



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

*Mountain Lake
Alliance
Church*

Leadership Team

Dr. Kevin Walzak
Pastor Jeremy Oakland
Pastor Ricardo Rentería
Pastor Kyle Thiessen
Mrs. Petra Montagne

Lead Pastor Annual Report 2020

Hebrews 12:1-3; “Therefore since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles us and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”.

I have chosen this passage because it is representative of several things we should all be mindful of. One, it is a reminder of several thousands of years of people who faced all kinds of challenges and yet they persevered. Second is that in some way their testimonies bear witness to the truth we have believed, third we are challenged to do as they did and lay aside things that hinder us from running well, or from being entangled in any sin. No doubt in our time there are multiple forms of entanglements that can hinder our running. Fourth, is a reminder that the race is going to demand endurance, a no quit commitment. Fifth, we must stay focused; not on ourselves, not on the world, not on the evil one, but on Jesus the originator and perfecter of faith. As the American culture grows increasingly opposed to the truth of God these words will remind us of the faithful journey of those in the past, our journey in the present and the journey of those to come. This passage further takes on deep meaning when we consider the unimaginable and unexpected. This year the world faced the ravages of Covid -19, racial upheaval and political instability in America.

Sadly and shockingly our good friend and brother Curt Fast was struck down by the virus and entered heaven earlier than we all wanted or expected. The challenge before us all is to run with endurance.

Pastoral Transitions:

On December 31st, 2020 our pastoral transition successfully culminated. It was with joy and faith that I stepped aside and affirmed Jeremy Oakland as the new Lead Pastor. While this was difficult for us all the process was very fruitful, and set an example of how to approach and follow a transition process that is full of grace, respect and honor.

Vision statement

The following statement continued to guide our action and planning. "We seek to be a regional Church which makes healthy disciples here and around the world". This past year we have been able to minister regionally to those as far north as Redwood Falls, as far south as Jackson, as far west as Lakefield and as far east as Saint James. Ministering to such a broad geographical area is a great opportunity that we willingly embraced. We are grateful for the opportunity to facilitate ways which encourage people to connect with God, with His Word, with each other and with the world.

We continued to believe that this vision is being effectively fulfilled when we intentionally connect people in the following four ways: We seek to connect people with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). We seek to connect people with God's Word (The Bible). We seek to connect people with each other (The Body of Christ). We seek to connect people with the world (Our neighbors, home and abroad).

Kingdom Advances

It is with great joy that I report our Spanish fellowship; Manantial de Vida has completed a full year of regular worship services. They have been meeting regularly on Sunday afternoons and are pastored by Rafael Lopez. Pastor Renteria and his wife Miriam have been a big part in that ministry's continued success. Due to Covid 19 our Laotian fellowship has suffered. While many of the Lao have become official members we are hoping this coming year will allow a reviving process. We continue to thank the Lord for both of these new additions to the body of Christ at Alliance.

Covid has further restricted development of the new youth ministry in Springfield. This ministry had been growing rapidly and may be the precursor to a church plant in that area.

The Team/Staff

Candice and Nik both finished their tenure well. It should be noted that each of them served faithfully, and left having seen much fruitfulness in the lives of many to whom they served. I will forever be grateful for their integrity and Christlike

service. Each of them were great team players who I love deeply. Ricardo, Colleen and I have faithfully attended to additional responsibilities while we added future staff. This became a reality quickly and included the addition of Petra Montagne and Kyle Thiessen and Jeremy Oakland. Throughout the year each staff member continued to fulfill their role with integrity and maturity.

Working with these faithful servants is a joy. Throughout the year the ability to produce quality ministry to the body is a product of everyone working together. The positive ministry outcomes are the result of mutual ideas, desires, and commitment to be the best we can be for the glory of God. It is a privilege to work with selfless people. Each one brings a special set of gifts to the table that combine with the others for the building up of this body in love. Once again, I want to thank the staff for all they do every day to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. I want to thank each one for being a team player. I love and respect each of you and am grateful to serve alongside of you. I do not and never have taken you for granted!

Maintenance staff

Whenever anything is successful; there has always been a group of people who work behind the scenes, who do things that are necessary; if lots of others things are going to end up well. Hardly a day goes by that our facility is not used in multiple ways. Day in and day out rooms, tables, chairs, water fountains, restrooms, utensils, sound and visual aid equipment, parking lots, heating units, etc., are used. Rarely, can anyone notice something is not working well. This is a testimony to the character and quality of our maintenance staff. Each continues to work enthusiastically to keep our facilities up and running well. I cannot say enough about how well Mike Hanson and Corrine Holmen, combine their efforts to maintain a clean, workable, comfortable place for worship. Again I ask, please do not take these privileges for granted; thank the Lord and these people every time you use our facilities and find them well maintained. As we all know the Covid virus has made these responsibilities even more difficult.

