

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church–Vilmar was held on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, with 38 in attendance. The meeting began with Ron Salge leading a responsive reading and prayer. Council Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. The proposed agenda was presented. A motion was made by Kurt Roose and seconded by Don Salge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

REPORTS

• **Secretary:** The minutes from the annual meeting held Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022 were read by Barb Wagner. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Carol Seehusen made a motion to approve the minutes. Diane Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

• **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower reviewed the treasurer's report from 2022. The year began with an operating balance of \$70,776.49. Funds available beginning Jan. 1, 2023 were \$120,153.63. Margaret expressed appreciation for the continued financial givings throughout the year for operating expenses and mission support. Jeff Seehusen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given with Darwin Dralle seconding the motion. Motion carried.

• **Nominating Committee:** Ron Salge expressed appreciation to those who were willing to have their names on the ballot for 2023. He also thanked the outgoing council members for their service. The names on the ballot were read and the floor was opened for any other nominations to the ballot. With none being made, Ken Debner made a motion to accept the ballot with Bob Janssen seconding the motion. The ballot was unanimously approved. The newly elected council members are:

- Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Dick Ulrich
- Secretary: Rhonda Edeker
- Mission and Outreach, Barb Meyer
- Cemetery Committee: Dean Brinkman
- Trustee: Dale Janssen
- Worship and Fellowship: Diane Hummel
- Parish Ed.: Julie Eberline

Ken and Margaret DeBower will serve as NALC Convocation delegates.

Bob and Karen Janssen will server as the Iowa Mission District-NALC Convocation delegates.

Barb Wagner will serve as the Bartels Home delegate.

• Reports from Luther League, Brotherhood, Women's Fellowship, Memorial Fund, Mission and Outreach were able to be reviewed. There were no questions regarding any of these reports. A question regarding the price of cemetery lots was asked. The price is \$500 per 4-person lot; \$300 per 2-person lot; and \$200 for 1 space.

• **Worship and Fellowship:** Diane Hummel has been in contact with the NALC who will provide assistance to lay leaders if needed. Diane expressed her appreciation for those assisting with lay services in the absence of a pastor. Vilmar is still currently on the NALC website and can be also viewed on the Vilmar website and Facebook page. Shelly Shultz is currently our new contact with the NALC.

- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker provided reports on the Iowa Mission District, NALC, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, the Statistical and Parochial Report and a summary of Pastoral Acts. Don Salge made a motion and Darwin Dralle seconded to approve these reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- Stewardship and Finance Chairperson, Don Salge, reviewed the 2023 proposed budget. After an explanation of a few items, a motion was made by Barb Wagner to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Karen Janssen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLOSING

With no other business brought up Bill Debner made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jason Edeker seconding the motion. The 2023 annual meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

The St. John's Church Council met briefly following the Jan. 22, 2023 annual meeting. Installation of council is set for Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023. Monica offered copies of St. John's constitution and code of conduct to any members who might want one. The council dinner for incoming and outgoing council members will be also held Sunday, Feb. 5, following the church service. The calling tree will be discussed at the next regular council meeting. After some discussion about appointing a new council chairman, Don Salge made a motion to table to appointment until the next regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., when all members are present. Margaret DeBower seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

Present: Ron Salge, Rhonda Edeker, Monica Edeker, Don Salge, Ron Taylor, Meredith Steere, Tyler Seehusen, Barb Meyer, Diane Hummel and Margaret DeBower.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Jan. 11. Diane Hummel gave devotions based on Psalms 27. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read. There were no corrections or additions and would stand as read.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report as well as the financial review of the year 2022. There were no corrections and would stand as read.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** The January mission emphasis will be Prisoner Fellowship, a national, non-profit organization that helps transform of incarcerated men and women by sharing the Gospel and bringing hope through programs and events run by staff and volunteers. February's mission will be "Wells of Inspiration" in Liberia, Africa. A soup luncheon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to help raise funds to benefit the Wells of Inspiration mission. The luncheon will be open to the public.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that David Burrier will be conducting services on Sunday, Jan. 15.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Evan Steere reported that the fire extinguishers were inspected and new batteries were put in the back door lock. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to purchase a new defibrillator at a cost of \$1,665 from One Beat Medical and Training Company. Barb Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was suggested that a new training on operating the defibrillator be done after the defibrillator arrives.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** The Gospel Group, "SaltLight" will present a service of music on March 12. The Dwight Haverkamp family has reserved the church basement on Saturday, Jan. 21.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22. Light suppers will be held prior to the Wednesday services from 5:30-6:45 p.m., with the services beginning at 7 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted for hosting the suppers. Suppers will not be held on Ash Wednesday or Holy Week.
- Don Salge, Stewardship chairman, presented the 2023 budget. After reviewing the budget, Warren Van Dyke made a motion and Barb Wagner seconded to approve the 2023 budget. Motion carried.

