

August 2022

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

September Herald

Announcements:

Sunday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m.

TIME CHANGE:

During August, the church services begin at 9 a.m.

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. JOHN 12:46

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Sermon Notes

This past school year, many Sunday mornings I had our confirmation student helping me operate the sound system and live stream from the balcony. Each Sunday when it came time for him to record his sermon notes, first I'd have to remind him to do so, and then I'd hear the accompanying grumble of, "Why do I have to?" Pretty typical for any junior high kid, really.

Personally, I've been there, done that. And I probably had the same mentality then. But looking back now, I'm glad I had to take notes, because to this day I still occasionally jot down a simple quote or two as the pastor is delivering his sermon.

One Sunday the student asked me, "Why do *you* write sermon notes? What do you do with them, Miss Monica?"

"I take my notes home and type them into a document on the computer," I replied.

"But, *why?*" he asked me again.

My answer? Well, because sometimes I need reminders. Some days I open up that document and read through the notes. I take those small snippets from the many sermons and lessons I've heard and I am reminded of how to live my life for Christ. I am reminded of how to let Christ's light shine through me so that others will see Him. On occasion I even use those notes to help me write devotions for our Sunday School kids and youth, or sermons for the Luther League.

Sure, I can get the same words from reading the Bible, but there's something about hearing them preached, something in me, in that moment that says, 'hey write that down, remember that.' Over the years that document has grown with words of wisdom from the many pastors and lay leaders who have preached at Vilmar. Today, I've compiled multiple into a message that I would like to share with you all:

We have to ask, "What do we want others to see and hear about Vilmar?" And our answer should be simple:

We are more than an organization, we are an organism — the living body of Jesus Christ, loving others in His name and sharing His Gospel in word and deed.

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Treasurer's Report

June 2022:

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

INCOME:

Envelope \$7,326.00
 Vanco.....\$754.00
 June Mission – BC Relay For Life \$250.00
 June Loose – BC Relay For Life \$173.60
 Cemetery\$1,000.00
 Thrivent Funds \$102.95
 From: Thrivent for BC Relay For Life \$100.00
 NALS (Seminary).....\$709.63
 Youth Camp Fund.....\$200.00

Total Income..... \$10,616.18

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply.....\$1,600.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$269.24
 Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance..... \$400.00
 Pulpit Supply Medical \$41.81
 Wages – Janitors \$415.58
 Wages – Director of Communications\$692.62
 Electricity.....\$370.73
 Telephone.....\$70.69
 Printer Contract \$186.79
 Janitor Supplies \$61.16
 Vanco.....\$8.19
 Worship supplies \$116.25
 Maintenance & Repair – building\$404.25
 Cemetery\$1,000.00
 Charitable Missions
 Youth Camp Fund.....\$200.00
 NALS (Seminary).....\$709.63
 TO: Thrivent Funds.....\$102.95
 TO: BC Relay For Life\$523.60

Total Expenses..... \$7,173.49

Operating Balance.....\$89,918.67

Thrivent Funds\$3,900.34
 Scholarships\$1,845.03
 Youth Camp Fund.....\$615.00
 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
 BC Relay For Life\$523.60

General Fund Balance\$102,476.87

Respectfully Submitted By:
 Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Guest Pastor: Rev. Salge

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Barb Wagner – at the pond

Notes: Holy Communion at the rail

Baptism of Everly Jean Uhlenhopp

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Guest Pastor: Rev. Weeg

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Potluck at Wilder Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Guest Pastor: Rev. Weeg

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Notes: Processional Holy Communion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Guest Pastor: TBD

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Wagner Waters Fellowship

Barb Wagner and family will host the coffee and fellowship time on Sunday, Aug. 7 at her pond, Wagner Waters (3.5 miles east of the church at 23592 160th St.). Bring a lawn chair.

