

**Mountain Lake
Alliance Church**

**2022
Annual
Report**

Love God Love People

Lead Pastor
2022 Annual Report

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
Matthew 22:37-40

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

Love God Love People

Jesus tells us that the commandments can be summarized into “love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself”. Essentially, Jesus is telling us to Love God and Love People. As our love for God continues to grow, our natural response will be to love people; even people that are not like us, look like us, or act like us. This can be a difficult thing at times, causing us to rely heavily on the power of the Holy Spirit to love God’s way.

I believe that our challenge as a body for 2023 is to continue to grow deeper in our love for God and to expand our love for our communities in both word and deed. The purpose is to simply get to know the people that live around us. We want to continue to find ways that bless our communities that we live. We saw the start of neighborhood barbeques and want to continue to grow this ministry. We also are looking for more ways to bless our schools represented in our church.

Grace and Truth

One of the challenges churches face across the world is finding the balance between grace and truth. Grace is receiving an undeserved gift unexpectedly. Truth is based on fact and reality. Lean too heavily on grace and risk becoming lukewarm in our convictions; too heavily on truth and risk becoming legalistic. In John 1:14 the Bible says Jesus was full of grace AND truth. Jesus did not have tension between grace and truth, instead He fully lived out both. Unfortunately, we are not Jesus who is full of grace and truth. The church, which is us, lives in this tension.

I believe God is continually challenging us to be a church that aims for a godly balance of both grace and truth. A place where people experience the grace that Jesus gives and the truth that Jesus lived and taught. A place where we live in the tension of grace and truth and are ok with it. I believe that a church like this is a growing church that changes its community and surrounding communities. I wrote this for the 2022 report and believe that we must continue to engage in this tension.

A Year of Growth in numbers and people

2022 was a year that we saw many new families start to attend our church. I’m always hesitant to write about numbers because they can change like the wind. Still, I see God doing a wonderful

thing in many families and this church family as a whole. I also believe we are seeing growth in our health as a church. I gage that off of new and more small groups in our adults, teens and children. I believe we are seeing people get better connected. My prayer is for those that don't feel connected here at church, 2023 would be the year to join a small group, attend a life class or volunteer in some ministry. I'm a firm believer that Sunday morning is very important, but it just as important that one engages in other areas of the church.

So Many to Thank

First, I want to thank God for the wonderful opportunity to serve as Lead paster of this church! Next, I want to first thank my wonderful staff that makes me look way better than I am. To Ricardo, Kelly, Petra, Colleen, Miriam, Jessica, Tim, and Johanna. I also want to thank Kyle, Mike, Ashton, and Karen who were on staff for part of the year. I consider it an honor to serve with you and to have served with you! I could not do this job without you! To our Elders Bryan, Jason, Steve, Jordan, Mike, and Kurt. Thank you for being patient with a new guy. I appreciate your wisdom and service! To the BOA and Trustees, Gene, Norm, Marty, Cindy, Mike and Tom thank you for all that you do. Much was accomplished in the building this year. I also want to thank the decorating team that has made so amazing changes to the building. Thank you to our wonderful Deaconess board, kitchen team, youth leaders, children's leaders, life learning teachers, small group leaders, mentors, ushers, men's bible study leaders, women's ministry, woman's Christmas party, worship team, media team, trunk or treat team, and safety team. Since this list is endless, please extend me grace for not going on. As you can see there is so many people that make up the life of this Church! What a wonderful church!!

Finally, I want to thank my wonderful wife and children! I know that I can speak for them when I say we feel loved and appreciated!

Pastor Jeremy Oakland
Lead Pastor

Associate Pastor of Worship & Youth 2022 Annual Report

Hello church family! Here are some highlights of this past year 2022:

Music Ministry

We continue to work hard in with our Music Ministry. Not only do we have a great group of adults involved, but as you know, I love to have students involved in this ministry. We continue to strive in improving our services both in person and online. With the celebration offering collected in November we have been purchasing new equipment to keep improving our online services, as well as improving our equipment in the sanctuary and having the ability to stream.

