Salge continues to be in communication with Dan Olson regarding the speakers in the sanctuary. He is waiting on an estimate for speaker replacement and installation.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Iowa NALC Convocation will in held in Ruthven on Aug. 27. Ken and Margaret DeBower are the delegates from Vilmar.
- It was brought to the council’s attention that the east Sunday School rooms get extremely hot in the summer. Margaret DeBower will look into curtains/blinds to help block out the sun.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, 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)	A Evan Steere	A Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	OTHER
5-29-22	\$2,265.00	\$1.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
6-05-22	\$1,290.00	\$51.50	\$382.00	\$0.00
6-12-22	\$2,305.00	\$146.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00 (cemetery)
6-19-22	\$2,540.00	\$223.00	\$372.00	\$0.00
6-26-22	\$1,293.95	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Attendance Report

Worship Service	Attendance	Communed
Sunday, May 29:	50	n/a
Sunday, June 05:	32	27
Sunday, June 12:	58	n/a
Sunday, June 19:	52	49
Sunday, June 26:	32	n/a

Luther League

Vilmar Luther League will host a campout at Wilder Park Lodge on Saturday, Aug. 13. The camp is for any high school students who would like to participate. The students will enjoy fishing, kayaking, Bible studies, crafts, activities, and all the amenities of Wilder Park. For more information, contact Luther League sponsor, Monica Edeker at 319-939-7348.

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Margaret DeBower

Fellowship Hosts: Kenny and Helen Debner

Notes: Holy Communion at the rail

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Ron Salge

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Ken DeBower

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Notes: Processional Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Karen Janssen

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Bible Teacher: Rev. David Craig

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Julie Eberline

Fellowship Hosts: Warren and Lollie Van Dyke

Vilmar Women's Fellowship

JULY 2022

BIBLE STUDY

No Bible study in July.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for July is Kenny and Helen Dener. 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 people for the month of July are Jennifer Seehusen and Kay Brinkman.

BIRTHDAYS

July 8: Mari Ann Wearda, 1963 210th St., Sheffield, IA 50475

July 15: Karen Janssen, P.O. Box 874, Clarksville, IA 50619

July 24: Jerald Wearda, 1963 210th St., Sheffield, IA 50475

SEWING DAYS

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

SUMMER SOCIAL

Plans are being made for the Annual Summer Social on Sunday, Aug. 21. Watch for details in the upcoming weeks in the bulletin and on Facebook.

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)

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)

Altar Flowers: (feel free to bring flowers any Sunday morning)

Special Music

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

Mission and Outreach

July Mission Spotlight

During the month of July, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations for **Special Hope Network**, a faith based Christian organization caring for children with intellectual disabilities in Zambia.

The network exists to bring glory to God by creating a world where all kids are valued. They impact communities by improving care for these kids. This starts by equipping families and caregivers to provide these children with a loving home, holistic health care, and exceptional education and therapies.

Jessica Cramer is a Speech Language Pathologist who works with Special Hope Network. She is the granddaughter of Lois Stauffer of Allison.

Upcoming Events!

- **Wagner Waters Fellowship:** Barb Wagner and family will host the coffee and fellowship time following the worship service on Sunday, Aug. 7 at her pond, Wagner Waters (3.5 miles east of the church at 23592 160th St.). Bring a lawn chair. All are welcome to attend.
- **Worship in the Park:** On Sunday, Aug. 14, St. John's will host "Worship in the Park." The Sunday morning worship service will be held at 9 a.m. at Wilder Park. There will be a potluck following. More details will be available in the August Herald.
- **Summer Social:** Plans are being made for the Annual Summer Social on Sunday, Aug. 21. Watch for details in the upcoming weeks in the bulletin and on Facebook.

Wedding Bells!

Congratulations to Jimmy Rogers and Mikki Jo Morris, who were married on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Mikki Jo is the granddaughter of Jean Morris.

New Arrival!

Look who's here: Jett Rolin Eberline, son of Jordan and Alanna Eberline, was born Tuesday, June 7. He was welcomed home by his siblings, Briggs, Branson, and Raelyn. Jett is the grandson of Julie Eberline, and great-grandson of Jean Morris. Congratulations!

Parish Education



Vilmar's Parish Ed. donated a Teen Activity Bag (above) and a Children's Bible Basket (below) to the Butler County Relay For Life silent auction. Each is filled with faith-based toys and activities, as well as a Bible, DVDs and music.



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, 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, Scot Korte, Mike Martzahn, and William Wicks.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Remember the Family of Richard Sehusen:

Richard, 91, of Allison, passed away Saturday, June 25 at Waverly Health Center. Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 28 at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Allison. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 29 at St. James Lutheran Church in Allison. Richard was the father of Rhonda Edeker.

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 Opportunity

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.”

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)

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

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

Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere