

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

The January Vilmar council meeting was opened with devotions given by Rhonda Edeker. Chairman, Ron Salge, called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was given by Barb Wagner. There were no corrections or additions and the report would stand approved as read. Treasurer's report was given by Brenda Boden. The operating balance is \$25,028.46 with \$46,621.91 in the general fund.

REPORTS

- **Chairman:** Ron Salge expressed his appreciation to all the council members for their time and commitment to serving on the council. Outgoing members were thanked for their time.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Rhonda Edeker gave a report on the disbursement of December mission funds: \$920 was given to the Gideons; the North Butler Family was presented with a variety of gifts for Christmas; and the three radio stations were given \$150 each. January mission emphasis is GoServ Global.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported Feb. 7 services will be conducted by Pastor David Craig; Feb 14 and Feb 21 services will be conducted by Pastor Miller. The Pastoral Committee was able to serve in home communion with several individuals.
- **Deacons:** The iPad that currently runs the sound system is locked. Monica will be contacting Wright Sound System in Waverly to try and resolve the issues.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica noted that the record books that are currently used for the recording of baptisms, confirmations, deaths, etc. are showing age. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to purchase a new record book using memorial money. Motion carried. Council was given a listing of Herald mailings. St. John's is now offering a digital version of the Herald. Members were asked to request their preference in a survey mailed in 2020. Council members will be contacting members who have not responded to find out their preference in receiving the Herald.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new live streaming system will be installed soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council was given a sample ballot for elections. Brenda Boden made a motion to approve the 2021 ballot. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The annual meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021. The agenda for this meeting was presented. After reviewing the agenda, two additions were made. Don Salge made a motion to approve the agenda for the annual meeting. Jason Edeker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Call Committee has been formed. This committee will consist of Monica Edeker, Diane Hummel, Doug Schueler, Marc Seehusen, Julie Eberline, and Barb Wagner. Ron Salge, as Church Council President will be an ex-officio member of the Call Committee.

- Brenda Boden presented the financial report for 2020. Barb Wagner made a motion to approve the report. Diane Hummel seconded the motion. Motion approved and carried.
- Don Salge presented the proposed budget of \$68,286.00 for 2021. After reviewing and discussion Jason Edeker made a motion to approve the proposed 2021 budget. Diane Hummel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- On Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021, a congregational workshop will be held and conducted by Pastor Staley. The purpose of this workshop is to put together a congregational profile that will be used in calling a pastor for St. John's. Pastor Staley expressed that this meeting is an important step in the call process and is one way that all members of St. John's can be involved. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m., and is expected to take 4-5 hours.
- Helen Debner is stepping down as the Memorial Fund chairperson. The council appreciates and thanks Helen for her years serving in this position. Diane Salge was appointed the new contact person for recording memorials and the council appreciates her willingness to serve. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to accept Diane Salge as the Memorial Fund contact person. Jason Edeker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

P Evan Steere

P Jason Edeker

P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Monica Edeker

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Isabella Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Rhonda Edeker

P Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

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Jim Wubbena addressed the council regarding the water/waters issues in the parsonage. Jim explained some of the concerns and what was needed to be changed/fixed, and looked into regarding smell of the water. Council approved to have Jim contact Joe's Plumbing and Heating to do the repairs and replacements as needed. Ron Salge, Chairman, opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

REPORTS

- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker gave a report of the following: She has sent out the biennial report to the Secretary of State, the annual report to the NALC, and the congregation vote to the NALC regarding their constitution. Monica reminded council members that copies of the Constitution and the Code of Conduct are available. A new book has been purchased to record baptismal, confirmation, marriage, and death records. The issues with the iPad have been resolved and virtual services appear to be recording well. Dumont Telephone has installed the internet to the balcony for the sound system. New mailboxes have been installed for those wishing to pick up their monthly Herald at the church. Council approved to have Julie Eberline added to the Parish Ed account, and remove Rhonda Edeker. Monica Edeker will stay on the account as the second signer. Those individuals who are distributing communion to parishioners at home, are reminded to give Monica a list of individuals who received communion for the church record. Monica Edeker will be training the deacons on running the sound system in case of her absence. There may be opportunities for others to receive training in the future.
- **Secretary:** Barb Wagner read the minutes from the January meeting. There were no corrections and additions, and the report will stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden presented the treasurer's report for January 2021. The NALC will be given five percent of the 2020 budget which amounts to \$6,746.95. The GoServGlobal mission was sent \$893. There were no other additions or correction to the report and will stand as read. The postal permit for sending bulk mailing will not be renewed. Currently Monica Edeker is listed on the account of the general fund for writing checks, as is Brenda Boden. Council discussed the options of changing this information. Brenda Boden made a motion to keep Monica Edeker on the general fund account. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Council approved.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge asked to have a council member designated as vice-chair in case of his absence. Barb Wagner nominated Jason Edeker to serve as vice-chairman. Council approved.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** No report.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Pastor David Craig will conduct services in March including Lenten services, Palm Sunday and Easter. Council will furnish the parsonage with a few pieces of needed furniture for Pastor Craig when he stays on Saturday evenings.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke repaired the issues that led to no heat in the church on Sunday, Feb. 7. From this point forward the thermostat will not be lowered during the week.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The sound system has now been installed and has improved the quality of our virtual services. A total of \$3,695.66 has been given in donations towards the sound system project. The total cost of the system is \$4,615.67. The remaining balance will be paid out of the mission fund.
- The congregational workshop will be held on Feb. 21, 2021 at 1 p.m. Members of St. John's are encouraged to attend and participate.

