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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Weekly Bulletins:

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

June Herald Announcements:

Sunday, May 28 at 5 p.m.

He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' – LUKE 10:27

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Vilmar Prayer Chain

St. John's – Vilmar is looking to start a prayer chain for those who would be willing to actively participate in praying for those in need. If you would like to be included in this group, please let Monica Edeker know by May 28. A chain of members will be compiled by June 4, and will be distributed to each participant at that time.

Our intent is that each individual will regularly pray for our church, our leaders, our members, our shut-ins, and the people on our weekly prayer concerns and armed forces lists. If/when we are informed of specific prayer needs – and by the request of the family/person – the prayer chain will be activated and each participant will be responsible for calling the following person on the list to share the information and raise whomever it is up in prayer.

Reminder, if anyone would like to add an individual to our prayer list, please contact Monica Edeker at 319-939-7348.

Happy Mother's Day!

We wish extend a loving and appreciative mother's day blessing to all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and wonderful women of Vilmar on Sunday, May 14. May God's blessings be with you always.

Graduates Recognition

If someone in your family is graduating this year – high school, college, or any other schooling – and you'd like their name included in the bulletin, please let Monica know by Thursday, May 18. If we have any graduates to recognize, we will have a special prayer for them on Sunday, May 21, Commencement Sunday.

Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Service will be held at Vilmar's South Cemetery, mid-morning on Monday, May 29. The public is welcome to attend.

Treasurer's Report

MARCH 2023

Beginning Operating Balance \$88,112.88

INCOME:

Envelope \$14,145.00
 Vanco \$754.00
 Loose Offering-NALC Disaster Relief \$163.76
 March Missions-NALC Disaster Relief \$733.00
 Lenten Offering-LWR \$1,311.84
 Wells of Inspirations \$20,214.86
 Thrivent Funds \$102.95

From:

Thrivent for NALC Disaster Relief \$100.00
 Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25

Total Income \$38,901.66

EXPENSES:

Pulpit Supply \$450.00
 Pulpit Supply Auto Mileage \$212.22
 Wages / Janitors \$461.74
 Wages / Director of Communications \$769.58
 Electricity \$509.42
 LP \$833.64
 Telephone \$71.31
 Printer Contract \$392.08
 Worship Supplies \$113.96
 Vanco \$8.19
 Licenses and Permits \$290.00

EXPENSES, cont.:

Feed My Starving Children \$1,376.25
 Wells of Inspiration \$15,021.40
 TO: NALC Disaster Relief \$996.76
 TO: Thrivent \$102.95
 TO: LWR-Turkey \$1,311.84
 TO: Wells of Inspiration \$5,193.46

Total Expenses \$28,114.80

Operating Balance \$98,899.74

SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS:

Thrivent Funds \$3,722.89
 Scholarships \$1,845.03
 Youth Camp Fund \$615.00
 NALC Disaster Relief \$996.76
 LWR-Turkey \$1,311.84
 Mission \$2,932.66
 Operation Christmas Child \$535.90
 Easter/IA Youth NALC Mission Trip \$258.00
 Wells of Inspiration \$12,830.82

Specified Accounts Balance \$25,048.90

GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$123,948.64

Respectfully Submitted By:
 Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

DATE	GENERAL	MISSIONS	SIMPLY GIVING	LENT	WELLS	OTHER
3-29-23	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4-2-23	\$1,910.00	\$181.16	\$382.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.00	\$1,000.00 (Cemetery)
4-6-23	\$285.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4-7-23	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$320.00	\$0.00
4-9-23 (Sunrise)	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$507.00 (Luther League)
4-9-23 (Regular)	\$1,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
4-16-23	\$586.00	\$1.00	\$372.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00
4-23-23	\$1,995.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102.95 (Thrivent)

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

Serving in the Lord's House

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Lay Leaders & Readers: The Seehusen Family
Organist: Diane Hummel
Fellowship Hosts: The Seehusen Family
Notes: Wells of Inspiration Mission Presentation