Prayer

This year we had to cancel our remaining module of the College of Prayer.

Woman's Ministry Team

Karen Poortvliet continued to bring a steady hand, thoughtful leadership with a meek spirit to the Women's ministry team. The Women's ministry team faced the ominous challenge of finding ways to minister to our women in the midst of Covid. We anticipate in the days ahead the women's ministry team will continue to offer outstanding opportunities for our women; to grow spiritually and build meaningful relationships. The Bible studies, Mum's group, Women's Christmas party, retreats, are just a few of the quality ministry events we hope to see take place in the upcoming year. I am always filled with great joy each time I observe these activities taking place. I know many are being uplifted and trained to serve Jesus with deeper devotion. Rarely does anyone see the work these ladies do behind the scenes, but it is evident by the outstanding things taking place that they have invested many hours of time and energy toward the success of the women's ministry. I thank the Lord for these faithful women of God.

Celebration Dinner (did not happen, due to Covid)

Website

We continue to offer many online services. Our Website address is www.mlalliance.org: Having a website has become essential in our day and age. We continue to expand our website and offer this communication mode for all of our constituents and all inquirers about our ministry. We continue to upgrade and change it to keep the site fresh and user friendly for all who log-on. We encourage all to use it as often as they can. We will continue to offer weekly sermons online. This year we have been weekly offering a live stream of our worship service and special events. It is encouraging to know we have people from around the world watching live. We see this as a great way to advance God's Kingdom. Using online streaming has allowed us all to stay connected through the Covid social distancing restrictions.

Right Now Media is still available for all our families and many have found the resource useful for their family.

We continue to offer online giving for those interested in using this method.

Fiscally

Amazingly, the giving of those who attend Alliance Church was powerfully sustained even through the whole Covid pandemic. We were all astonished at how our Great God met every need and provided for many additional ministry endeavors. We remain grateful to God for how he works in the hearts of people to encourage them to give out of their abundance and sacrificially. We continue to pray for others among us who have great opportunity to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by giving financially, and have yet to grasp a hold of such a vital practice of our faith. We rejoice that once again as for the previous 13 years we ended the year in the black. Praise the Lord!!

Leadership Training

The vision to train up new leadership to serve the Church in the days ahead has become a reality. More than fifteen men were being mentored through this program. Each elder was responsible to mentor several men throughout the year. We meet as a whole twice a year for six hours on a Saturday. Due to Covid the sessions have been suspended, but mentoring has continued.

New state of the art Children's area

More than a few dozen years ago many faithful members at Alliance Church sacrificed their time and money to remodel the churches lower level. They had wisely transformed the area into a set of class rooms and nursery care for children. This year marked another step of faith to provide an update by building on their shoulders. The goal was to provide updated spaces that met the increasing need for child and nursery care. Many thanks need to be given to the Trustees, Daniel Barga, a design team made up of Candice Bartel, Brandon Green, Tammy Bartel, and Linette Walzak for their tireless effort to see this facility change successfully completed during the upheaval caused by Covid.

Conclusion

Like last year even in the midst of Covid we have seen several new families making AMC their place of worship. We see that God is clearly raising up the next generation of believers among us. This work of God has not been unnoticed by our leadership. In the days ahead it is our desire to train up these young men and

women to represent Jesus Christ to others in their life time. We are happy to say the baby boom has continued. Along with these new babies we have close to 80 young children attending our services regularly. We are certain God wants us to be a ministry that is caring for their spiritual needs, as well as those of all ages. Each year we share in the great joys of seeing people born again, baptized and serving the Lord. Like other congregations we also share in the grief and sadness of others who have lost loved ones for one reason or another. Thankfully, we have the great hope of living eternally with God our Savior and those who have truly believed. As we head into a new year we are looking forward to the ways in which the Alliance Missionary Church can make healthy disciples here and around the world, for God's glory.

Dr. Kevin L. Walzak, Lead Pastor

Music Ministry Annual Report 2020

*¹ I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.
³ Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;
let us exalt his name together.
Psalm 34:1,3 NLT*

My desire as the Worship Pastor here at Mountain Lake Alliance is that we can experience God's manifest presence as we come together to worship and praise His name.

Here's my report for 2020:

- Currently we have 48 people involved in the Music Ministry:
- 14 musicians in the band
- 20 vocalists
- 8 people in sound
- 6 people in media

We are excited to continue to have some young students involved in this ministry, and always looking forward to add.

Special Services

Sadly, this year because of COVID we weren't able to have our yearly special services like Easter and Christmas. I really pray that things will be different this 2021.

Youth Worship Team

In the Fall I took leadership of the Youth worship team. It's been great to be able to co-lead with my daughter Abi. And I thank God for the other students that are part of the team: Brayden Oakland, Cristy Renteria, Grant Oakland, Izzi Penner and Tyler Dick. We are working to add more students this year.

Livestream

Again, because of COVID, we had to step up to upgrade what we did with our services online. We changed our streaming app to be able to add more to our broadcast. And we are looking to improve this as much as we can.

We did have several issues with our network equipment and we struggled for several Sundays with bad connection and bad streaming. But I want to thank Travis Dick for his awesome work in getting our network upgraded and working better than what we had. This helped immensely. He put in numerous hours to get this done. And thank you to Brandon Green who helped him along the way.

Hispanic Service

My family and I continue to do worship for the Hispanic service. This has been a joy for us as we can worship in Spanish. It's a blessing for us to be able to serve our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Miriam and the girls also continue to do Kids Ministry for the service.

Thank you to all of you that serve in Music Ministry. I could certainly NOT be able to do this on my own. I praise God for the awesome team of people that join me in carrying out this great ministry. And thank you to church family for your prayers for us. We need God's Spirit to continue to lead us and guide us as we serve Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Ricardo Renteria

Youth Annual Report 2020

To start, I want to express my excitement to be in this position. I spent my teenage years in this youth ministry being led at the time by Nik Strom, and now God has called me back to the very same place that so greatly impacted my life. To be honest, I never thought I would return to Mt. Lake, or leave my last ministry position, God had other plans for my family, and we are thankful that He knows what is best, and where we are needed to serve Him best.

I want to give a huge thank you to Nik Strom for the 12 years he led this youth ministry. I had the privilege of spending 5 years with him and those years played a tremendous role in my choosing to go into youth ministry as well. Now that I have seen ministry from the standpoint of both a student and leader I know how much he went through and sacrificed as he served the Lord as the youth pastor. I'm thankful that he is still in the area and that I now have the opportunity to connect and learn from him going forward.

For a quick summary of the last year I will tell you that it was interesting. Interesting is the nice way of saying that no youth leader enjoys leading a ministry where you are not able to connect with students in person and have to plan an online youth group. That makes the process of writing an annual report also interesting as there are not as many events to recap over the last year. With all of that said, God is always at work and no virus or world wide pandemic can ever slow down what He does. He shows Himself in the world in numerous ways and uses His Church to impact the world even more in these difficult times. It has been amazing for me to watch God at work and also to be used by Him to speak into the lives of students in the few months that I have been in Mt Lake.

Past Year

Youth group met from January - March until Covid hit and the online world took over. Everything was done digitally through the rest of the Spring. One of the highlights of that time for Nik was his last week online teaching, a large number of students crashed his livestream to say goodbye and have one last gathering in person with him.

Through the summer a group of volunteers continued to plan weekly gatherings for the students to come to. Pastor Kevin volunteered his home to be used for that time of games and teaching, providing students with the opportunity to continue to learn and connect with each other.

I began serving in October and was able to lead 6 weeks of youth group until we had to cancel for November and December due to Covid. Our numbers were growing every week in both students and the amazing adults who volunteer.

It was clear that students were excited to have the youth group start up again on a regular schedule.

Events

The youth ministry attended the annual Ignite conference in Iowa. This was one of the best attended groups that they have had as a group from Springfield was able to combine with them. It was a great experience for the students to learn from other speakers and engage in worship with hundreds of other students.

The ski trip to Mount Kato was another highlight. This trip was opened up to families as well which provided a lot of joy and fun for them all. Along with that there were a number of mentoring relationships ongoing that continue to meet still. A Tuesday morning Bible study called Launch had a great group of students attending who enjoyed the ability to spend time on specific topics that applied to their lives.

Going Forward

It is hard to describe what the goal is going forward. No one can predict what will happen with Covid or when everything will be open again. What we do know is that God works within all of that uncertainty. Some things will likely never return to how they were before and that is ok because I look forward to seeing the new things that God reveals to us in this time. Students' lives will continue to be impacted, students will come to faith, and we will continue to worship Him regardless of our situation. I am so excited to be a part of the work God has planned for this church and this community!