Youth Ministry

During 2021 and 2022, I had been helping out in the youth ministry. A big highlight last year was the trip to LIFE. We had 62 students go to that, and I say confidently that all 62, including the 9 leaders that went along, were all impacted in a powerful way! Thank you to all of you who made it financially possible for this group to go.

Shortly after that, Pastor Kyle Thiessen resigned. So me, along with my wife and Jessica Oakland stepped up to take the lead of the youth ministry. We each have specific responsibilities to cover the ministry. But we couldn't do this on our own. We have 13 awesome adult leaders that help out each Wednesday night. Each of them has a small group that they care for, which is a big highlight for the students.

In the summer we had different activities like: worship night, movie night, lake day, Valleyfair trip, DJ/Taco Night, Team Scavenger Hunt, and a Talent Show. It was great to connect with the kids in these fun activities.

We also have a group of 13 students as part of the SLT (Student Leadership Team). The main goal of this team is to connect with other students, inside and outside of the church, and make them feel welcomed in our youth group. I've told them that they are our eyes and ears with the students. They know what's happening in lives of students, at the schools, and they play a big part in knowing how to minister to others. They also help plan and lead special activities. The youth worship team continues to be a great blessing not only to the students on Wednesday nights, but also to our church as they have lead worship on several Sunday mornings. We must remember that they are not only the future of our church, but also the PRESENT! What a joy to see them serve the Lord and bless our church at their young age.

We have seen the Lord in mighty ways on Wednesday nights. We have an average of about 80 to 90 kids. But numbers isn't it. It's about how kids are connecting with Jesus during the worship time. How relationships are being made in small groups. In October we had 10 kids give their life to the Lord. And out of those 10, 9 of them are kids that don't usually go to a church. That's what it's all about. Students connecting with each other, but also with the Heavenly Father through Jesus! Praise the Lord!!

Other Ministry

Preaching

I really enjoy being able to preach occasionally. It's a privilege I don't take lightly. My prayer is

that God would speak to me and challenge me first, and then I would use that to encourage and challenge the church body.

Good Sam/Jail

Every Wednesday afternoon I visit the Good Sam here in town, and I have a time of hymns and devotional with a group of residents that were and currently connected with our church. It's been a joy to connect with them every week.

I'm also on the pastor rotation that goes to the county jail in Windom and ministers to the inmates. This has also been a blessing to me.

Hispanic Service

Our Hispanic Church, "Manantial de Vida" has now changed their service time to Sunday mornings at 10:45. Due to this change, my family and I can no longer attend the service. But I still get together with Rafael for mentoring and guiding in the ministry. He currently began a training program with the Alliance called LEAD. This will help prepare him and train him to become a better pastor. It is a 2 year process in which he will become ordained at the end of this. Please continue to pray for him, his family and Manantial de Vida.

Thank you once again for the privilege to be a part of the Mountain Lake Alliance Church family. I appreciate you all and thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to serve you!!

In Christ,
Pastor Ricardo Renteria

Discipleship Pastor 2022 Annual Report

Return to Ministry:

I returned to full-time ministry at Mountain Lake Alliance in 2022.

In mid-February I moved from Elder to Discipleship Pastor. I am humbled as God worked to open the doors to make this staff position a reality. As the role continues to unfold, I am excited for the opportunity to minister as the Discipleship Pastor and am confident that God has me where He wants.

Small groups:

One of the main roles of my position is to continue to develop a small group ministry at Alliance Church. I am passionate about healthy small groups and this year saw about 5 new groups added. We currently have 13 small groups that meet and minister to each other throughout the year. Most groups meet twice a month to fellowship, pray, study God's Word, and encourage each other. My hope is that this ministry continues to grow with more groups added each year. In addition, I am developing small group coaches to help support and pray for our small group leaders. Small groups ministry has its challenges but I believe it is worth it as we encourage each other to love God and love each other better.

Discipleship/Counseling/Preaching:

I had the privilege to preach about 7 times in 2022. I enjoy the opportunity to share with the congregation and look forward to continuing this in the year to come. I also provided pulpit supply for another area church. As I am available, I will look to help and support area churches in this way in 2023.

