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**UPCOMING DEADLINES:**

**Weekly Bulletins:**

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**October Herald Announcements:**

Sunday, Sept. 25

**REMINDER!** Beginning Sept. 4, the worship services will return to our regular time – 10 a.m.

For nothing will be impossible with God.  
LUKE 1:37

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## Successful Summer Social

Our Summer Social was a huge success! We had such great volunteers and donations. It was great to have some young people assist in the dining room. They added to the atmosphere and they were SO willing to help where they were needed. Thank you!

We served around 85 people, and raised about \$1,250 from the free will offering and the Country Store sales. These monies will be used for local, state, national and worldwide worthy mission projects.

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for the funds they provided that we used to purchase all of our supplies.

Once again THANK YOU to all who volunteered and donated to our yearly event.



Margaret DeBower,  
Women's Fellowship Leader

## Teachers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help teach Sunday School this year. If you are interested in serving our church in this way, please talk with Julie Eberline or Diane Hummel. **Sunday School classes will kick-off the year on Sept. 11, from 8:45-9:45 a.m.**

# Treasurer's Report

JULY 2022

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

**INCOME:**

Envelope .....\$4,840.00  
 Vanco.....\$754.00  
 June Mission – Special Hope Network.....\$500.00  
 June Loose – Special Hope Network.....\$114.82  
 Thrivent Funds .....\$102.95

**FROM:**

Thrivent Funds – Special Hope Network....\$100.00  
 Butler County Relay for Life.....\$523.60

**Total Income.....\$6,935.37**

**EXPENSES:**

Pulpit Supply.....\$1,600.00  
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage .....\$258.75  
 Pulpit Supply Housing Allowance.....\$400.00  
 Pulpit Supply Medical .....\$109.56  
 Wages / Janitors.....\$415.58  
 Wages / Director of Communications.....\$692.62  
 Electricity.....\$316.29  
 Telephone.....\$71.34  
 Printer Contract .....\$186.98  
 Payroll Expenses.....\$550.80  
 Vanco.....\$11.19  
 Musician .....\$80.00  
 Maintenance & Repair – Building.....\$250.00  
 Sound System Maintenance.....\$42.79  
 Charitable Missions  
 Butler County Relay for Life.....\$523.60  
 TO: Thrivent Funds.....\$102.95  
 TO: Special Hope Network.....\$714.82

**Total Expenses.....\$6,327.27**

**Operating Balance.....\$90,526.77**

Thrivent Funds .....\$3,903.29  
 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  
 Special Hope Network.....\$714.82

**General Fund Balance .....\$103,279.14**

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

# Serving in the Lord's House

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Robert Salge  
**Organist:** Diane Hummel  
**Reader:** READER NEEDED  
**Fellowship Hosts:** HOST NEEDED  
**Notes:** Holy Communion at the rail

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

**Guest Pastor/Lay Leader:** TBD  
**Organist:** Diane Hummel  
**Reader:** READER NEEDED  
**Fellowship Hosts:** HOST NEEDED

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

**Guest Pastor/Lay Leader:** TBD  
**Organist:** Barb Wagner  
**Reader:** READER NEEDED  
**Fellowship Hosts:** HOST NEEDED  
**Notes:** Processional Holy Communion

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

**Guest Pastor/Lay Leader:** TBD  
**Organist:** Barb Wagner  
**Reader:** READER NEEDED  
**Fellowship Hosts:** HOST NEEDED

## Music Schedule

As the school year gets underway, the Senior Choir will resume. **Any one is invited to join the choir!** They practice most Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson.

### SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, Sept. 4:** Open for Special Music  
**Sunday, Sept. 11:** Open for Special Music  
**Sunday, Sept. 18:** Senior Choir  
**Sunday, Sept. 25:** Open for Special Music

### SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE:

**Wednesday, Sept. 14:** 6 p.m.

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Aug. 10, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Diane Hummel gave devotions and prayer.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was not available.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report and was approved as read. Margaret discussed the offering and dues for the Iowa Mission District Convocation. Warren VanDyke made a motion to give a \$100 offering and take \$1,000 from the general fund to be given for dues. Don Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried. A total of \$764.82 was given to the Special Hope Network mission project.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** The August mission emphasis is the Allison and Greene Food Banks. A thank you was read from Ellah Schell expressing her appreciation for being selected as one of the recipients of the NB scholarship from St. John's. A Butterfly Release and Remember event will be held Sunday, Sept. 11 in Waterloo.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel gave information on pulpit supply. Several members have expressed that the song "Go Now In Peace" be put back into the service. Council agreed to have the song remain in the order of worship. An outdoor service will be held on Aug. 14 at the Wilder Park Chapel. A potluck will be held at the lodge. In case of inclement weather the church service will be held in the lodge also.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** The fuel oil contract with Allison Propane will be renewed for \$600 for 3,000 gallon. Evan reported that he had fixed door closures that had been damaged with wind, checked rodent control boxes, and pulled volunteer trees. He will be getting an estimate for power washing the parsonage.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** No report due to Monica's absence.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Ron continues to be in contact with Dan Olson in regards to sound system. It is Dan's recommendation that we change to different microphones. Two cordless microphones will be purchased as well as a new headset for the pastor.
- A volunteer for water testing is still needed. This testing is something that is required and must be completed regularly. If anyone is interested please contact Ron Salge. The council may have to look into hiring an outside source to complete the testing.

### NEW BUSINESS

- None.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, 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	A Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	OTHER
7-31-22	\$980.00	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8-07-22	\$1,810.00	\$70.00	\$382.00	\$1,000 (Cemetery)
8-14-22	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8-21-22	\$1,781.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8-28-22	\$810.00	\$120.00	\$372.00	\$102.95 (Thrivent)



**Vilmar had a wonderful weekend worshipping the Lord and enjoying beautiful Wilder Park on Sunday, Aug. 14. Thanks to everyone who joined us and made our outdoor service and potluck possible.**

# VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: SEPTEMBER 2022

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m.** (NOTE TIME CHANGE). Barb Wagner will lead the Bible Study and Diane Hummel will serve. We will begin a new Bible Study entitled "The General Epistles." It is a study based on the books of Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude. "Old Places, New Faces ... Bible Places Illuminating Today's Christian." There is a study book and all are welcome to join. Any questions, please talk to Diane Hummel or Margaret DeBower.

## BIRTHDAYS

**Sept. 25:** Donna Kruse, 305 Truax St., Bristow, IA 50611

**Sept. 27:** Robert Janssen, P.O. Box 874, Clarksville, IA 50619

**Sept. 29:** Kenneth Debner, 20865 160th St., Greene, IA 50636

*If you or someone you know is 75 or older, let Margaret DeBower know.*

## ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for September is Brenda Boden and Tammy Fleshner. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sunshine people for the month of September are Julie Eberline and Jean Morris.

## SEWING DAYS

There will be sewing on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. We have been blessed with a lot of quilt tops that need to be made into quilts. The main task will be tying knots to secure the layers of the quilt. With lots of hands we can complete many quilts to warm people in need. We can always use sheets, blankets and large pieces of fabric to make insides and backs for these quilts.

## 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.

## WNALC NEWSLETTER

You can keep up-to-date on the news and happenings of the WNALC by logging into the Women's organization website, [wnalc.org](http://wnalc.org).

## Attendance Report

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
<b>Sunday, July 31:</b>	46	n/a
<b>Sunday, Aug. 07:</b>	47	44
<b>Sunday, Aug. 14:</b>	45	n/a
<b>Sunday, Aug. 21:</b>	41	38
<b>Sunday, Aug. 28:</b>	46	n/a

## Recycling Notice

When you take your recycling to the Butler County Transfer Station, you can designate it to the church. To do so, you will need to weigh the items and then 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 Yous

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St. John's Church, Thank you so much for the scholarship! I will be attending UNI for Real Estate and Business Administration.

