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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:
Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**September Herald
Announcements:**
Sunday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m.

TIME CHANGE:
During August the church
services begin at 9 a.m.
No Sunday School.

I can do all things through
him who strengthens me.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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Pastoral Call

And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' (Matthew 28:18-20)

The Call Committee has interviewed and invited Pastor Tamara Keen for an on-site visit for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26 and 27. The committee will meet with her, show her around the church and the local communities, share a meal with her, and spend time getting to know her more. **She will be preaching for us on Sunday, Aug. 27 during the 9 a.m. morning worship service. The committee highly encourages EVERYONE to be in attendance.** Following the service, there will be a potluck and a time of fellowship with Pastor Keen.

Below are the notes from the committee's recent meetings:

The call committee met on Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m. at Diane Hummel's home for a Zoom meeting with Pastor Shelly Schultz, the NALC Call Director. She suggested that the committee re-write the church profile and make a new video to better sell ourselves to potential pastors. Those in attendance were Diane Hummel, Barb Wagner, Monica Edeker, and Marc Seehusen.

The call committee met on Wednesday, June 28 at 8 p.m. at Diane Hummel's home to review a pastoral profile provided to them. Those in attendance were Diane Hummel, Barb Wagner, Monica Edeker, and Julie Eberline.

See, **Call Committee:** Page 7

Treasurer's Report

JUNE 2023

Beginning Operating Balance\$104,077.05

INCOME:

Envelopes \$7,642.00
 Vanco \$754.00
 Loose Offering – BC Relay For Life \$36.00
 June Missions – BC Relay For Life \$425.00
 May Mission – NALS \$200.00
 Wells of Inspirations \$757.00
 Thrivent Funds \$102.95

FROM:

NALS \$465.10
 Thrivent Funds for Relay For Life \$100.00

Total Income..... \$10,482.05

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$450.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$206.79
 Wages / Janitors \$461.74
 Wages / Director of Communications ... \$769.58
 LP \$621.14
 Electricity \$304.99
 Water.....\$32.50
 Telephone \$71.06
 Building Maintenance \$800.36
 Property Maintenance \$24.60
 Janitor Supplies..... \$71.08

EXPENSES, cont.:

Kitchen Supplies \$15.77
 Printer Contract.....\$196.04
 Vanco\$8.19
 NALS.....\$665.10
 Worship Supplies \$267.42
 TO: Butler Co. Relay For Life.....\$561.00
 TO: Thrivent.....\$102.95
 TO: Wells of Inspiration \$757.00

Total Expenses\$6,387.31

Operating Balance..... \$108,171.79

SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS:

Thrivent Funds..... \$3,731.74
 Scholarships..... \$1,634.64
 Youth Camp Fund \$515.00
 Missions \$2,932.66
 Operation Christmas Child \$535.90
 Easter – IA Youth NALC Mission Trip \$258.00
 Butler Co. Relay For Life \$561.00
 Wells of Inspiration..... \$2,250.02

Specified Accounts Balance\$12,418.96

GENERAL FUND BALANCE.....\$120,590.75

Respectfully Submitted By:
 Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	OTHER FUNDS
7/02/23	\$1,510.00	\$167.00	\$382.00 — Simply Giving \$1,265.00 — Wells of Inspiration
7/09/23	\$780.00	\$631.00	none
7/16/23	\$2,517.00	\$10.00	\$372.00— Simply Giving
7/23/23	\$1,747.00	\$176.00	\$300.00 — Wells of Inspiration \$102.95 — Thrivent

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on July 12. Diane Hummel gave devotions and led the council in prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Dale Janssen made a motion to approve the report as read. Warren Van Dyke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Meredith Steere made a motion to approve the report as read. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chairman:** Monica Edeker reported that she called the NALC regarding Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pensacola, Florida's, request for money to help build a new church building. The NALC said they are working with that church to go through the correct steps to get grants, so we have been advised not to send money at this time.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** August mission will be Iowa Mission of Mercy (a dental clinic) and the Allison and Greene Food Banks.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** The south educational unit door has been fixed. The kitchen windows have been fixed. The trustees fixed a loose pew. They also cut down the thistles around the air conditioning unit at the parsonage.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** The church internet wasn't working, and one of the streaming boxes had water damage and causing interruptions in the livestreaming computer and systems. The box has been replaced and the computer/camera was re-setup for streaming.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new speaker has been installed in the sanctuary.