Jackie and I meet with a few people to encourage, disciple, counsel, and support them as needed in 2022. We are not professional counselors but we do desire to be healthy followers of Christ ourselves and look to help people to become health followers of Jesus through the things God has taught us.

Neighborhood Parties:

This past year we saw 4 neighborhood parties. I was able to be part of one. They were a great way for the church to love their community and get to know them. I am hopeful that more will participate in this next year.

Adult Life learning Classes and Bible Studies:

A variety of Adult Life Learning classes and Bible Studies that were taught this past year. I am grateful for the following teachers and leaders: Bryan Bargaen, Wade Nelson, Jason Penner, Sarah Gwin, Kurt Gwin, Jim Sellers, Doug Standerwick, Tim Penner, Kurt Jahnke, Karin Poortvliet, Jordan Milbrath, and Mike and Kelly Nelson.

Membership/Baptism:

The process to become a member at the Alliance Church was updated and streamlined in 2022. The results were a Membership manual update, addition of an annual Membership class, and formalized membership process. As a result, we have added 10 new members to the Alliance Church with a few others in the pipeline.

In February, 7 individuals were baptized. We celebrated with each of these as they were baptized in our second service. We walked these individuals through the baptism process and are excited to see each of them take this significant step in their faith. In addition, 9 more individuals were baptized in Orlando, Florida as a result of the LIFE Conference.

Grief Share and Care Ministry:

I am grateful for Doug and Martha Standerwick and their willingness to begin and lead the Grief Share ministry in 2022. Pastor Jeremy and Jessica also provide key support to get this ministry off the ground and running. Grief Share provided weekly support and encouragement to individuals who have lost someone close to them. This care ministry met during the Fall of 2022. This was a timely ministry for our congregation and I am grateful to the Standerwicks and Oaklands for helping get this off the ground. I hope to see it continue in 2023.

Gary Portviellet ministered to many in the congregation and the community this past year through visits and other connections. I am grateful to Gary and his faithful heart to care for people that God leads him to. I look forward to Gary continuing in this vital ministry in 2023.

Thank You!

My family and I would like to thank the congregation for their support and encouragement over this past year. We are looking forward to what He has in store for us in 2023.

Discipleship Pastor
Pastor Nik

Elementary Children's Ministry 2022 Annual Report

I am thankful to be in Children's Ministry another year. My goal again this year was to continue to engage our children and equip our families to encounter the living God and share that love with others. I want to lead children to Jesus, who can guide others to Him. As Jesus put it, "*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these*" (Matthew 19:14).

Here are some of the highlights 2022 brought.

Kids Church – I continued to use the Orange's 252 Curriculum which is full of the word of God and training in God's kingdom principles with fun and movement the kids need to grow in excitement and passion for following Jesus. We had some great themes and have moved into learning Godly virtues while learning God's big story throughout the Bible.

Life Learning – The Life Learning time continued to be an excellent place for the discipleship of our children. Gifted volunteers led them each week into God's word and learning His ways. We continued to use Group's Dig In curriculum, which emphasizes transformation instead of information. This year's theme finished the Foundation of the Faith theme and moved into The Life of Jesus.

Annual Family Sledding Party – This year in January we had our first annual family sledding event at Ken and Rachel Yoder's home. We had several families attend and had a great time sledding, visiting and enjoying a warm fire and treats. As long a weather permits, we plan on making this a yearly event.

Small Groups – To build and encourage relationships, I continued to have a monthly small group of kids who would sign up to have a fun activity together. We did activities through the summer with swimming, water games and crafts along with a biblical topic to discuss. I renamed the group F.A.S.T which means "fun and spiritual training."

VBS – Our annual VBS was held July 12-14 because of the school schedule and was changed to a three- day program. Our theme was *Make Waves: What you do today can change the world around you*. This is the first year we tried the Orange Kids VBS and loved it. The kids traveled from Games, crafts, missions, music and Bible Time. They learned how God created them for a purpose, God sent Jesus to be their friend forever and how the fruit of the Holy Spirit helps us to carry out God's purposes. Our average attendance was around 60, with 6 children praying to receive Christ and several others rededicating their lives to Jesus.

J-Walkers Kids Club- Runs from September through May. The director of the program is Johanna Ruby. After our first year hosting this community kid's bible club, we realized there is a great number of kids attending who didn't understand the fundamental questions such as who God and Jesus are. We decided to continue using Pioneer Clubs materials this year with the curriculum specifically focusing on answering those questions. "Who is God?", "Who is Jesus?", "What is the Bible?", "What is the Church?" "Who is my Neighbor?" and "How do I Live My Faith?" to be sure they have a good understanding as we continued to dig deeper into the Word. This year we were able to get bibles for each kid attending to study and at the end of the year they will be able to

take that bible home with them as we pray they continue to dig deeper into His Word. This year, we have 85 kids registered with an average of around 65 kids each night. We praise God during our unit on "Who is Jesus?" We had 6 kids ask Christ to be their Savior!

The nights begin in worship and large group bible exploration then the kids break into small groups and game time. We are so thankful for our dedicated volunteers who spend quality time loving and teaching these kids to know and love Jesus! We are excited to see how God continues to use this program to raise up a new generation of Christ followers who will shine His light to others.

Christmas Program – On December 11, the elementary children of the Church put on the Christmas musical *Tree Lot Christmas* which was a fun-filled Christmas musical that showed the importance of sharing Christ's love with others. Filled with fun songs that delivered the truth of God's word through a great story of a group of children selling Christmas trees in front of Mr. Carmichael's toy store, where he was led to join the family of God demonstrating the powerful message of Christ's love.

It has been a great honor to serve our children and the church family this year. I appreciated the many prayers and encouragement sent my way as I worked to bring Children's Ministry into alignment with God's will and ways.

Sincerely, Colleen Johnson, Elementary Children's Minister

Early Childhood Ministry 2022 Annual Report

It is my privilege to share what this year has looked like in Early Childhood Ministry! A large highlight for me was adding an additional Early Childhood room to accommodate the growing number of young children. On Sunday mornings our Early Childhood children are separated into Nursery (ages 0-24 months), Toddlers (ages 2 & 3), and Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5). This change has allowed for smaller volunteer to children ratios. Additionally, children are able to receive and participate in age-appropriate lessons, stories, and activities.

Here are some highlights from the past year:

Nursery - The new Nursery location is the first room on the left in the Oasis hallway. In this room volunteers care for the youngest members of our congregation through play, reading books, and music. I am incredibly grateful for the roughly 35 volunteers who give their time to care for these little ones.

Toddler Room - During second service the 2 & 3 year olds spend time in our Toddler room where we have a variety of activities, coloring pages, toys, and books. Children are able to watch a video lesson & do a corresponding coloring page afterwards while they are cared for by a few of our 16 volunteers.

Preschooler Room - During second service the 4 & 5 year olds spend time in our Preschool room. A big highlight for the Preschoolers is putting on our video lesson and then dancing along to each month's theme song. These videos are sent home each week to both the Toddler & Preschool parents for them to watch together at home.

Life Learning - This year as we changed the ages of the Early Childhood rooms, we also regrouped for Life Learning. Our new groupings are 2 & 3 year olds, and 4 & 5 year olds. During first service both of these classes use the HeartShaper curriculum. This curriculum uniquely rotates the content so that children continue to learn new material and Bible verses throughout their time in Early Childhood. I am always in awe of the Life Learning volunteers' dedication to serve these little ones each week.

Indoor Playtime - One to two times a month the church gym is open for children and parents. This is a time for children to run off their energy, but also a time for parents to connect.

VBS - Preschoolers were thrilled to be able to attend VBS this year. Colleen oversees this event with my assistance. For more information on this please see the Elementary Annual Report.

Trunk or Treat - A highlight of my year has become Trunk or Treat. This year was our 3rd event and as always it was a great time to connect with our community! Rather than having all of the trunks on the street, this year we made a large semi-circle in our parking lot with the 14 trunks that participated. Families enter by the carport, make their way around the circle of trunks, take a ride on the hay wagon, and enjoy a hot dog, popcorn, & hot chocolate. There were also many games available for children to play as well as a bounce house, face painting, and temporary tattoos. We estimate about 300 children in attendance this year!