Lucas Martzahn

Vilmar, Thank you so much for giving me an amazing opportunity by awarding me your annual scholarship! Thank you also for having a hand in the next chapter in my life. It really means a lot!

Thanks again, Ellah Schell

Steve and I would like to thank our Vilmar family for your prayers, cards, and many acts of kindness shown to us at the loss of our dear sister Rosemary Sult, and dear brother-in-law Joel Sult. Your caring ways and love is very much appreciated.

God bless, Steve & Barb Meyer

Our families wish to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us at the time of Linda Wagner's death. We appreciated your words of comfort, flowers and memorials in her memory.

Judy and Jerry Aukes and family  
Barb Wagner and family

Thanks to St. John's congregation and individuals for their generous donations given to our Relay For Life teams. Butler County had a successful event this year, raising \$66,206.

Jen Seehusen, Cutting Out Cancer Team  
Margaret DeBower, Korte Family Team

## New Arrival

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Look Who's Here: Joshua Jalel Wildeboer, son of Randy and Samar Wildeboer, was born Aug. 6, 2022. Grandparents are Levi and April Kramer. Great-grandparents are Dean and Lois Kramer. Congratulations!

## Remember in Our Prayers

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### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and 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, Larry Voigts, Eric Miller, Scot Korte, Mike Martzahn, Jim Wubbena, and Sandra Greenlee.

### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

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

### FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

#### Remember the Family of Linda Wagner:

Linda, 72, of Allison, and a member of Vilmar, passed away on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022. Visitation was Monday, Aug. 8 at the Church of Christ in Clarksville, with the funeral service following at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Redman-Schwartz Funeral Home of Clarksville assisted the family with arrangements.

#### Remember the Family of Joel and Rosemary Sult:

Joel, 70, and Rosemary, 68, both of Allison, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022, as the result of a car/train accident. Their visitation was held Wednesday, Aug. 3 at North Butler Elementary School Gymnasium. Their funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at North Butler Elementary School Gymnasium. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Allison assisted the family with arrangements.

#### Remember the Family of Marcia Edeker:

Marcia, 78, of Allison, passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 3 at Allison Congregational Church. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 2 at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Allison.

## Readers Needed

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We are in need of volunteers to read the Sunday scriptures. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. The lectern Bible is NRSV. This version will be printed in the bulletin each week. **The weekly readings will be bookmarked and labeled in the lectern Bible each Sunday so the reader can read The Word from the Bible.** The Psalm is divided by whole verse and can be read from the bulletin. Thank you.

## Mowing Volunteers

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We are in need of mowing volunteers for September and October! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax. Volunteers will need to mow both the church and parsonage grounds.

## Iowa Mission District Convocation

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The Iowa Mission District met for the annual convocation on Saturday, Aug. 27 at Zion Lutheran Church, Ruthven. The day began with a worship service. Mission District Dean, Pastor Christopher Staley convened the convocation, and served as assisting minister for worship. Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) was the preacher for the day, Pastor Gary Burkhalter was presider, and lay minister Eric Patten was lector.

Pastor Riesen gave the keynote address and shared his hopes for the NALS, stressing the current shortage of pastors across all denominations. In the midst of changes in the culture, technology and the way education is made accessible, the NALS seeks to provide a sound theological education while meeting the needs of students and providing pastors for future generations. During one of the break-out sessions, he provided further information and answered numerous questions about the seminary and theological education.

## Water Testing

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We are looking for a volunteer to be responsible for the water testing at the church and parsonage. Individual(s) will check/record the water/chlorine levels/usage each week at the church/parsonage. Iowa DNR provides the charts that we have to fill out each week and then submit monthly; as well as preparing quarterly samples that have to be submitted for testing. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Ron Salge.