Thank you to everyone who has served in the youth ministry before I arrived and during my short time here. Thank you for all the support and prayers that the church body has provided and will continue to provide. I know I am unable to do this on my own and am thankful for the sacrificial love that has been shown to myself and to my family in our short time here.

Kyle Thiessen, Youth Pastor

Children's Ministry Annual Report 2020

Thank you for taking the time to read about what has been happening in Children's Ministry this year. While things looked very different than 'normal' and there have been many changes, the vision in Children's Ministry has remained the same: to engage our children and equip our families to encounter the living God and to share that love with others. In this report I have categorized the highlights of Children's Ministry this year.

Life Learning - Life Learning was available for children ages 2-5th grade at the beginning of the year. Candice Bartel did a great job of training up volunteers to be able to lead and train our children. They used a great curriculum that connects children to "The Big God Story" through activities, videos, and prayer.

Nursery - Children ages birth-24 months love to spend time with our caring volunteers in the nursery. Earlier this year the nursery was temporarily moved to one of the rooms in the Elementary area so that our Early Childhood spaces could begin to be renovated. We are now in our brand new spaces, and let me tell you...they are amazing! There is a lot of space for little ones to run and play, read books with volunteers, and climb on some new equipment. Our volunteers are committed to these children not only in ensuring they are safe and cared for, but also they are committed to sharing the love of God even to the smallest members of our church.

Preschool - Preschool has continued to be available for children ages 2-PreK however it has looked different throughout the course of the year. Early in 2020 Preschoolers had their own Life Learning classes and also were cared for during second service by our loving volunteers. Mid-year we closed down our Preschool rooms until renovations were complete and these children were able to participate each Sunday in a brief Bible lesson in the church library. Currently Preschoolers are enjoying our new room where there are many fun toys to play with, a stage where they can watch a puppet show or Bible lesson, and LOTS of room to run.

Trunk or Treat - The decision was made to change our annual Fall Festival to a Trunk or Treat event this year so it could be held outside without the restriction of masks. This event was so much fun to plan and even more fun to participate in!

We had over 50 bags of donated candy, 13 decorated trunks, and roughly 30 volunteers helping the day of with decorations, snacks, and greeting. We had roughly 350-400 church and community members attend the event. The atmosphere was fun, loud, and a true community outreach. We look forward to holding this event again in the future.

Kids Church - Beginning in October, elementary children had the opportunity to attend Kids Church during second service in the Noah's Ark room. We started off each day with an interactive game, moved into a time of worship, participated in a lesson, and had some sort of closing activity each week. I had so much fun with these kids and looked forward to it all week! We began using the 252 Kids curriculum which is a branch of Orange. This curriculum teaches children about God's love and how that connects to our everyday lives. It also focuses heavily on connecting home and church so that children are supported in their walk with the Lord.

AWANA - Along with everything else, AWANA looked a little different this year. Once AWANA closed down in March we still wanted children to be recognized for their hard work. Candice and Mark Penner planned a Mobile AWANA Award's Ceremony and I was able to help out and meet the children. This fun afternoon consisted of driving to each clubber's home and presenting them with their award. AWANA started up again in September much to the delight of myself, volunteers, and the clubbers. Each night of AWANA consists of game time, handbook time where children work on memorizing Bible verses, and lesson time. Our wonderful group of volunteers are committed to these children from our community and developing personal connections with each of them.

It has been a great honor to serve our children and our church through my position as the Children's Ministry Director. Thank you for the support and encouragement each of you has shown.

Sincerely,

Petra Montagne, Director of Children's Ministry

Elders' Annual Report 2020

The Elders are responsible for spiritual oversight and governance of the church. As Elders we are focused primarily on Vision or Ends; how we believe God is calling us to change the world, for whom, and at what cost. So we spend a part of every meeting discussing our vision as a church, the unique problems or situations we are facing, the opportunities and resources God has given us, prioritizing our resources to those ends, and praying for these needs, opportunities, and for guidance and provision, as well as praying for specific people and needs within our body.

The Elder Board is chaired by our Lead Pastor. While the Elder Board is responsible for Vision, Our Lead Pastor, through his staff, is responsible for Mission, or Means of accomplishing that Vision, and therefore is responsible for all church programs and ministries; and the Board of Administration is responsible for Mission as it pertains to buildings, grounds and finances.