NEW BUSINESS

- Margaret DeBower made a request to have Barb Meyer added to the Vilmar Funeral Account. Barb is filling the position due to the resignation of Lois Kramer. Council approved to have Barb Meyer added to the funeral account and remove Lois Kramer.
- Since the COVID restrictions were put in place, communion has not been offered at the rail. There was discussion if we could lift that restriction and offer communion at the railing again. Council decided to continue offering communion as we have been doing.

NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting will be announced at a later date.

CLOSING

Barb Wagner made a motion and Julie Eberline seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

P Evan Steere

P Jason Edeker

P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on March 10, 2021 immediately following the evening Lenten Service. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Secretary Barb Wagner gave the minutes of the February council meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes stood approved as read. Due to the absence of Treasurer Brenda Boden no financial report was given.

REPORTS

- **Chairman:** No report by the chairman was given.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer read a thank you from Hope Ministries from Des Moines, our March mission partner. Hope provides food, clothing, shelter, and life recovery programs for men, women, and children out of seven ministry centers around the Des Moines area. The Lenten offerings will be given to Lutheran World Relief. Barb is welcoming any suggestions for special projects for future mission offerings.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that David Craig will be conducting services on Sunday morning and Lenten services through Easter, with the exception of Good Friday, which will be a lay service. Easter morning service will be held at 9 a.m. only. There will not be an Easter breakfast. Diane also reported that the Call Committee will be meeting with Rev. David Wendel on March 18 about the next step(s) of the call process.
- **Deacons:** The deacons will put an informational sheet on the bulletin board behind the pulpit with general instructions and guidelines for setting up for Holy Communion.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline reported that Sunday School classes resumed on Sunday, March 7. Students and teachers were excited to be back to learning and being together. Social distancing will continue in the classrooms.
- **Director of Communications**
 - Monica Edeker has put together a Congregational Profile video, which was advised by the Iowa Mission District Dean, Rev. Chris Staley. The video will be sent to the NALC website and will be available for viewing after March 18. This video gives a short overview of information and history of Vilmar, including photographs of the church, parsonage and church property.
 - The council reviewed COVID-19 guidelines that have been in place. Barb Wagner made a motion that masks are now be RECOMMENDED and not required during the worship services/events on the premises and that social distancing is still recommended while attending services/events on the church grounds. Motion was seconded by Jason Edeker. Council approved. Holy Communion will be processional; hand sanitizer will be available; the offering plate will remain in the back of the church and will not be passed. Coffee and fellowship after the worship service is tentatively set to resume on Sunday, April 11. Worshipers are asked to respect each other's choice to wear/not wear masks.

- Monica gave a report on the Herald mailings. This past month, 97 Heralds were emailed, 60 were printed and mailed and 20 were picked at the church. A mailbox has been put in place in the narthex for those choosing to pick up the Herald. Portals of Prayer are also available. The bulk mailing permit account will be closed and the remaining \$46 on account will be refunded.
- Palm branches for Palm Sunday have been ordered.
- The renewal for Portal of Prayer booklets will be renewed in August. At that time the number of booklets ordered will reviewed and changed if needed.
- David Voigts asked that the Voigts Family Reunion be removed from the 2021 calendar. He has requested the reservation date of June 12, 2022 for their next family reunion in the Fellowship Hall.
- Information was received concerning putting together a new Vilmar Pictorial Directory. The council felt there was no need for a new directory at this time.
- A thank you was read from Susanne Cooper expressing their families gratitude for prayers offered on behalf of their sons COVID recovery and continuing prayers for her sister, Brenda Schmadede, who is going through cancer treatments.
- A letter was received from the organ tuner requesting an updated contract for yearly services. He has asked to raise contract price to \$580/year from the current \$400. It was decided more information was needed as to what services will be provided under the new contract. Diane will look into getting that additional information. Council tabled discussion to April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new sound system is in place and seems to be working well. Those who have been listening online have given positive feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dust control: Contracts were received from AP Fertilizer for \$420 (400'x18' 2x/year); Niemeyer for \$0.65/ft. (547' was applied in 2020). Since contracts are not due until later April, council tabled discussion and a decision will be made at the April meeting.
- Church cleanup: A date for church grounds cleanup will be determined at April meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2021 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

P Jason Edeker

A Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

A Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

The St. John's Church council met for its regular meeting on April 14, 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 March council meeting. There were no additions or corrections noted and would stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave a review of the financial report. Currently the operating balance is \$34,516.18. A CD at Lincoln Savings Bank, designated for stained glass window repair, will mature on April 19, 2021. Council decided to renew the \$4,019.85 CD at the best rate on the renewal date.
- **Chairman:** Nothing to report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Nothing to report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reported that a \$200 donation was designated and sent to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City. February mission donations were sent to World Vision for \$495. March mission funds were sent to Hope Ministries in Des Moines for \$252. Lenten offering was sent to Lutheran World Relief for \$1,374. A thank you was read from Little Lambs Day Care thanking St. John's for their continued support with needed supplies and monetary donations. During the month of April, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting donations to be put toward the yearly North Butler Scholarship Program. Each year a one-time \$500 scholarship is given to one girl and one boy from the graduating class. The scholarships for 2021 will be awarded on May 19 and will be presented by board chairman, Ron Salge. The annual Butler County Relay For Life will be held at the Butler County Fairgrounds on July 9. In conjunction with Relay For Life, June 6, 2021 has been designated as HOPE Sunday at Vilmar. Individuals will be able to purchase and decorate luminaries in memory or in honor of loved ones who have experienced cancer. More information will become available on purchasing luminaries in the near future.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** The council discussed Pastor David Craig's job description while serving Vilmar as a supply pastor. After discussions, Brenda Boden made a motion that Pastor Craig be hired for a three month increment for June, July, and August. During this time Pastor Craig will visit homebound members of St. John's. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ron Salge and Diane Hummel will visit with Pastor Craig about his responsibilities and provide a list of members who he may wish to contact for visitation/communion. Pastor Craig will be paid \$150/week plus mileage.
- **Deacons:** Nothing to report.
- **Trustees:** A leaking water valve was replaced in the basement. A leak in the downstairs bathroom shower will be looked into. A report from the DNR was read, and any issues will be addressed. Warren will contact Jensens to put rock around the church on the parking area and driveways. Kurt Menken offered his services to paint and caulk the stained glass windows.

- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline reported that Parish Education recently presented Bibles to Finn Seehusen and Alivia Ufford during a recent worship service. The Parish Ed balance is \$867.91.
- **Director of Communications:** A yearly, state inspection was done on the elevator. There were no concerns with the elevator and passed inspection. Herald reports are now being either mailed out, emailed or picked up at the church. This new distribution seems to be going well. Virtual services continue to be offered online each week. Comments continue to be positive and appreciated. Children's sermons during worship were discontinued due to COVID-19 restrictions. At this time council decided that children's sermons could now resume.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Sound System:** The new video system is now in place and seems to be working well. Those who have been listening online have given positive feedback. It has been brought to council's attention that some individuals have noticed an echo during in person worship. The issue will be looked into.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dust Control:** A contract for dust control application was given to Niemeyer. The dust control application will be applied two times a year for 547'.
- **Church Cleanup:** A cleanup day for church and parsonage grounds is still to be determined.
- A letter requesting sponsorship of a PreK-6th grade Little League ball team was received from organizers of the program. Council discussed and declined to do a sponsorship.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 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	P Jason Edeker
P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Jeff Seehusen	P Warren Van Dyke

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.

- 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

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 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 May council meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the report would stand as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden, treasurer, gave a review of the financial report. Currently the operating balance is \$ 50,951.37. A thank you was read from the NALC expressing appreciation for the annual contribution. St. John's contributed 5% of their budget, making the contribution \$6,446.95.
- **Chairman:** No report by the Chairman was given.
- **Stewardship & Finance:**
- **Mission & Outreach:** \$1,000 was given to the NALS in May. The emphasis for June missions will be Relay For Life. Three Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp camperships have been donated for the silent auction amounting to \$500. (One for \$200 and two for \$150 each.)
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Pastor Craig will be visiting with parishioners in the coming weeks. Diane will supply a list of parishioners that he may call on, and the informational sheets will be shared with the sunshine visitors as well. Worship service on June 20 will be conducted by Pastor Miller.
- **Deacons:** The Deacons asked about sharing the peace during the services. An announcement will be made during the service for parishioners to give their input to council members, and the group will address it at the July meeting.
- **Trustees:** The two sheds next to the parsonage will be repaired, trimmed, and painted.
- **Parish Ed.:** Sunday morning children's sermons will begin in August. If there are individuals who would like to share a message with the youth, they should contact Julie Eberline.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker will continue to record the communion records, rather than having the parishioners fill out communion cards right now. Monica gave a brief report from the NALC about their planned "Restructuring and Central Office Plan." They are planning to move their North American central office to the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, metro area. Also, because of growth, the NALC plans to divide North America in 4 regions (southern, western, midwestern, and eastern), and hire 4 new, part-time "assistant bishops," one for each region. Each state's district dean will report to the assistant of their region, who will then report to the Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism who will then report to the Bishop. Vilmar will be in the midwestern region. If anyone wants more information about this, contact Monica and she will forward the presentations with you.

OLD BUSINESS

- Monica reported that she will be meeting with Jeff Kolb to look at the sound system to try and determine how some of the current issues can be resolved concerning the ring/echo during services.

NEW BUSINESS

- Due to a scheduling conflict, we are in need of NALC Convocation delegates. The Convocation will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, from August 2-6. If anyone is interested in serving as delegates to the convocation, please let Ron Salge or Monica Edeker know.
- The council has set Aug. 8 as a tentative date for worship service at Wilder Park. A potluck will follow the service. Monica will check the availability of the shelter house and chapel area for that date, and more details will be available in the future.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 council dinner for current, outgoing, and new council members was postponed. A council dinner/cookout is being planned for Sunday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m., at Barb Wagner's home. Those who are currently on council, those who went off council, and the newly-elected council members and their spouses are invited to attend. Details will become available nearer the event.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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)

P Tyler Seehusen

A Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on July 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotion and prayers. Chairman, Ron Salge, called the meeting to order. Jim Wubbena asked to make a report to the council regarding the work that has been done with the water system in the parsonage. The water system is now in compliance with the DNR.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was not given.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave a review of the financial report. The council will look into investing some of the money currently in the general fund. Ron Salge will report back to the council what the options are. Currently the operating balance is \$55,298.28.
- **Chairman:** Nothing to report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:**
- **Mission & Outreach:** No report.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Pastor Craig has been visiting with shut-in families in the congregation. Council asked that Pastor Craig be given a list of non-active members to reach out to as well. Diane will supply a list to Pastor Craig.
- **Deacons:** Nothing to report.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke gave a listing of items that have been either repaired, replaced or fixed on the church grounds including the parsonage and church, including: door locks cleaned, two lights repaired, two plug-ins replaced in the parsonage; storm windows were removed, cleaned and repaired in the garage; outbuildings will be repainted and trimmed; trees at the cemetery were cut, fence lines sprayed, as well as the church sign on Highway 14 was cleaned up; a load of rock was spread behind the church; flowerbeds weeded; Evan Steere reported he oiled the bell in the bell tower and is taking care of the bait stations. The council was made aware of trees on the property that have Emerald Ash Borer disease.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline reported that \$75 was given to Marc Seehusen's family to be used for Summer Bible Camp scholarships.
- **Director of Communications:** The gospel group, The Williamsons, will present a gospel service at St. John's on Sunday, Sept. 12. The family will be present during the Sunday School hour to assist with music and lessons. The summer outdoor service will be held Aug. 8 at Wilder Park. Worship will begin at 9 at the chapel area. A potluck will follow the service at the shelter house. Monica has been attempting to contact Butler County Computers regarding the livestreaming of worship service on Dumont Cable Vision. Monica is looking at cost options on adjusting the contract for the printer. The Iowa District Convocation will be held in Emmons, Minnesota, in September. Ken and Margaret DeBower are St. John's delegates.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Sound System:** Ron Salge will be contacting two companies to for advice concerning replacement of speakers and their location.

- **Council Supper:** Supper will be held on July 25 at 5 p.m., at the home of Barb Wagner. This supper is for all current council members, and those that went off council and their spouses/guests.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 11, 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)

P Evan Steere

A Jason Edeker

P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

A Don Salge

A Barb Meyer

A Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

Call Committee/Council Meetings

The Call Committee of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar met on Wednesday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the council room. Chairperson Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Diane informed the committee that a pastor had reached out to her inquiring about the call at St. John's. She shared information from the applicant's resume with the members. Diane also informed the members that Pastor David Craig had inquired about a part-time contract. No applicants had been given to the call committee from the NALC. The committee discussed the needs of St. John's. After some discussion, it was decided more information was needed from both interested pastors. Diane will reach out for the information. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Present: Diane Hummel, Ron Salge, Julie Eberline, Barb Wagner, Marc Seehusen, Monica Edeker

The Call Committee of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar met on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m., in the council room. Chairperson Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Diane gave the committee the responses from the interested pastor. After some discussion, it was decided that the applicant would not be an appropriate fit for the call and the needs of the congregation. The committee was presented with a part-time contract from Pastor David Craig. After much discussion it was decided to bring the contract to the council for additional input at 7:20 p.m. in the fellowship hall. After more discussion, it was decided that clarification was needed from Pastor Craig.

Present: Call Committee, Diane Hummel, Ron Salge, Julie Eberline, Barb Wagner, Marc Seehusen, Doug Schueler, Monica Edeker; Council Members: Jeff Seehusen, Barb Meyer, Don Salge, Jason Edeker

On Sunday, Aug. 15, an informal discussion was held between Pastor Craig and a few available council/call members for clarification on the questions posed by the call committee and council.