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Lay Leader: Brent Janssen
Organist: Diane Hummel
Reader: Dave Hubbard
Fellowship Hosts: Marc and Jen Seehusen

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Salge
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Linda Steere
Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed
Notes: Processional Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Lay Leader: James Koop
Organist: Barb Wagner
Reader: Reader Needed
Fellowship Hosts: Host Needed

Special Music Notes

The Senior Choir has concluded for the season. If at any time anyone would like to provide special music through the summer months, please let Senior Choir Director Jane Thompson know.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for:

- **Scripture Readers**
(sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Fellowship Hosts**
(sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Special Music** (talk to Jane Thompson)
- **Meals on Wheels** (talk to Julie Eberline)
- **Mowing Volunteers**
(sign up sheet on the bulletin board)



Thank Yous

- **Clean-Up:** Huge thank you to everyone who braved the cold, wind, and occasional snow flurry to help at our annual outdoor spring clean-up to beautify the church grounds for the warmer seasons (pictured above). Many hands made light work, and it was much appreciated!
- **Easter Lilies:** Thanks to everyone who provided lilies on Easter Sunday – we appreciated them.
- **Special Music:** Thanks to Aaron Ellermann for providing special music for us on Maundy Thursday.
- **Wells of Inspiration:** Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Wells of Inspiration Mission Project. We have collected over \$56,400 for the project so far. The group will be giving a presentation on Sunday, May 7 during the 10 a.m. morning worship service.

VILMAR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NOTES: MAY 2023

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study will be held on Tuesday, May 2 at 9 a.m., in the church fellowship hall. Karen Janssen will lead the study and Betty Rewerts will serve. It has been decided to continue meeting in the mornings. We will also meet during the summer months and not meet as often in the winter.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee for May is Ron and Diane Salge. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

BIRTHDAYS

- May 1:** Barb Westendorf, 20217 190th St., Allison, IA 50602
- May 10:** Evelyn Nettleton, 602 11th St., Charles City, 50616
- May 28:** Betty Rewerts, P.O. Box 565, Allison, IA 50602
- May 30:** Robert Dralle, P.O. Box 191, Allison, IA 50602

SEWING DAYS

April sewing days will be Monday and Tuesday, May 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., each day. A potluck lunch will be served both days. We can use more volunteers to help assemble and tie quilts. If you have any questions, please talk to Margaret DeBower, Betty Debner or Betty Rewerts.

KITCHEN/FOOD DONATIONS

We welcome donations of items for use in the kitchen or for serving food. We just ask that a note be left stating that it is for general use. Sometimes things are left and we don't know if it is for a special occasion or something that anyone in the kitchen can use. Thank you.

ITEMS AVAILABLE

Check the table in the basement for items for sale. These items make great gifts! All money raised will be used by the group for their yearly mission donations.

WNALC NEWSLETTER

You can keep up-to-date on the news and happenings of the WNALC by logging into the Women's organization website, wnalc.org.

Mission and Outreach

During the month of May, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations to be put toward the North America Lutheran Seminary (NALS).

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes have arrived – pick up your box from the table in the narthex. If we have missed anyone, please let Rhonda or Monica Edeker know.

Sewing Donations Welcome

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

Attendance Report

Worship Service Attendance Communed

March 29 (Lent):	.....34	..... n/a
April 2 (Palm Sunday):	....68	..... n/a
April 6 (Maundy Thurs):	..52	.....42
April 7 (Good Friday):	....38	..... n/a
April 9 (Sunrise):	.....49	..... n/a
April 9 (Regular):	.....80	.....67
Sunday, April 16:	.....51	..... n/a
Sunday, April 23:	.....59	..... n/a

Sunday School

- The final day of Sunday School for the 2022-23 season will be Sunday, May 21 at 8:45 a.m.
- Thanks to all the kids for participating in our programs this year and their parents/guardians for faithfully bringing them class each week.
- Thank you to all the volunteers for their many hours and faithfully working to bring the Word of God to the children each week.
- We are always looking for volunteers to help lead the Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way!