This year was the 2nd, and final year, of our 3 Year Transition in Pastoral Leadership. Working with SIMA, our Search Team was introduced to Jeremy Oakland and his wife Jessica, and their three children, early in the year. Through a series of interviews by phone and online, we invited the Oakland's to visit our church and community, which could not be done until the end of May because of COVID. After the Oakland's visit, we were able to negotiate a transition plan that worked for Jeremy and Jessica, for our church, and for Pastor Kevin and Linette, and so Jeremy was able to come and candidate in July, upon which we called Jeremy to become our Lead Pastor, with Jeremy and Jessica moving their family here in late August.

We are grateful for Dan Scarrow, our District Superintendent's encouragement, guidance, and support in this transition process. We are also grateful for Pastor Kevin's leadership and genuine desire to work for our congregation's effectiveness and success in faithfully serving Christ in our community in this next season of ministry. We are grateful for our new Pastor, Jeremy Oakland, for Jessica and their three children, and look forward to this next season of ministry and their leadership. Pastor Jeremy began as our lead pastor on January 1st, 2021.

Covid made for a very challenging year for our congregation and for most congregations around the world. We had services on line for a number of months, reopened for ministry during a few of the summer months, and then were forced by the spread of the Covid Virus this fall in the community and region, to go back online again. Not being able to meet and experience the fellowship we enjoy as the body of Christ has been very difficult. We are grateful for the patience that people have shown as we maneuvered these challenges.

January 3rd, we had a celebration service, at which Dan Scarrow spoke, honoring Pastor Kevin and Linette for their fourteen years of ministry as our Lead Pastor, and a passing of the baton to Pastor Jeremy. Pastor Kevin's daughters, Ashley and Joelle, along with Pastor Ricardo and the worship team led worship for this service. It was a God honoring, beautiful service, followed by a reception for Pastor Kevin, Linette and their family.

January 3rd, was also the first Sunday of our new schedule. During first service masks are required to protect those who are most vulnerable, work in healthcare, public education, or other roles where maximum protection from the Covid Virus is required. Our goal in second service is to respect people's personal decisions and freedoms. Masks are recommended, but will not be required. Our goal is to make sure everyone in our congregation can attend a worship service. We are grateful for people who genuinely desire to worship and fellowship together, and are doing all we can to facilitate that process.

We are grateful for new staff members this year, including Petra Montagne, Children's Ministry, and Kyle Thiessen, our new Youth Pastor. We are grateful that Pastor Ricardo will continue as our worship Pastor, and assume Associate Pastor Responsibilities beginning January 1st, 2021..

Elders provided prayer, mentoring and benevolence to a number of persons and families in our church this past year, as well as facilitating the cup of water ministry, that assists with the needs of people in our community who are not a part of our church. We as an Elder Board consider it a privilege to serve the body in this way. We sense God's calling, and rely on His guidance and provision, in facilitating the building up of the body in the faith, and the goal to reach maturity in Christ. Our Lay Elders this year included: Bryan Barga, Steve Syverson, Wade Nelson, Ivan Flaming, Gary Poortfliet, and Kurt Jahnke.

Respectfully Submitted - Bryan Bargaen - Head Elder

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Board of Administration Annual Report 2020

Active Members: Pastor Kevin Walzak, Norman Holmen, Cindy Quiring, An Acting Elder, Burton Stoesz, Rod Junker, Gene Bottin, Brandon Green and or, Daniel Barga, Pastor Jeremy

Board met monthly to review and discuss financial and structural needs and desired projects of the Alliance Church.

Projects completed: Remodel of the basement children's area.

The Covid 19 virus turned the world upside down and created challenges for the gathering of the church. Meetings were done in person and through Zoom.

Pastor Jeremy Oakland was hired and started in the fall, with the role of learning the layout of the church, get to know people etc. He will begin his roll on Jan 1, 2021 as Head pastor.

Nik Strom resigned and Kyle Thiessen was hired for the youth position.

Petra Nelson was hired for the children's ministry position.