Pow Wow Booth - This year we changed up the Pow Wow booth by having a bounce house. We also had a tent sectioned off into two 'mom's rooms' for any moms walking around the park who needed a safe and clean place to change or feed their babies. We received a lot of great feedback about these changes and hope to provide these services again at Pow Wow this year.

Christmas Program - The Toddlers & Preschoolers were able to participate in the Christmas Program again this year. We opened up the program by singing two songs - 'Away in a Manger' and 'It's Christmastime'. The children enjoyed all of the times we practiced together before the big day and did a wonderful job sharing these songs with the congregation!

It has been an honor to serve our church family again this year as the Early Childhood Director. I have a passion for young children and their families, and am incredibly thankful to be able to use this passion at Mountain Lake Alliance Church.

Sincerely,
Petra Montagne, Early Childhood Director

Elder Board 2022 Annual Report

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 was Pastor Jeremy's second year as our lead pastor, and chairman of the Elder Board. It has been a privilege to serve with Pastor Jeremy as our leader. He intuitively in his leadership and preaching keeps the main thing the main thing... loving God and loving people, with everything else, including sound doctrine, as important as this is, in priority under the call to love God and love people. One of his most memorable messages for me was a two-part series on the tension inherent in living out grace and truth. We were also blessed by the series utilizing Pete Scazzaro's book on healthy discipleship within the church. I also appreciate his willingly sharing the pulpit with Pastors Nik and Ricardo, and occasionally others gifted to teach within the body. This team preaching, with Pastor Jeremy carrying the larger share was what we Elders had envisioned and discussed when interviewing Pastor Jeremy, and believe will serve the church well.

Attendance has increased over the past year to an average near the end of the year of over 400, many of which are young families with children. We desire to reach and minister to people of all ages, but appreciate Pastor Jeremy and his staffs' increased focus on children and youth. Pastor Nik Strom was hired during this year to be our discipleship pastor, and we have already seen an impact of this in the formation of small groups and more intentional ministry to families in our church. Pastor Ricardo became our Youth and Worship Pastor, along with part-time assistance from his wife, Miriam, and Jessica Oakland. We said goodbye to Pastor Kyle in August and appreciate his ministry to our youth over the past two years.

The Wednesday evening J-Walker Children's ministry is the one time during the week that the church resembles our community in ethnic diversity. The youth ministry has also continued to grow and influence many young people in our community, with a number of youth making first time commitments to Christ. So we appreciate the incredible work Pastor Jeremy and his pastoral team, including Petra Montagne, Johanna Ruby, and Colleen Johnson, with children, are doing in putting feet to loving God and loving people through these ministries.

We are also grateful for our administrative staff. We have also been blessed by Kelly's leadership in the church office. We are grateful for her organizational skills and insight. We were also blessed with the hiring of Tim Rahn, who now oversees building and grounds, and for his family's assistance in faithfully taking care of our facility. We also appreciate Gary Poortvliet and his visitation ministry.

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 Bergen, Steve Syverson, Mike Pearson, Kurt Jahnke, Jason Espenson, and Jordan Milbrath. Their commitment to Christ and leadership in our body is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted - Bryan Bergen - Head Elder

"Our Vision is to be a community of healthy followers of Jesus Christ who are impacting our community, region and world for His Glory. We accomplish this vision when we intentionally connect people in four ways: with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), with His Word (The Bible), with Each Other (the Body of Christ), and with the World (our Neighbors)."

Board of Administration
2022 Annual Report

Active Members: Pastor Jeremy Oakland, Norman Holmen, Cindy Quiring, An Acting Elder, Burton Stoesz, Gene Bottin, Mike Christophel, Marty Espenson, Pastor Ricardo

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

Projects completed: Sound system upgrades. architect was hired for future project vision.