Baptism

On Sunday, Aug. 7 Everly Jean Uhlenhopp will be baptized during the morning worship service. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Amanda Uhlenhopp; granddaughter of Michael and Christine Uhlenhopp; and great-granddaughter of Harley and Althea Uhlenhopp.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Due to the lack of a quorum, no meeting was held.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)	P Evan Steere	A Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
A Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
A Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	A Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, July 17, 2022

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING
July 03, 2022	\$1,905.00	\$63.90	\$382.00
July 10, 2022	\$560.00	\$134.50	\$0.00
July 17, 2022	\$685.00	\$350.00	\$372.00
July 24, 2022	\$812.95	\$8.00	\$0.00

Worship in the Park

On Sunday, Aug. 14, St. John's will hold a community worship service at the Wilder Park Chapel, near Allison, with Pastor Paul Weeg leading the service. The service will begin at 9 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair. Following the service, a potluck will be held in the Wilder Park Lodge. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend; invite your neighbors and friends! In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the lodge. The service will NOT be livestreamed.

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.

Vilmar Women's Fellowship Notes: August 2022

VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship Bible Study will not meet in August. The group will resume in the fall.

BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 06:** Helen Debner, 20865 160th St., Greene, IA 50636
- Aug. 09:** Stanley Senne, 721 Spruce St., Allison, IA 50602
- Aug. 17:** Jim Wubbena, 19258 Forest Ave., Dumont, IA 50625

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for August is Ron and JoAnn Taylor. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of August are Ken and Margaret DeBower.

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 items make great gifts or are useful for personal use. All money raised will be used by the group for their yearly mission donations.

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We are here to be an object of God's love. To be that, we must first read the Word, hear the Word, and then live the Word. We should live our lives and walk by our confession of faith by believing Christ enough to act on that faith, and encourage one another. We need to connect with those who need Christ's gift of salvation. The Lord expects us to call the lost. We must gather the sheep. We must listen and hear His call and act on it. Our mission is to

win people for Christ by spreading His word. The disciples knew that following Jesus was never the easy path, but the only life-giving path.

So, I pray that each and every one of you embraces the mission to be guided by the Word of God, working for renewal and reform focused on this one central mission: making disciple-makers for Christ.

Respectfully submitted:
Monica Edeker, *Director of Communications*

SUMMER SOCIAL 2022

The annual Summer Social will be held **Sunday, Aug. 21 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** This year's menu will include: beef burgers, potato salad, baked beans, variety of salads, homemade pies and bars, and ice cream. Carryouts available!

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Featuring:
"Vilmar's Country Store"



Garden produce, baked goods, crafts, and other home goods will be available for purchase during the social!

DONATIONS NEEDED for the country store (baked goods, produce, crafts, or other decor/home items).

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex in early August for volunteers.

The Women's Fellowship will be hosting this event. If you have questions, contact Margaret DeBower.

Mission and Outreach

August Mission – Food Banks

During the month of August, Vilmar’s Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting monetary donations, as well donations of non-perishable food items for the Greene and Allison Food Banks. Items may be left on the round table in the fellowship hall throughout the month. The items will be divided and delivered the first week of September.

Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
Sunday, July 3:	62	54
Sunday, July 10:	36	n/a
Sunday, July 17:	46	37
Sunday, July 24:	39	n/a

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 Jim Wubbena.

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.

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)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 NALC Online Mission Convocation	6 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
7 9 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism of Everly Uhlenhopp led by Rev. Salge 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship at Wagner Waters	8	9	10 7:30 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	11 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	12	13 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home 4 p.m.: Luther League Camping at Wilder Park
14 9 a.m.: Worship Service at Wilder Park led by Rev. Weeg 11 a.m.: Potluck at Wilder Park Lodge	15	16	17	18 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	19	20 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
21 9 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Weeg 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Summer Social	22	23	24	25 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	26	27 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home 8 a.m.: Iowa Mission District Convocation
28 9 a.m.: Worship led by TBD 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>September Herald announcements due</i>	29	30	31	Sept. 1 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	2	3 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home

Deacons: Ron Salge and Ron Taylor