Pastor Kevin lead through the year and finished strong on Dec. 31, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Quiring

Trustees Annual Report 2020

**Trustee Members: Tim Ruby, Doug Hartzler, Bruce Swanson, George Erickson,
Brandon Green, Daniel Barga**

Projects

- We Had tuck pointing done on exterior of church under office windows.
- We started off the year with the Nursery and Multi-Purpose area project.
- We ran wires for all the new security cameras in basement
- We Fixed/replaced/upgraded the networking problems
- We Sewer on the parsonage was repaired
- We Bat/rodent Proofed the parsonage
- We Killed weeds in the parking lots
- We trimmed trees
- We planted/cultivated new grass at parsonage
- We had parsonage sidewalk fixed
- We had parsonage sewer line inside house also repaired
- We replaced water softener in parsonage
- We installed new TV's in basement
- We began work on the new security camera system
- We purged the Church of unnecessary items

Respectively submitted

The Head Trustees of 2020

Deaconess Annual Report 2020

We are privileged to serve God through serving our church families as Deaconesses. It was and is our desire to help care for the body of Christ here at the Alliance Church. We sought to do this in a variety of ways:

- We met together throughout the year to pray for families, individuals, leadership, and needs of our church family, as well as to organize our ministry responsibilities.
- We coordinated the phone and email prayer chains. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer for those in need.
- We prepared for our Communion Services.
- We arranged for greeters to be present before our Sunday morning services. Thank you to so many of you for extending a warm welcome through this ministry!
- We sent cards to those who were ill, hospitalized or just needed a word of encouragement.
- We matched our high school seniors, career bound, and college freshmen with prayer partners for the school year.
- We sent care packages in the fall to the recent high school graduates to encourage them and let them know that their home church is supporting and praying for them.
- We arranged for, made, and delivered meals to families in need.
- We assisted in baptisms.
- We sent birthday and Christmas gifts to the children of our missionary families.

We look forward to serving God and lifting all aspects of our church body up in prayer in the year ahead!

“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:8-10

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Junker, Head Deaconess

Kelly Nelson Mo Therkilsen

Cindy Green Marilyn Fast

Brenda Harder Gail Pearson

Karin Samdal

Women's Ministry Annual Report 2020

2020 – the year of the Covid Pandemic and times of shutdowns for our church which resulted in fewer opportunities for in person Women's Ministry events. We are thankful for the times and events we had to fellowship, connect, study and pray together during the year. Some of the year's happenings included:

Bible Study in the winter and fall. The "Trustworthy" study on 1 and 2 Kings was led by Colleen Johnson during January and February. This fall, a book study "Brave Enough" written by Nicole Eunice was led by Colleen Johnson and Martha Standerwick.

"Inspire Me...More" – twice we had wonderful evenings together at the Barn. Marie Rete demonstrated breadmaking and Becky Kraemer shared encouraging thoughts to the ladies in January. Tammi Samuelson and Jan Wells demonstrated Lefse Making at the November Inspire Me, and Jan also shared her testimony.

On going events such as MUMS, Mom's in Prayer, and Let's Have Coffee met as able throughout the year. Each has women who consistently come together to share encouragement, the Word, and pray for specific persons and ministries.

The women of the church joined together to make needed items for Bongolo Hospital and sent requested items to be used in the hospital's ministry to patients and their families as they share the love of Jesus with the people of Gabon. Thanks to all who participated in this by preparing items and donating money for purchases and shipping costs.

The North Central District Women's Retreat "Made to Thrive" was a virtual event this fall. Linette Walzak hosted a group of ladies who did the retreat together on October 17.

We enjoyed an afternoon event on October 10 where we welcomed Jessica Oakland to our church family. Jessica shared some of her story with the ladies, and we were happy for a time of conversation, refreshments and learning of Women's Ministry updates.

The Women's Ministry Team consists of Katie Dick, Sarah Gwin, Patty Parker, Karen Poortvliet and Tammi Samuelson. The team volunteers their time because of each member's heart to have the women of the church grow in fellowship and faith. Please know ALL women of the church are welcome and included in the events of Women's Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Poortvliet, WMLT Leader

Library Annual Report 2020

In this unusual year the library was unfortunately used less than normal. Books were checked out and used by the Church body when they were able to.

Books continue to be gone through for eliminating or fixing. Also new books are being added to keep the selection current.

We desire to keep the best reading material available for those all ages in the Church body.

Respectfully submitted

Merna Swanson

Flower Committee Annual Report 2020

The Flower Committee has tried to incorporate flowers from families, funerals, and personal yards to make our church appealing and warm. This year was something else! We missed church from March on. There have been some seasonal things done but at a minimum. An arrangement was given to Kevin & Linette Walzak at the farewell on January 3. We appreciate ideas you may have for flowers we can share with our church families.

The Flower Committee

Gladys Crawford

Marsha Espenson

Ginger Anderson

Rachel Yoder