Kyle stepped away from youth ministry in September, Pastor Ricardo, Miriam and Jessica Oakland continue to work and grow the youth program.

Pastor Jeremy focused on what the church and community needs are. Outreach/Serving the community and emphasizing on growing the youth and children's programs.

Petra Nelson and Colleen Johnson continue to work with the children's ministry program, and Johanna Ruby is working with the J-walkers.

Pastor Ricardo continues the associate/music pastor position and continues to serve in many areas throughout the church and community.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Quiring

Deaconess Board
2022 Annual Report

The purpose of the Deaconess Board is to serve our congregation. It is our desire to help care for the body of Christ here at Mt. Lake Alliance. This past year's activities included:

- Attending monthly planning meetings
- Managing the prayer chain. Thank you to those who partnered with us in prayer for those in need.
- Preparing for communion when it is part of the service.
- Sending cards to those who were ill, hospitalized or needed a word of encouragement.
- Encouraging our recent high school graduates by sending them a care package in the fall.
- Setting up meals for families who have a need. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to prepare and deliver a meal to a family.
- Assisting with the baptism services.
- Praying for the families in our church and the missionaries we support.
- Sending memorials for funerals.

In His Name and for His Glory!

Gail Pearson - Head Deaconess
Paula Christophel
Brenda Harder
Mary Jefferson
Bonnie Junker
Marta Junker
Kelly Nelson
Sue Rempel

Trustees
2022 Annual Report

We hung the old sound panels from the gym in the ceiling of the toddler and preschool rooms.

In preparation for the halls to be painted, we removed the old telephone box and patched the wall. We also removed hanging shelving units and other hanging pieces and repaired the walls.

We moved some of the book cases from the library into the pastor's office and to the basement. We then fixed the walls and helped make it into the Connection Center.

Submitted by
Michael Christophel

Women's Ministry
2022 Annual Report

We kicked off the New Year with a Ladies worship night. We had around 25 women that came to worship, hear a devotional and fellowship as sisters in Christ. Jessica Oakland, Abi Renteria lead us in worship while Gail Person was on the guitar. During the worship night we recognized Karen Poortvliet in her years of service to the Women's Ministry Team. Karen Poortvliet stepped down in March after her many years of being lead on the WMT. I, Heather Rahn, had already started to take over and lead some of our meetings. Karen has been a great resource for us. As I started to take over she gave lots of guidance and was very helpful.

Alisa Nickel and Patty Espensen joined our team.

In March we held at Alliance Church "Belong". We worked together with the Gathering Church to host this event. We had close to 200 counting the team members, singers, etc. It was well received by women.

Throughout the year we continued to have Let's Have Coffee, MUMs group, and bible studies.

In June Patty Parker and Katie Dick stepped off the team. Patty had been on the team for 9 years or so. Katie had been on the team for a couple of years. Alicia Schwanke and Johanna Ruby joined our team in the middle of June.

During the summer June-Aug we held 2 Worship around The Fire Nights; one held at Alisa Nickel's house and the other one at Heather Rahn's house. Both had about 20 women at them. We had a devotional, sang a few songs, and had snacks. We hope to continue this next summer.

We kicked off fall with a Women's worship night. Abi and Cristy Renteria sang and Lydia Rete played the piano. Sarah Gwin did the devotional. We introduced the team, talked about upcoming events. We had about 25-30 women there.

A handful of women from our church went to the District retreat that was held in September. They enjoyed fellowship, worship and speakers.

Colleen Johnson held a Soul Care group at her house. It went for 8 weeks.

In December we had Jingle and Mingle. We had a great turn out. It was very well received by women. We had around 190 women counting the team members and those that helped. Jackie Strom sang two special numbers, Johanna Ruby and Sarah Klassen sang a special number but also lead us in a few Christmas songs. Jessica Oakland was our speaker for the night.

The women's ministry team consists of Tami Samuelson, Alisa Nickel, Johanna Ruby, Alicia Schwanke, Patty Espensen, and myself, Heather Rahn, as Lead of WMT. All of these women volunteer their time because they have a heart for women.

God Bless,

Heather Rahn
WMT Leader