## 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 sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthax.



During the business sessions Pastor Solveig Zamzow was elected to the position of Mission District Secretary, Pastor Ryan Henkel to the position of Clergy Council Member, and Elise Patzke to the position of Lay Council Member. Thanks were offered to Craig Lease, Pastor Ron Rasmussen and Chris Schlee for their service to the Mission District during the past several years.

There were 23 congregations represented. Ken and Margaret DeBower were Vilmar's delegates. Those registered who attended were 20 clergy delegates, 25 lay delegates, and 34 visitors — a total of 79, in addition to the members of Zion who hosted and provided for everyone's needs throughout the day.

# Mission and Outreach

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## GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE

**Awakening Lives to World Missions** (ALWM), one of the global mission partners of the NALC has invited members of the congregation to attend the first **CGM Global Mission Conference on Friday, Sept. 30 at 7-8:30 p.m. through Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9-4:30 p.m., hosted by Ascension Lutheran Church, Ames.** The theme is: “We Are Still Called to the Nations: New Global Mission Strategies for the 21st Century.”

This is an excellent growth opportunity, as workshops on global missions are increasingly rare at national gatherings and convocations. The conference will include global mission speakers, lively workshops, mission agency displays, and useful resources to help more effectively answer God’s call to the nations! In addition to the in-person event, it will also be available via livestream.

Visit [alwm.org/globalmissionconference](http://alwm.org/globalmissionconference) for more information about how to register. The event is also co-sponsored by CGM Global Mission Partners: FOMM, LBT, WMPL and ALWM.

If you have any questions, email [missionshelp@alwm.org](mailto:missionshelp@alwm.org) or call 505-803-5271. **More information has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

Butler County Visions of Wellbeing (BCVOW) Back to School project is underway. Each year, BCVOW provides schools in Butler County with school supplies and health and hygiene items to help meet the needs of students in their classrooms. The need continues to rise along with the increasing cost of these supplies. Your financial donation will make a difference for a child right here in Butler County. Please consider contributing to this project, by mailing donations to: BCVOW, P.O. Box 744, Allison, IA 50602.

## SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

National Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 4 – Sept. 10) is an annual week-long campaign in the United States to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide.

In conjunction with this, the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to spotlight the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) for the month of September. Mission funds collected will be given to the Iowa AFSP Chapter’s “Circle of Hope” program.**

Circle of Hope is a passionate group of people dedicated to funding efforts to prevent suicide. Their work focuses on eliminating the loss of life from suicide by:

- Delivering innovative prevention programs for those in need ;
- Educating the public with more than 20 programs;
- Raising funds for suicide research and programs, as well as researching for grants to better understand suicide and develop strategies for prevention;
- Reaching out to those who have lost someone to suicide and offering continued support of those affected by the loss of a loved one to suicide through AFSP’s loss and healing programs;
- Advocating for mental health legislation at the local level through state legislative days and calls to action.

## A CALL TO MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the mission projects at Vilmar. We are always looking for new projects to feature and lift up to the congregation for your mission support. If you have an idea to consider, please contact Barb Meyer, Mission and Outreach Chairperson.



## Luther League Notes

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The Luther Leaguers enjoyed a camp out at Wilder Park lodge on Saturday, Aug. 13. The event included: devotions, kindness/faith rock painting, placing the rocks all around the park for people to collect/enjoy (pictured above), kayaking (pictured below), fishing, basketball, sand volleyball, tether ball, tennis, badminton, mini golf, s'mores, Bible trivia, Bible workbooks, movie time, and chapel on Sunday morning with the rest of the congregation.



*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*

– Matthew 18:20

## 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](mailto: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](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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## SEPTEMBER 2022: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	2	3 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
4 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion and Baptism led by Guest Pastor Rev. Robert Salge 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	5	6	7	8 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	9	10 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
11 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	12	13 7:30 p.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study	14 6 p.m.: Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	15 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	16	17 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
18 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Choir Practice 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	19 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	20 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	21	22 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	23	24 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
25 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>October Herald Announcements Due</i>	26	27	28	29 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	30	Oct. 1 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church

Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere