

## VILMAR VISIONARIES: “The Dream Team”

A group of Vilmar members met on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall to brainstorm ideas for ministry at St. John’s – Vilmar. Pastor Keen opened the meeting with a prayer on self-discipline.

The group discussed a multitude of ideas, with a central focuses of:

- How to fill the church
- Ways to reach out, go out, and be disciples
- Ways to engage and be active in the communities
- How to encourage and/or remind old members and new friends, alike, about Vilmar

The group agreed – the more opportunities that we have, the more doors that are opened for interested members to be a part of our ministry.

We will be meeting again on Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. to prioritize these ideas and begin implementing them! **WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?** What new (or old) ideas would you like to see implemented at Vilmar? Does anything in particular on these lists spark an interest for you? We would like everyone’s input, so please let us know or plan to attend! MANY volunteers are needed to bring these ministry ideas to our church – is God calling YOU to serve in any of these ways? Please prayerfully consider!

These lists are in no particular order.

### Special Ministry Ideas

- **Vilmar’s 150th Anniversary (Nov. 29, 1879 — Nov. 29, 2029)**  
We are looking for volunteers to be a part of the 150th committee to plan events for our sesquicentennial year; example of ideas include: QR codes/ map and a Cemetery Walk
- **Contemporary Service** – Offering an additional worship service each month or week led by musicians with contemporary music and songs (not live-streamed - in person only)
- **Noisy Offering** – Have the kids collect a ‘noisy offering’ each week during the church services
- **Polka Service** – Host a special Polka Service (possibly at Wilder Park)
- **Lutheran School (Homeschool-Based Campus)** – Being a campus/ social setting for local homeschooled children to host classes and such
- **Adult Sunday School** – Starting a Sunday School class (not necessarily on Sundays, due to confirmation conflict for Pastor as well as practice for the choir members)
- **Little Lutherans (WINGS/Jr. Lutherans)** – Wednesday afterschool Bible class for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders

### Groups/Classes/Clubs

- **Card-Making Club** – People can get together and make cards and/or send cards to our shut-ins, etc.
- **Cooking Class** – Local chefs (and members) could share cooking tips and ideas with anyone who’s interested
- **Young People’s Group** – A group designated for the younger people to get together and have Bible studies and/or outings
- **Jam Session** – Random musicians get together and have a performance for the church
- **Creative Arts Class** – Instructor led crafts classes
- **Dartball League** – People learn to play dartball and possibly compete in the local leagues as we learn
- **Walking Club** – People get together and walk the trails at Wilder Park on a regular basis
- **Book Club** – People read books and meet for discussions/study
- **Singles/Adult Group** – A group designated for the older people to get together and have Bible studies and/or outings
- **“The Chosen” Viewing** – A group that watches episodes of “The Chosen” together and then completes the Bible Study/Discussion about it

### Outreach Ideas

- **Card Sending** – Reaching out to old and possible new members about attending church or joining for events
- **School Group Performances** – Reaching out to schools or groups about have “practice performances” at our church
- **Request Night (Talent/Gift Show)** – People can share their musical gifts through performances
- **Tree Planting** – Setting up a community service tree planting in the local communities/parks
- **Non-Talent Show** – Contact people to help learn new skills to share with the church
- **NALC Church Visits (Vacation Sunday)** – Work with other NALC churches to set up retreats, activities, or events together
- **Service Projects** – Work in the local communities on service projects
- **Feed the Farmers Meal** – Drive-up meal pick-up
- **Farmer Sack Lunch** – Deliver sack meals to local co-ops to be given out to the farmers during harvest
- **Parent’s Night Out** – Parents can go out and do something as a group, and leave their kids are at the church for babysitting

### Meals and Dinners

- **Progressive Dinner** – Drive around from home to home, eating with others and sharing in fellowship
- **Mystery Dinner** – Host a dinner with a “mystery” menu
- **Meal Exchange** – People makes meals to exchange with one another
- **Meals For Those In Need** – People prepare meals to be frozen, and then distributed as a need arises
- **Box Social** – Bidding on and sharing meals with each other
- **Meal Fundraisers** – People can bid on a meal for each month
- **Potluck Assigned Seats** – A new way to get to know members

### Entertainment Ideas

- **Scavenger Hunts**
- **Bus Trip to Noah’s Ark** (with a Bible Study beforehand)
- **Attending Sports Games**
- **Attending shows at the State Fair**
- **Attending Christian-Based Performances** (comedians, concerts)
- **Movie Nights** (indoor or outdoor)
- **Game Nights**
- **Bowling Nights**
- **Camping Trips**