- Ron Salge, chairman, presented the agenda for the annual meeting. Margaret DeBower made a motion and Diane Hummel seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- The 2023 council ballot was presented and reviewed by the council. Warren VanDyke made a motion to approve the ballot with Meredith Steere seconding that motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 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 Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	A Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
A Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Feb. 8. Diane Hummel gave devotions based on Matthew 5. After the council reviewed the agenda, Monica Edeker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with nominations for a new church council chairman. After much discussion about the position and the importance of communication and assistance from everyone serving on the council, Don Salge accepted the nomination for chairman, with Margaret DeBower seconding it. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The report was read by Monica Edeker, and approved as presented. We are continuing to wait for the offering envelopes.
- **Treasurer:** The report was read by Margaret DeBower, and approved as presented.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** A motion was made by Dale Janssen to make two CDs at Lincoln Savings Bank (LSB). One for \$10,000 at 12 months and one for \$10,000 at 6 months. Margaret DeBower and Monica Edeker are to be the signers on both CDs. The funds will be dispersed from account 3405051. Seconded by Ron Taylor. Motion carried unanimously. Margaret and Monica will need to go to LSB together to complete the new CDs per LSB banker, Ashley Coake.
- **Mission & Outreach:** No report.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported she has a Lenten series ready for the Wednesday night services, and will need volunteers to read and lead the services each week.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** The trustees will install the new defibrillator, put up the curtains in the Sunday School rooms, replace some trim in the back stairwell, and replace lights in the outdoor cross.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica will continue to use up the variety of colored and different sized paper in the office for our bulletins and Heralds.

OLD BUSINESS

- We continue to wait for the new speaker for the sanctuary.

NEW BUSINESS

- The council discussed a calling tree for when services are canceled due to inclement weather. We will continue to post on KWWL, KLMJ, Facebook, and our website. We have to be conscious of how far our guest pastors and leaders have to travel, when making the announcement, so if the weather is questionable, please make sure to check these sources before traveling to the church.
- Don Salge will contact Tammy Fleshner about hosting training session(s) for the new defibrillator in late March.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2023, following the Lenten service.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Monica Edeker, *Director of Communications*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)

P 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

A Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

A Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023

The council met for a brief meeting following worship on Sunday, Feb. 19, for a few quick updates:

- Ron Salge had been contacted by Dan Olsen about the new speaker for the sanctuary. The speaker has been ordered and will be installed in mid-March for a cost of \$640. Dan will not charge for his labor, in exchange for the two speakers currently in the church.
- Rhonda Edeker, Monica Edeker, and Margaret DeBower have signed all the necessary paperwork for the 2 CDs at LSB.
- Tammy Fleshner will host two AED training sessions on Sunday, March 19 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Don reminded the council to help watch the weather for the Ash Wednesday service, as snow/ice storm is currently predicted.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Monica Edeker, *Director of Communications*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)

P Dale Janssen

P Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

A Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

P Dick Ulrich

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8 following the evening's Lenten Service. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report read and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Report read and approved.
- **Chairman:** Looking into replacement wheels for the wheelchair.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** March mission is NALC flood buckets; April mission is the North Butler Scholarships. Lent mission money will be going to LWR to assist earthquake victims in Turkey.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Fixed the lighting on the outdoor cross above the narthex.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Ordered palms. Bought an extender boom for the lecturn microphone. Planning the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast with the Luther League.