NEW BUSINESS

- Youth camperships were discussed. Two kids are attending camp this year. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to give each kid \$100 from the youth camp fund. Margaret DeBower seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- It was brought to the council's attention that the Iowa Mission District raised their suggested pulpit supply rate. After some discussion, Dale Janssen made a motion to raise the paid pulpit supply rate from \$150 to \$175 per Sunday. Warren Van Dyke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dale Janssen made a motion to start the increase of the paid pulpit supply rate beginning Sept. 1. Meredith Steere seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Margaret DeBower made a motion to take a \$500 offering to the NALC Convocation. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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- A call committee update was presented. The committee held a Zoom interview with Pastor Tamara Keen. The council discussed the interview with the call committee members. A second interview has been scheduled.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

Dick Ulrich made a motion to adjourn. Dale Janssen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)	P Dale Janssen	P Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
A Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN’S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE
Sunday, July 23, 2023

The St. John’s Church Council met for a quick meeting on Sunday, July 23 following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the council that the Call Committe held their second interview with Pastor Tamara Keen, and they have invited her for an on-site visit for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26 and 27. The committee will meet with her, show her around the church and the local communities, share a meal with her, and spend time getting to know her more. She will be preaching for us on Sunday, Aug. 27 during the 9 a.m. morning worship service. The committee highly encourages EVERYONE to be in attendance. Following the service, there will be a potluck and a time of fellowship with Pastor Keen.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Monica Edeker, *Director of Communications*

MEMBERS PRESENT

A Don Salge (President)	A Dale Janssen	P Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
A Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
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VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: AUGUST 2023

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 9 a.m., in the church fellowship hall. Margaret DeBower will lead the study and serve. All ladies are welcome to attend.

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 Margaret DeBower and Kay Brinkman.

BINGO

Vilmar is in charge of BINGO at the Allison nursing home on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 1:30 p.m. We need volunteers to help, if you are interested in participating, contact Betty Rewerts.

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

If you or someone you know is 75 or older, let Margaret DeBower know so she can add them to the list.

SEWING DAYS

The sewing committee is taking the summer off. We will resume on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the meantime they are still accepting donations of sheets and blankets.

SUMMER SOCIAL 2023

The annual Summer Social will be held **Sunday, Aug. 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

This year's menu will include: pork burgers (provided by the Butler County Pork Promoters), potato salad, baked beans, a variety of salads, homemade pies and bars, and ice cream.

Carryouts available!

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Featuring:

"Vilmar's Country Store"



CHECK IT OUT!

Garden produce, baked goods, crafts, and other home goods will be for sale!

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

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex for volunteers/donations.

The Women's Fellowship and Brotherhood are hosting the event together. If you have questions, contact Margaret DeBower or Warren Van Dyke.

All funds will be given to local, state, national, and international missions.

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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.

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

Guest Pastor: Rev. Solveig Zamzow

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Linda Steere

Fellowship Hosts: Barb Wagner – at her home

Notes: Holy Communion at the rail and Holy Baptisms of Owen, Aunya, and Naomi Ausborn

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

Lay Leaders: Iowa Mission of Mercy

Organist: Diane Hummel

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Salge

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Notes: Processional Holy Communion

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

Guest Pastor: Rev. Tamara Keen

Organist: Barb Wagner

Reader: Reader Needed

Fellowship: Potluck following the service

Fellowship at the Pond

Wagner Waters Fellowship: Barb Wagner and family will host the coffee and fellowship time following the worship service on Sunday, Aug. 6 at her home (3.5 miles east of the church at 23592 160th St.) The meal will be served in her garage/house this year. Bring a lawn chair. All are welcome.

Flowers

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 before you leave. Thank you!

Thank You!

- I want to thank the congregation of Vilmar for all of the financial assistance that we received to help send Annabelle to camp! I couldn't have done it myself! It was awesome that she could experience the same camp as I and many of us did back in the day. – Marilyn Stirling
- From Annabelle: Thank you Vilmar. I had a lot of fun at camp. I had Becky and Kali, they were really nice. The food was good and the games were fun. Thank you!

Mission and Outreach

August Mission & Presentation by the Iowa Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic

Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) Dental Clinic will present at Vilmar on Sunday, Aug. 13 during the 9 a.m. worship service. Created to meet the needs of Iowans who cannot afford or access dental care, IMOM has provided over 16,600 patients with free dental care since its inception in 2008. The organization will be holding a clinic in Waterloo and is looking for volunteers to help lead the patients through the clinic, check in volunteers, and assist in other important roles to make sure the clinic runs smoothly. To learn more visit iowamom.org.

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 in the fellowship hall throughout the month.

Notice

Please be sure to indicate which mission you would like to support on your check/envelope this month, as we are supporting both of these projects during August. **Reminder: All loose offerings (unless marked otherwise) are given to our mission projects each month.**

Vilmar's Summer Social

Everyone is invited to Vilmar's annual Summer Social on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The menu will include: Pork burgers provided by the Butler County Pork Promoters, potato salad, baked beans, a variety of salads, homemade pies and bars, and ice cream. The meal is a free will donation, with proceeds from the event going to local, national, and worldwide mission projects.

The event will feature "Vilmar's County Store" with garden produce, baked goods, cookbooks, crafts, and other home goods available for purchase.

We are looking for volunteers to help during the social, as well as donations for both the meal and the store. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Vilmar Women's Fellowship and Brotherhood will host the event together this year. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Sewing Donations Needed

The sewing committee is in need of sheets and lightweight blankets. Donations can be left at the east end of the basement.

Exchange Student Hosts

Council On International Educational Exchange (CIEE) is an international non-profit organization that matches international exchange students with host families in the U.S. The group is currently looking to place 9 students with host families. Each student is an actively-practicing Christian kid. CIEE is looking to place them with host families who are also active in their faith. Anyone can be a great host family for the right student: single, married, retired, kids or no kids of any age – if you have a heart to do this, please contact Diana Wise, CIEE Regional Placement Manager, at 1-303-667-6780. More information has also been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

CALL COMMITTEE FROM PAGE 1

The call committee met on Monday, July 3 at 7 p.m. at Diane Hummel's home to further discuss the pastoral profile and prepare questions for a pastoral interview. Those in attendance were Diane Hummel, Barb Wagner, Monica Edeker, Marc Seehusen, and Don Salge.

The call committee met on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Diane Hummel's home to hold a Zoom interview with a pastor available for call, to get to know the candidate better and to see if she would be a good fit for our church needs. Following the meeting, the call committee discussed the interview and prepared more questions for a second interview with her. The committee will get some information from the church council before the next interview as well. Those in attendance were Diane Hummel, Barb Wagner, Monica Edeker, Marc Seehusen, Julie Eberline, and Don Salge.

The call committee met on Friday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m., at Diane Hummel's home to hold a second Zoom interview with the pastor. **The committee asked more questions and invited her for an on-site visit for the weekend of Aug. 26-27.** Those in attendance were Diane Hummel, Barb Wagner, Monica Edeker, Marc Seehusen, Julie Eberline, and Don Salge.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Monica Edeker, *Call Committee Member*

Volunteers Needed

We are always look for looking for volunteers for:

- **Scripture Readers** (sign up sheet in the narthex)
- **Fellowship Hosts** (sign up sheet in the narthex)
- **Special Music** (talk to Jane Thompson)
- **Mowing People** (sign up sheet in the narthex)

Attendance Report

Worship Service	Attendance	Communed
Sunday, July 02:	44	39
Sunday, July 09:	63	n/a
Sunday, July 16:	44	41
Sunday, July 23:	67	n/a

Remember in Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mari Ann Wearda, Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Dean and Barb Westendorf, Jurene Dralle, Ellie Munis, Amy Cooper, Evalyn Nettleton, Joy Schueler, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Carol Finke, Cheryl and Kayla Sankey, Donna Hardy, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Jim Wubbena, Sandra Greenlee, Emily Martzahn, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Pastor Rich Eddy, Paul Hughes, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Dave Hubbard, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Michelle Miller, Todd DeGroot, John Daub, Calla Clarey, Barb Wagner, Dean Daub, and Bonnie Hiatt.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

FAITHFULLY DEPARTED:

Remember the family of Althea Uhlenhopp. Althea, 90, of Hansell, formerly of Greene, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at the Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 31 at the St. John's Lutheran Church-Vilmar in rural Greene with burial in the Rose Grove Cemetery in Greene. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral assistance, contact Council President, Don Salge (319-239-2816) or Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348).

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 Rhonda Edeker for the paperwork. We appreciate everyone's continued financial support of Vilmar's ministry.

Contributions

If you are not able to 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.

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

About the Women of the NALC

wnalc.org

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)

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 is very much appreciated. Thanks!



SACRED CALL GOSPEL GROUP

Sunday, Sept. 10 • 10 a.m. • St. John's – Vilmar

Sacred Call, a mixed Southern Gospel quartet based out of Claremore, Oklahoma, will be performing at St. John's on Sunday, Sept. 10 during the 10 a.m. morning worship service.

Although the current iteration of singers is new, the individual and collective experience of its members is extensive. Sacred Call is committed to preserving the rich heritage of Southern Gospel Music and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through a mix of classic, southern, country and slightly newer gospel songs. They have recently signed an exclusive artist agreement with Chapel Valley Records out of Sharps Chapel, Tennessee. The group claims 1 Peter 2:9 as their foundation and purpose. Each member of the group has been “called out” of darkness into the marvelous light and life of salvation through Jesus Christ, the Lord. You will be blessed by their singing, but more importantly, you will be encouraged, uplifted and challenged by their message in song and testimony.

Mark Green, lead singer, (seated, far left) has performed at Vilmar previously with the group Forgiven and the group Paul's Journey.

More information about the group members has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

AUGUST 2023: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Vilmar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9 a.m.: Vilmar Women's Fellowship	2	3 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline 1:30 p.m.: BINGO at Allison Rehabilitation Center	4	5 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
6 9 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Solveig Zamzow 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship at Barb Wagner's home	7	8	9 7 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	10 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	11	12 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church 2 p.m.: Luther League Outing
	———— NALC Convocation in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma ————					
13 9 a.m.: Worship Service with Mission Presentation by Iowa Mission of Mercy 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	14	15	16	17 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	18	19 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church
20 9 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Robert Salge 10 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Summer Social	21	22	23	24 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	25	26 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational TBA: Call Committee meet with Rev. Keen
27 9 a.m.: Worship Service led by Rev. Tamara Keen A potluck meal and time of fellowship will follow morning service	28	29	30	31 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	Sept. 1	2 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Allison Congregational Church

Deacons: Ron Taylor and Dick Ulrich