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, a joint call committee/council meeting was held at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Diane Hummel lead the group in devotions and prayer. Ron Salge called the meeting to order. The group began the conversation by discussing the needs of the congregation and the financial burden of a full-time pastor vs. a part-time pastor vs. sharing a pastor with a neighboring congregation. It was decided that it would be in the best interest of the congregation to pursue calling a part-time pastor to St. John's – Vilmar. The group discussed, at length, the responses the members received from Pastor Craig on Sunday, Aug. 15. Again, it was decided that clarification and answers were needed before action could be taken.

Present: Ron Salge, Monica Edeker, Tyler Seehusen, Jeff Seehusen, Doug Schueler, Jason Edeker, Brenda Boden, Barb Meyer, Diane Hummel, Julie Eberline, Barb Wagner

On Sunday, Aug. 22, a joint call committee/council meeting was held following the worship service at 10:20 a.m., with Pastor David Craig and Jacque Craig present to answer questions and provide clarification on the proposed contract he brought to the call committee. After some discussion, Pastor Craig and Jacque were dismissed. The group continued to discuss the answers and the possibility of drafting a formal contract with adjustments for Pastor David Craig. It was decided that more information was needed from the church accountant before voting on offering a part-time contract. Meeting adjourned.

Present: Ron Salge, Marc Seehusen, Pastor David Craig, Jacque Craig, Evan Steere, Diane Hummel, Barb Meyer, Jeff Seehusen, Tyler Seehusen, Warren Van Dyke, Monica Edeker, Don Salge, Brenda Boden, Barb Wagner

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Aug. 11, 2021, at 7 p.m. Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Barb Wagner gave the secretary's report. There were no corrections or additions and would stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Ron Salge gave the treasurer's reports for July and August in Brenda Boden's absence. The current operating budget is \$55,798.28.
- **Chairman:** Ron has been in contact with Thrivent about investing some of the money in the general fund. A Thrivent representative will be meeting with council in the future to discuss some of the options available.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reminded that the August mission emphasis is the local food banks in Allison and Greene.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Pastor Miller will be conducting church service on Sunday, Aug. 29 and Pastor Breddin on Sunday, Sept. 5. The Gospel Group will lead the service on Sunday, Sept. 12.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** It was reported several trees will need to be removed on the church and parsonage grounds due to being diseased with Emerald Ash Borer. Trustees will be checking into having the stained glass windows weather stripped before winter.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica continues to work with Butler County Computers to put Vilmar services on Dumont Cable Vision. Vilmar currently has a contract with Gordon Flesch for the printer in the office. Currently the contract is 5,000 copies/month for a cost of \$209. Monica reported that we are not making that many copies and felt we could reduce the number to 3,000 copies/month for \$72. Any additional copies over 3,000 are charged at \$0.025/copy. Don Salge made a motion to adjust the contract to 3,000 copies. Jason Edeker seconded the motion. Council approved, motion carried. Portals of Prayer devotional booklets have arrived for the final quarter, and the subscription is up for renewal. Currently we are receiving 220 small copies and 4 large print copies. After some discussion concerning the number of copies and costs, Barb Wagner made a motion to reduce the number of Portals of Prayer quarterly order to 75 and 4 large print copies. Diane Hummel seconded the motion. Council approved, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Sound System/Speakers:** Ron Salge has been in contact with West Music in Cedar Falls to look at the sound system.

NEW BUSINESS

- The council reviewed the proposed part-time contract from Pastor Craig.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT _____

P Ron Salge (President)

A Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Barb Meyer

A Evan Steere

P Diane Hummel

A Tyler Seehusen

P Jeff Seehusen

P Jason Edeker

P Julie Eberline

P Don Salge

A Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Special Session – Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021

The St. John's Church council met for a special council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the council room. Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions. Chairman, Ron Salge, called the meeting to order. The purpose of the council meeting was to discuss a possible part-time pastoral contract with Pastor David Craig. The council first discussed St. John's constitution and how it related to offering a contract for a part-time pastoral position. President Ron Salge read section 11.01g of the constitution, as it pertained to the council's responsibilities, "To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor," and that the council could continue with a contract without taking it to the congregation for a vote. Moving forward, the council had previously decided that information was needed from the church accountant before the council could vote on offering a contract. Brenda Boden shared the financial information she received concerning the reporting of housing allowance, taxes, and medical reimbursement. After much discussion, Don Salge made a motion to offer a one year, part-time pastoral contract, dated Oct. 1, 2021 – Sept. 30, 2022, to Pastor David Craig. Jeff Seehusen seconded the motion. A ballot vote was taken. The vote was 9 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstained from voting. Motion carried. The specifics of the contract were discussed and Monica will prepare a typed contract for council's final approval by Sunday, Aug. 29. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Council members present: Ron Salge, Barb Wagner, Brenda Boden, Diane Hummel, Julie Eberline, Jason Edeker, Evan Steere, Jeff Seehusen, Barb Meyer, Warren Van Dyke, Don Salge, and Tyler Seehusen. Also present, Monica Edeker.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Special Session – Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021

The St. John's Church council met for a special council meeting on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, following the worship service to review the written contract for Pastor David Craig. The council fine-tuned the wording in the contract, and Monica will forward it to Pastor Craig. Council members present: Ron Salge, Barb Wagner, Brenda Boden, Diane Hummel, Julie Eberline, Jason Edeker, and Warren Van Dyke. Also present, Monica Edeker.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

The contract specifics are as follows on page 2:

CONTRACTED PART-TIME PASTORAL AGREEMENT DETAILS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar is offering the following, one-year contract to Rev. David Craig beginning Oct. 1, 2021 and ending Sept. 30, 2022, with the following obligations:

Sunday Morning Worship Services\$175.00/week + mileage

Bible Classes\$50.00/week

(Adult Bible Class follows the Sunday School schedule and runs from the first Sunday after Labor Day and concludes the Sunday before Memorial Day.)

Weekly Visitations.....\$150.00/day + mileage

The pastor will complete visitations one day per week*

[This will include: homebound, inactive, sick, and distressed. A list of the people visited and/or communed plus mileage from each week will need to be provided to the Director of Communications and Treasurer for record and reimbursement, respectively.]

**The day of the week may be determined by the pastor as fits his schedule.*

Hospital Visitations.....\$150.00/day + mileage

The pastor will complete hospital visitations one day per week, only as the need arises**

(This will only be hospitals within 60 miles of St. John's – Vilmar.)

***The day of the week may be determined by the pastor, or if he is available for an immediate emergency situation.*

Special Services.....\$125.00/service + mileage

[This includes: Ash Wednesday, 5 Mid-week Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday (with the stripping of the altar), Thanksgiving Eve, and Christmas Day – as they fall within the contracted timeframe.]

Housing Allowance\$400.00/month

Funerals

Funeral payments will be made by the funeral home. If the family doesn't use a funeral home, payment will come from the family. That will need to be settled between the pastor and the family at that time.

Weddings

The pastor will not be obligated to officiate weddings.

Paid Time Off.....\$300/week

The pastor will have an allowance of 6 weeks*** of paid time off (PTO)

[It is the pastor's discretion as to how he chooses to use this time, (i.e.: vacation, sick leave, appointments, etc.), as it is all encompassed in the 6 weeks of PTO.]

****Both the visitation day and the Sunday worship service/class will constitute a "full week," and each week of PTO must be used in "full week" increments.*

Additional Salary\$3,000.00/year, per person

Reimbursement for the patient's responsibility of medical bills incurred within the contract period. Limit of \$3,000.00/year for David Craig and \$3,000.00/year for Jacque Craig. Documentation must be provided.

Notes

- Mileage will be calculated and paid at the current IRS guidelines for mileage reimbursement rate.
- Paychecks will be issued twice monthly, on the 15th and the last day of the month.
- Housing Allowance will split between each bi-monthly paycheck.
- The Vilmar parsonage will be available for use during the contracted time. No livestock is allowed in the home.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2021, at 7 p.m. Diane Hummel opened the meeting with devotions from Matthew 5. Chairman, Ron Salge, called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Barb Wagner gave the secretary's report. There were no corrections or additions and would stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave the treasurers report. Thanks yous were read from Makayla Shear for the NB Scholarship and from Earl and Terri Hardisty. The current operating budget is \$61,125.60. The general fund balance is \$77,831.71. Go Serv Global was sent \$1,000 in August, for September missions.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Mission Spotlight for September is GoServ Global. October will be Operation Christmas Child.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** The Williamson Gospel Group will present a morning of Gospel Music on Sept. 12. The council discussed the love offering that would be given to them. After some discussion Warren VanDyke made a motion to present \$1,000 to the group. Jeff Seehusen seconded the motion. Council approved. Any money in the collection made out to The Williamson's will be forwarded to them.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline reported that Sunday School is ready to resume classes on Sept. 12. There are a possible 13 youth and 4 high school students. Bibles will be handed out during the Sept. 19 service. Sunday School Teacher Installation will be Sept. 26. Monica Edeker reported that due to the lack of volunteers, the committee doesn't have anyone available to teach the Little Lutherans program on Wednesday evenings. Unless the parents would like to lead the class – or if anyone knows of someone else who would like to teach – the committee is suspending the class on Wednesday evenings. Diane Hummel continues to work with Blake to finish his confirmation instruction, as classes were disrupted during COVID last school year. Monica and Jason Edeker will be in charge of the Luther League program.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported that the Mission District meeting will be held in Emmons, Minnesota, and Ken and Margaret DeBower will be St. John's representatives.

OLD BUSINESS

- Over the past months, Ron Salge has been working to find a company/business that would come to Vilmar to determine our sound system needs. The Iowa Falls company contacted Ron and regretted that they would be unable to come in a timely matter and would no longer be interested.