OLD BUSINESS

- Still waiting for the new speaker to be installed.
- Vilmar will be looking into starting a prayer chain.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tabled spring clean-up date until next month.
- Mowing list will be posted in the narthex.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

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

A Julie Eberline

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

P Dick Ulrich

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12. Diane Hummel gave devotions and prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report was read and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Report was read and approved.
- **Chairman:** Margaret made a motion to hire V21 Dust Control LLC to apply dust control around the church at a cost of \$140/foot for 547 feet twice this summer. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Don shared the new assessed value of the church and property.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** The North Butler scholarship recipients have been chosen and they will be presented their awards at the scholarship night on May 17.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Kitchen basement windows needs new casing – Warren will be looking into a bid.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Julie Eberline made a motion to approved the purchase of two additional pads for the defibrillator. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Concerns were brought to the council about the children running in the church after the services.

OLD BUSINESS

- We are waiting for a the installation of the new speaker in the sanctuary.
- Spring clean-up date was set for Saturday, April 22 at 9 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)

A Dale Janssen

A Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Dick Ulrich

A Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, April 30, 2023

The council met for a quick update on Sunday, April 30 following the church service. Warren Van Dyke will send a thank you to Fred Mine for his volunteer work at the church. Dick Ulrich made a motion to accept the bid from Dralle's Dept. Store for approximately \$500 to replace the flooring in the basement bathroom. Margaret DeBower seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to send a \$100 campership donation to Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp in Story City for Annabelle Stirling. Julie Eberline seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)

A Dale Janssen

P Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Dick Ulrich

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report read and approved with correction to the dust control amount; correct amount is \$1.40/foot for 547 feet twice this summer.
- **Treasurer:** Report read and approved.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** 20 flood buckets were sent to NALC disaster relief; May mission funds will be sent to the NALS; June mission funds will go to Relay For Life; Hope Sunday will be Sunday, June 11.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Lee Mobile Glass replaced the glass in the door in the sanctuary for \$290. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to remove the dying bushing around the church and educational unit. Dale Janssen seconded. Motion carried. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to accept the bid from Wells Hollow to replace the river rock and update the landscaping areas in front of the narthex. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously. We will use memorial money for this project.

- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Extra AED pads were purchased at a cost of \$145; Luther League will be walking in the area parades this summer, and invites anyone to join them.

OLD BUSINESS

- We are waiting for a the installation of the new speaker in the sanctuary.
- The flooring in the basement bathroom is now estimated to be \$800 instead of \$500.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ken and Margaret DeBower have registered for the NALC Convocation on August 9-11 in Oklahoma City.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT _____

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

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 14. Diane Hummel gave devotions and led the council in prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report was read and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Report was read and approved.
- **Chairman:** Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pensacola, Florida, sent a letter requesting money to help build a new church building. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to table any action until we have further information about this church. Warren Van Dyke seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Monica Edeker will contact the NALC and ask about the legitimacy of this church.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Nothing to report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** We will have a mission Sunday on July 9 with Jessica Mwanza from Special Hope Network.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Nothing to report.
- **Deacons:** Nothing to report.
- **Trustees:** Warren Van Dyke reported that Jon Heuer will look at the carpentry work of the kitchen windows and education unit back door, and submit a bid.
- **Parish Ed.:** Nothing to report.
- **Director of Communications:** Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tyler Seehusen and family completed the landscaping work in front of the church.
- We are waiting for a the installation of the new speaker in the sanctuary.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)

P Dale Janssen

A Meredith Steere

A Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Dick Ulrich

A Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

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.

- 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 Committee 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
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Diane Hummel led devotions and prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Warren VanDyke made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Julie Eberline seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Ron Taylor made a motion to approve the report as read. Barb Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Thank yous were received from LWR and Special Hope Network. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to give \$1,000.00 from the General Fund and \$1,000.00 from the Thrivent Fund for the September mission, which is supporting Sarah Hawker. Julie Eberline seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Warren cleaned the dehumidifiers.
- **Parish Ed.:** Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 17.
- **Director of Communications:** Warren Van Dyke made a motion to give a \$100.00 to the Iowa Mission District Convocation. Barb Meyer seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Tyler Seehusen made a motion to give \$1,000.00 from the General Fund plus the loose offering received on Sunday, Sept. 10 for the Gospel Group, Sacred Call. Julie Eberline seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Started cleaning the parsonage and acreage for Pastor Tamara Keen's visit from Aug. 25-27.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

Tyler Seehusen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Don Salge (President)

A Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

P Barb Meyer

A Dale Janssen

P Diane Hummel

P Tyler Seehusen

P Ron Taylor

A Meredith Steere

P Julie Eberline

A Dick Ulrich

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for a special meeting on Sunday, Aug. 20 following the morning worship service. Margaret DeBower reported that she paid the LP contract for 3,000 gallons at \$1.45/gallon. She also reported that the church's 6-month \$10,000 CD was maturing and we needed to take action on it. If we leave it as it is, it will renew for 6 more months at an interest of 3% or less; if we bump it up to 9 months, the interest will be 5%. Warren VanDyke made a motion to renew the \$10,000 CD at Lincoln Savings Bank for 9 months. Dick Ulrich seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Monica Edeker, *Director of Communications*

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023

The St. John's Church Council and Call Committee met for a special joint meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30. Diane Hummel led the group in devotions and prayer. Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Call Committee Chairperson, Diane Hummel, informed the council that the call committee had unanimously voted to recommend Rev. Tamara Keen to the church council for Vilmar's pastoral call. The group discussed Pastor Keen's recent visit and the call. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to call a congregational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17 to vote on whether or not to extend a call to Rev. Tamara Keen. Meredith Steere seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The group discussed the compensation package. Dale Janssen made a motion to adjourn. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Council 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)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
P Barb Meyer	A Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

P Diane Hummel (Chair)	P Ron Salge	P Don Salge
P Monica Edeker	P Julie Eberline	A Marc Seehusen
		P Barb Wagner

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULES

St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Diane Hummel led the group in devotions and prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Minutes from the previous meetings were read, with one correction to the Sunday, Aug. 20 meeting: Margaret reported that she made a down payment on our LP contract, she didn't pay the whole contract. Dale Janssen made a motion to approve the correction. Meredith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dale Janssen made a motion to approve the reports as corrected. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Report was read and approved. Rhonda Edeker made a motion to give a \$100 camper-ship toward to a youth's camp attendance. Barb Meyer seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** October Mission will be Operation Christmas Child - boxes will be purchased and placed in the narthex in October. We received thank yous from Lutheran World Relief and the Greene and Allison Food Pantries.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Warren is looking into the parsonage furnace and air conditioning; filters have been changed; the women's toilet in the ed unit was leaking; the elevator inspections have been taken care of, both locally and with the state.
- **Parish Ed.:** Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 17, from 8:45-9:45 a.m.
- **Director of Communications:** None.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dick Ulrich made a motion to hire Iowa Wall Systems from Waterloo to paint the inside of the parsonage for \$2,800. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dale Janssen made a motion to have Dralle's from Greene replace the carpet on the main floor and stairway in the parsonage. Margaret DeBower seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sunday School teacher installation was set for Sunday, Sept. 17 during the worship service.
- Rhonda Edeker made a motion to reimburse \$1,087.93 to Ken and Margaret DeBower for NALC Convocation expenses. Barb Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- The council discussed pastoral health insurance.
- The council discussed the agenda for the congregational meeting.
- The council discussed the ballot for the congregational meeting.
- Diane Hummel reported that Laura Ausborn has been studying with her, and she is now a member of Vilmar.

NEXT MEETING

Margaret DeBower made a motion to adjourn. Dale Janssen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

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

A Julie Eberline

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Dick Ulrich

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

The St. John's Church Council met for a special meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9:45 a.m. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to accept the pastoral compensation package. Ron Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Margaret DeBower made a motion to accept the agenda for the congregational meeting. Barb Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Julie Eberline made a motion to accept the ballot for the congregational meeting. Meredith Steere seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

The St. John's Church Council met for a special meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 11:45 a.m., following the congregational meeting. The council discussed the next steps in the pastoral call. The officers signed the paperwork to be sent to Pastor Tamara Keen. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to adjourn. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

SPECIALLY-CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County, was held on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023. Don Salge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:20 a.m., with 46 members in attendance. Kurt Roose made a motion, and Ken DeBower seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Monica Edeker presented a brief bio on Pastor Tamara Keen. There were no questions. Don Salge presented the compensation package. Jeff Seehusen made a motion, and Bob Janssen seconded, to approve the compensation package as presented. A ballot vote was taken on whether or not to call Pastor Tamara Keen to serve as the next full-time pastor of St. John's – Vilmar. The results were presented, as follows: 43 votes (95.6 percent) in favor of calling Pastor Keen, and 2 vote (4.4 percent) not in favor to call Pastor Keen. The vote passed. Ron Salge made a motion, and Barb Wagner seconded, to destroy the ballots. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULES

St. John's Church Council met Sunday, Oct. 1 following the church service. Chairman Don Salge reported that he will go to Wichita to help move Pastor Keen's items to Vilmar. Diane Hummel made a motion to hire a moving company to help get Pastor Keen's stuff from the Minnesota locations to Vilmar. Warren Van Dyke seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Members present: Ron Taylor, Warren Van Dyke, Dick Ulrich, Diane Hummel, Julie Eberline, Don Salge, Margaret DeBower, Tyler Seehusen, and Rhonda Edeker.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

St. John's Church Council met Sunday, Oct. 15 following the morning worship service. Chairman Don Salge reported that he has ok'ed it with the Thrivent group to use funds to support the November mission – Randy Brinkman and family. It was reported that both the washer and dryer in the parsonage are not working, and repairs don't seem likely. Barb Meyer will bet getting prices from AP Appliance for new machines. It was reported that the carpet in the parsonage is going to be installed this week. Warren Van Dyke is working on replacing the storm door and tightening the banister/railing going into the parsonage back door. Meeting adjourned.

Members present: Barb Meyer, Tyler Seehusen, Don Salge, Diane Hummel, Margaret DeBower, Ron Taylor, Meredith Steere, and Warren Van Dyke.

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

St. John's Church Council met Sunday, Oct. 22 following the morning worship service. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order. Barb Meyer presented two bids from AP Appliance for a new washer and dryer for the parsonage. Warren Van Dyke made a motion to purchase a Whirlpool washer and dryer from AP Appliance for approximately for \$1,350 + tax + removal of the old set. Tyler Seehusen seconded. Motion carried. Don Salge updated the council about Pastor Keen's moving expenses. Margaret DeBower made a motion to adjourn. Diane Hummel seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Members present: Don Salge, Rhonda Edeker, Barb Meyer, Dick Ulrich, Ron Taylor, Tyler Seehusen, Warren Van Dyke, Diane Hummel, and Margaret DeBower.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULES

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Oct. 11. Diane Hummel led the group in devotions and prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS & BUSINESS

- **Secretary:** Warren Van Dyke made a motion to approve all the minutes as read. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Dale Janssen made a motion to approve the report as read. Meredith Steere seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chairman:** Don Salge reported we received the signed paperwork from Pastor Keen.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Dale Janssen made a motion to match funds from the September mission for the November mission. Upon further discussion, Don Salge reported that the council could not use Thrivent funds without permission from the Thrivent group first, so the motion died for lack of a second. Barb Meyer made a motion for the November mission go to Randy Brinkman and his family. Warren Van Dyke seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Pastor Keen's first day of preaching will be held Sunday, Oct. 29 with a potluck to follow. Her installation service will be held Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m. with a reception following. Rhonda Edeker made a motion for Pastor Keen's official start date to be Nov. 1, 2023. Warren Van Dyke seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Keen's first Sunday preaching will be compensated as guest pastor wages for bookkeeping purposes.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Warren Van Dyke will call a carpenter to use up extra flooring for the back porch/laundry room. Don Salge will get ahold of Nick Thorne to powerwash the parsonage next spring. Looking into pricing for a new storm door in the parsonage. Looking into adding a light switch on the back porch of the parsonage. There are holes/gaps around the pipes in the kitchen sink that need to be looked at. Need to update smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector. The painting in the parsonage has been completed.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported that parishioners have asked members to wear name tags for the first couple weeks for Pastor Keen. We are looking into which kids need to receive Bibles this year.