Vacation Bible School

Vilmar has been invited to join area churches in Allison to bring the Word of God to the kids this summer with a **Community-Wide Vacation Bible School**. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 26, Tuesday, June 27, and Wednesday, June 28 at Wilder Park, and will conclude on June 28 with a family fun night/cookout at the park. Children ages K-4th grade are encouraged to attend. More details and registration forms will be available in the coming weeks. Volunteers are also needed to help each day. Contact Taylor Salge at 319-239-5128 if interested.



From left: Blake Jacobson, Emily Edeker, and Kimberley Edeker serve the Easter Dawn Breakfast.

Luther League

- A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast. Also, thanks to everyone who donated to the group so that we can continue to hold meetings, work on mission projects, and grow in faith together with activities and outings.
- Vilmar Luther League and friends packed meals at Bethel Reformed Church's Feed My Starving Children event on April 1. The morning session had 115 volunteers and packed 112 boxes in a short 1.5 hours — that's 24,192 meals packed and ready to send to Ukraine and other areas in need around the world.



From left: Emily May, Jason Edeker, Kimberley Edeker, Jeremy Edeker, and Monica Edeker pose after packing meals for Feed My Starving Children.

Portals of Prayer

The April-May-June Portals of Prayer booklets are available in the narthex for anyone to take.

Bartels News

You can now send a free card to Bartels residents:

1. Go to HappyGram.org
2. Click on the green button that says: "Click Here to Send a HaoootGram Now!"
3. Fill out the online form, and make sure to click on Waverly-Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community as the location of your loved one.
4. Write a personal message and/or upload a photo, and the staff will print and deliver the card to the resident.

Remember in Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Lloyd Davis, Rashell Haxhijaj, and Alexa Page.

Pastoral Care

During this time if you need assistance of any kind, please let Council President, Don Salge (319-239-2816) or Director of Communications, Monica Edeker (319-939-7348) know, and they will arrange for your needs.

Cookbooks Available

Cookbooks are available. They are \$15 for the 1979 edition (white cover) and \$10 for the 2004 edition (green cover). Contact Margaret DeBower, Barb Wagner or Monica Edeker if interested.

Simply Giving

If you would like to enroll in Vilmar's electronic giving, contact council secretary Rhonda Edeker for the paperwork. We appreciate everyone's continued financial support of Vilmar's ministry.

Contributions

If you are not able to worship in-person with us, we encourage you to continue your tithes/offering by mailing financial gifts to the church at, St. John's—Vilmar, 16073 Keystone Ave., Greene, IA 50636.

Want More Information?

To learn more...:

About Vilmar's ministry

vilmarchurch.org

About the North American Lutheran Church

thenalc.org

About the Iowa Mission District—NALC

iowamissiondistrict.com

About the Women of the NALC

wnalc.org

To stay up to date with current activities going on at the church "like" our Facebook Page:

Facebook.com/StJohnsVilmar

Corrections, Information

If you have corrections or announcements for Vilmar's directory, the bulletins, Heralds, or website please contact Monica Edeker at 319-939-7348, vilmarchurch@gmail.com, or send a note to the church. Everyone's communication and cooperation is very much appreciated. Thanks!

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 9 a.m.: Women's Fellowship Bible Study	3 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class	4 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	5	6 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
7 <i>Mission Sunday</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Wells of Inspiration Mission Presentation 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	8	9	10 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m.: Church Council Meeting	11 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	12	13 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	15 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	16 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day	17 6-7:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class 7 p.m.: NB Scholarship & Awards Night	18 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	19	20 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
21 <i>Graduation Day</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School 10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship	22	23	24	25 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	26	27 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home
28 10 a.m.: Worship Service 11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship <i>June Herald Announcements Due</i>	29 Mid-morning: Memorial Day Service at South Vilmar Cemetery	30	31	June 1 9 a.m.: Weekly Bulletin Deadline	2	3 7 a.m.: Bible Study at Robert Dralle's Home

Deacons: Meredith Steere and Tyler Seehusen