West Music from Cedar Falls did not have a technical person and the independent contractor that West Music uses would not be available for several weeks. Ron was able to locate and visit with Iowa Audio Video out of Des Moines that has satellite offices in this area. Ron will meet with them on Sept. 23 to evaluate our sound system and give input as to what can do done, if anything.

NEW BUSINESS

- A letter was received from Church Mutual regarding a rider to add to our current policy for terrorism. The cost of the rider would be \$29. After discussion the council decided to not add the rider to our current policy.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular council meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13, 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)

P Evan Steere

P Jason Edeker

P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULES

Special Sessions

The St. John's Church Council met Sunday, Sept. 26 immediately following the morning worship service. Chairman Ron Salge presented the council with adjustments to the part-time pastoral contract requested by Rev. Dr. David Craig. The council reviewed the changes, and a new contract will be typed up and presented to council for their approval. Meeting adjourned.

The St. John's Church Council met Sunday, Oct. 3 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting was to review the final contract for the part-time pastoral agreement for Rev. Dr. David Craig. After reviewing the contract the council made the decision to present the prepared contract to Pastor Craig for his signature. Meeting adjourned.

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CONTRACTED PART-TIME PASTORAL AGREEMENT

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar Church Council is offering the following, 11 month contract to Rev. Dr. David Craig beginning Oct. 1, 2021 and ending Aug. 31, 2022, with the following obligations:

Salary \$2,000/month + mileage

- Total salary of \$22,000.00, which reflects 11/12 of the year.
- Responsibilities include:
 - Preach the Sunday morning worship services
 - Teach the Sunday morning adult Sunday School class
(*Adult Sunday School class will be held each Sunday: Oct. 3, 2021 through May 22, 2022.*)
 - Weekly visitations
(*The day of the week may be determined by the pastor as fits his schedule. A list of the people visited and/or communed plus mileage from each week will need to be provided to the Director of Communications and Treasurer for record and reimbursement, respectively.*)
 - Preach the special worship services as they fall within the contracted timeframe.
 - [*Ash Wednesday, 5 Mid-week Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday (with the stripping of the altar), Thanksgiving Eve, and Christmas Day*]
- Mileage will be calculated and paid at the current IRS guidelines for mileage reimbursement rate.

Housing Allowance \$400.00/month

- Monthly housing allowance will be designated from monthly salary.

Disbursement of salary will be as follows:

- \$1,000.00 on the 15th of the month with \$200.00 designated as housing allowance
- \$1,000.00 on the last day of the month with \$200.00 designated as housing allowance

Additional Salary \$2,500.00/contract period, per person

- Reimbursement for the patient's responsibility of medical bills incurred within the contract period. Limit of \$2,500.00/contract period for David Craig and \$2,500.00/contract period for Jacque Craig. Documentation must be provided.

Paid Time Off (PTO) 6 weeks

- The pastor will have an allowance of 6 weeks PTO. Both the visitation day and the Sunday worship service/Sunday School class will constitute a "full week," and each week of PTO must be used in "full week" increments.
- It is the pastor's discretion as to how he chooses to use this time, (i.e.: vacation, sick leave, appointments, etc.), as it is all encompassed in the 6 weeks of PTO.
- PTO is not to be taken during Advent or Lent, unless medically required.

Parsonage: Vilmar's parsonage will be available for use during the contracted time. No livestock is allowed in the home.

Funerals

- Funeral payments will be made by the funeral home. If the family doesn't use a funeral home, payment will come from the family. That will need to be settled between the pastor and the family at that time.

Weddings

- The pastor will not be obligated to officiate weddings.

Pastoral Responsibilities

- Faithfully preach and teach God's Word.
- Faithfully distribute the Sacraments.
- Faithfully attend to the spiritual needs of the shut-ins.

I accept and agree to the contracted part-time pastoral agreement laid out above.

REV. DR. DAVID CRAIG

Date

On behalf of St. John's Church Council, we extend the contracted part-time pastoral agreement to Rev. David Craig.

RON SALGE, Council President

Date

DIANE HUMMEL, Worship Committee

Date

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULES

Wednesday, Oct. 13 • 7 p.m.

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the council room. Diane Hummel gave the opening devotion based on John 16. Council chairman, Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Secretary Barb Wagner gave the minutes from the September meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes would stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave the treasurer's report. The current operating balance is \$66,030.97 with \$83,696.94 in the general fund.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge stated that funeral services for Viola Luchtenburg will be held at Vilmar on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor Craig conducting the service.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reported that the mission emphasis for October will be Operation Christmas Child. This is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse which provides children overseas with a gift-filled shoebox at Christmas time. Shoeboxes are available in the narthex. Monica has received information from Pastor Marshall Hahn concerning a mission project undertaken by our mission partner church body, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. They are partnering with the NALC, in the construction of a new building on the seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The goal of this project is to provide space and funding for the training of Bible translators who take the gospel to the people of Ethiopia and beyond. Several congregations within the NALC have been supporting and planning this venture. Pastor Hahn shared that if our congregation is interested in hearing more about this project he would be willing to give a presentation to our congregation. The worship committee will contact Pastor Hahn regarding dates for availability.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Blake Jacobson is to be confirmed on Oct. 31, 2021 during the morning worship service. Diane Hummel made a motion and Barb Wagner seconded to approve the confirmation of Blake. The next class of Confirmation instruction will begin in November, taught by Diane Hummel. Since Pastor Craig has been contracted for 11 months, council decided to remove St. John's name from the NALC website call list. Diane will talk to Pastor Craig about leading the children sermons on Sunday mornings.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren Van Dyke shared about some of the general maintenance done around the parsonage and church grounds. Ryan Norton with Norton Tree Service gave an estimate of \$4,500 to cut down, clean up, and grind the stumps of the five trees affected with Emerald Ash Borer disease. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to hire Norton Tree to remove/cleanup the five trees at a cost of \$4,500. Don Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Council agreed that Monica Edeker and Ron Salge will remain the church contacts in case of emergency or general needs. It will be their responsibility to contact Pastor Craig of any special concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

- Over the past months, Ron Salge has been working to find a company/business that would come to Vilmar to determine our sound system needs. Dan Olson, a representative from West Music, presented a bid for two new speakers, an amplifier, and installation at a cost of \$4,200. After discussion, Don Salge made a motion hire Don Olson to install speakers/amps at a cost of \$,4200. Warren Van Dyke seconded the motion. Motion carried and council approved. Estimated time of installation could be four to six weeks, depending on product availability.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim Wubbena has been doing water testing at the church and parsonage over the years. Jim would like to hand the responsibility over to another individual. If anyone is interested in learning how to do the testing, please contact Ron Salge. The council thanks Jim for the many trips and commitment to do the required testing.
- The island of Haiti continues to need help in recovery after the hurricanes. During September, \$746 was designated to GoServ Global for the recovery efforts of rebuilding shelters, first aid and food for the Haitians. Council discussed whether to add more money to send, as Jason said the goal of \$500,000 has not yet been met. Council decided to send an additional \$2,127 from the Thrivent account and \$2,127 from the Mission fund and send to GoServ Global. This will make Vilmar's contribution to \$6,000 total with a previous donation.
- Treasurer, Brenda Boden, noted to the council that the Church Mutual insurance premium increased about \$1,000 since 2020. The premium is due Oct. 29 and the will be paid in full.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the council room.

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

P Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the kitchen. Diane Hummel gave the opening devotion based on Psalm 27. Council chairman, Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Secretary Barb Wagner gave the minutes from the October meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes would stand approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave the treasurer's report. The current operating balance is \$62,302.56 with \$75,630.01 in the general fund. There were no correction or additions to the treasurer's report and would stand approved as read.
- **Chairman:** Chairman's Report Ron Salge was contacted by Senior Choir Director, Jane Thompson, concerning the senior choir going Christmas carolling this year. The council discussed and decided that the individuals who would be carolled to should be contacted to see if they were comfortable with carolling visitors.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** No report.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Pastor Marshall Hahn will lead the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 21. Pastor Hahn will be giving a presentation during the Sunday School hour on the mission project undertaken by our mission partner church body, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. The project goal is the construction of a new building to provide space and funding for the training of Bible translators. Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30 p.m., and Christmas morning will begin at 9:15 a.m. The Christmas offering will go to three radio stations- Christian Crusaders, Life 101.9 and American Family 88.9.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke reported that Ron Taylor did a beautiful job refinishing the podium in the narthex. The council thanks Ron for taking on this project. Wayne Dralle and Warren VanDyke removed the trees from the cemetery. Warren also donated a vacuum cleaner for use at the parsonage. A service call was done on the furnace and was in good condition, however parts for the furnace are no longer available. Don Olson from West Music took measurements for the new speakers. Installation will be in the near future.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported that the Women's Fellowship ordered 400 cookbooks of the first edition. They will ready for distribution soon. The cost per coobook is \$15. The Thanksgiving offering will be divided between the North Butler Lunch Program and Butler County Visions of Well Being. The focus for December missions will be the Gideons and a local family in need of helping during the Christmas holiday. Vilmar members are invited to attend a meal packing event for GoServ Global at Algona United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 8 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)

P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Barb Meyer

P Evan Steere

P Diane Hummel

A Tyler Seehusen

P Jeff Seehusen

A Jason Edeker

A Julie Eberline

A Don Salge

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021

The St. John's Church Council met on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Ron Salge called the meeting to order. Diane Hummel gave devotions based on Luke 2:14

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Read and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Read and approved.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** The December projects for missions are the Gideons and a North Butler family.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that the Sunday School children were working on a Christmas Eve program. It will be held on Friday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:**
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ron reported that he is corresponding with someone to correct the problem with our speaker system.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was decided that our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Diane Hummel, *Worship & Fellowship*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

P Evan Steere

P Jason Edeker

P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

A Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

A Barb Meyer

P Jeff Seehusen

A Warren Van Dyke