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Dale Janssen made a motion to adjourn. Tyler Seehusen seconded it. Motion carried. 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)	P Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023

OPENING

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Nov. 8. Pastor Keen gave devotions based on giving thanks and praise. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Jen Seehusen gave a presentation to the council about Tithely Giving – an online giving option that can be added to our website or downloaded as an app on a smartphone/tablet for a digital avenue for donations to the church/Wells of Inspiration mission project. Margaret DeBower made a motion to set up a Tithely Giving account that deposits into a new, separate church bank account at Lincoln Savings Bank for these online donations. Dale Janssen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Diane Hummel made a motion to approve all the minutes as read. Dick Ulrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Warren Van Dyke made a motion to approve the report as read. Meredith Steere seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** The Thanksgiving Eve offering will be split between the NB Hot Lunch Program and BC Visions of Well-Being. The December mission offering will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the Bremwood students. The Christmas Eve offering will be used to purchase gifts/supplies for the North Butler family/students. The Christmas Day offering will be given to the Gideons. Dale Janssen made a motion that, along with the money raised for the November mission, we will also send an additional \$1,000 from the general fund to Randy Brinkman and his family. Ron Taylor seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Trustees will look into putting up the new curtains in the Sunday school rooms.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker announced that the meal packing event in Algona will be Sunday, Nov. 12.
- **Pastor:** Pastor Keen shared many thanks for all the help with moving and transitioning into the pastoral role at Vilmar. She gave an accounting of her recent pastoral activities. In October she visited 1 member and provided private communion. We are going to have a card shower for Robert Vieker during this time that he is recovering from the accident.

OLD BUSINESS

- An accounting of recent parsonage updates was given: carpet was installed; a new back door was installed; a new solar light for the back door has been ordered; a wireless doorbell has been ordered; a new burn barrel is on the way; fire and carbon monoxide detectors are purchased and will be installed; the back door steps will be looked into when the weather is warmer.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Dale Janssen made a motion to adjourn. Diane Hummel seconded it. Motion carried. 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

P Pastor Keen

P Monica Edeker

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met on Sunday, Dec. 3 after the morning church service. Diane Hummel called the meeting to order. Dale Janssen reported that two new furnaces are needed for the church. Dale Janssen made a motion to order the two furnaces from Joe's Plumbing and Heating in Allison, at an estimated cost of \$4,400 apiece. Barb Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Pastor Keen gave devotions and prayer. Chairman Don Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Dale Janssen moved, Barb Meyer seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Warren Van Dyke moved, Dale Janssen seconded, to approved the treasurer's report as presented. Council discussed that memorial and cemetery money will now be deposited into the church's general fund and then redistributed to the designed accounts, so that the money is recorded for each donor and statements can be sent to them.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reported January's mission will be Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** The parsonage kitchen faucets were replaced. The church furnace installment will being on Thursday, Dec. 14. Will Wedeking will be contacted to look at the electrical issues at the parsonage.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline thanked Diane Hummel for leading the Christmas program.
- **Director of Communications:** None.

- **Pastor:** Pastor Keen gave an accounting of her recent pastoral activities. In November she made 41 visits and provided private communion to 26. Her mileage for the month was 1,190 miles, which included: hospital visits in Waverly, Waterloo, Rochester; nursing home visits in Charles City and Allison; actively dying/grief visits in Grinnell; STS Clergy Retreat in Strawberry Point; weekly study in Readlyn and St. Ansgar; and local home visits. She has been attending the Confirmation Class at Diane Hummel's. Diane will continue with the Ten Commandments. Following that, Pastor will take over with classes on worship. It is possible that Pastor's granddaughter will be baptized at Vilmar the last Sunday of December. This first month has been wonderful getting to know several homebound people and a few other members. She looks forward to more contacts as time progresses. This is an extremely busy time in the life and ministry of any congregation, which doesn't really slow down much till after Easter. As a new pastor there is a layer of learning everyone and how things work here. Pastor thanks us all for our patience, and she is still learning names and faces, towns and businesses, church traditions and expectations.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dale Janssen made a motion and Rhonda Edeker seconded it for Robert Dralle's family to hang Robert's painting in the sanctuary. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Christmas stage will be set up on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.
- Council discussed communion, because Pastor wanted to make sure it was OK to have processional communion on Festival Sundays.
- Council discussed the 11-month offering reminder statements.
- The annual meeting has been set for Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024; with a snow date of Jan. 28. There will be a potluck with the meeting to following at approximately 12 p.m.
- Don Salge and the nominating committee is working on the 2024 ballot.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

Dale Janssen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret DeBower seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

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P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	A Dick Ulrich
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke
P Pastor Keen	P Monica Edeker	