



BUILT FOR A PURPOSE

2023
Annual Report



“Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights.”

~ Pauline R. Kezer



Dear Alleluia Family,

Nine years ago I wrote my first Annual Report letter to you based on the quote above. At the time, I wrote, *“Change is never easy. Especially in the church, where tradition is so important to who we are and where those traditions are held so near and dear to our hearts. As Pauline Kezer states above, those traditions are important – it is our history and rituals that give us roots. But, it is change that gives us branches so that we can “stretch and grow and reach new heights.”*

As we look ahead to 2024, we are once again embarking on significant change here at Alleluia. In a few months you will have a new pastor — and that likely means change. Your new pastor may do things a little differently, have new ideas, have a different style — and that is awesome! It will be good to have fresh ideas and vision.

What I pray doesn't change, however, is the character and culture of this church. Alleluia has always been a church that cares about its neighbors, cares about its children and youth, cares about participating in the life of the community. You will see evidence of this all over these pages .

Alleluia has also strived to be an inclusive community that welcomes all people no matter who they are. And I am proud to have served in a congregation that takes Christ's call to care for and accept and respect all people seriously — just like Jesus did.

So, as we look back on 2023 and all that we accomplished together through the power of the Holy Spirit, I look forward to all that God has in store for you next. Change is hard. But, it's what helps us to *“stretch and grow and reach new heights.”* Never forget, dear Alleluia, that YOU have been built for a purpose.

May Christ stretch you to new heights in the coming year.

Pastor Juguiri

Annual Meeting Agenda

January 28, 2024

Call to Order Trent Anderson
(*President*)

Welcome & Prayer Pastor Jacqui

Transition Process/MSP Bishop Ann Svennungsen

Commissioning of Call Committee Pastor Jacqui

Ministry Moments

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Jen Teachout
Director of Children, Youth & Family

Community Outreach Carol Bauer
Director of Community Engagement

State of Alleluia Pastor Jacqui

2024 Budget Presentation Sue Schleif, *Treasurer*

Conversation on Budget Pastor Jacqui

Vote on Budget Trent Anderson

Council Nominees Presented Trent Anderson

Vote for Council Members:

- ◆ Sue Schleif – Treasurer
- ◆ Chad Felton– Vice President
- ◆ Lisa Benkowski – At-large Member (2 year)
- ◆ Chris Westendorp—At-large Member (1 year)

Thank you to Outgoing Council Members Andi Ruth-Negrini

Trent Anderson (President)

Peter Euerle (At-Large)

Closing Prayer Pastor Jacqui

Community Engagement

Alleluia engaged the community in a wide variety of ways in 2023. Thank you to all who made this ministry happen!



Carol Bauer
Director of Community
Engagement

Saturday Food Ministry

- ◆ 22 Food Distributions hosted
- ◆ Total of 1,616 Households served (average of 73 Households/distribution)
- ◆ Total of 5,445 Individuals served (average of 239 individuals/distribution)
- ◆ Approximately 1,060 volunteer hours given (10-15 volunteers needed/distribution)
- ◆ Approximately 44,000 pounds of food distributed

Just Show Up and Serve – Spring Family Service Day

- ◆ 75 + volunteers worked on Spring cleaning in and outside the church, along with completing service projects

Better Together Fall Family Service Day

- ◆ 75+ people worked on Gratitude Projects

Mental Health

- ◆ Mental Health Awareness Month (May) – Hosted the movie screening of Angst (focus on Anxiety) at the St. Michael Cinema, along with a panel discussion to 200 community members.
- ◆ Joined the Mental Health Connect Collaborative
- ◆ Hosted our first “Light in the Darkness” worship service during the holidays for those experiencing loss

Participated in the St. Michael Parade & Monticello Pride Festival

Kick-off Sunday and Ministry Fair

- ◆ 15 Ministry Tables represented under the theme “Built for a Purpose.”

American Red Cross Blood Drive

- ◆ Hosted three Blood Drives and reached our goal every time!
- ◆ 18 Alleluia members volunteered

Trick or Trunk & Community Food and Clothing Drive

- ◆ 15 Alleluia families hosted fun trunks, along with an inflatable, face painter, wacky hair and hot beverages.
- ◆ Collected approximately 100 clothing items, 200 lbs of food items, \$105 for Hanover food shelf
- ◆ 150+ kiddos came through

Healing Haiti

- ◆ Sponsor an elder and a weekly water truck visit to Cite Soleil
- ◆ Annual Haiti Boutique with 35 vendors

Children, Youth & Family

It has been another amazing year of helping our children and youth grow in their faith. In addition to our ministries below, 28 youth experienced a mission trip to Denver, 7 went to the BWCA and many other events. God is good!



Jen Teachout
**Director of Children,
Youth & Family**

Lord's Prayer Retreat (K-1st Grade)

Gabe Dayton	Waylan Staus
Grady Dayton	Ally Tvrdik
Everly DeBoer	Robert Walerius
Niko Grohs	

Bibles Presented (3 & 4 Year-Olds)

Bennett Berg	Lincoln Divens	Gabriel Opland
Ivy Divens	Dalton Motz	Eleanor Smilden

Bibles Presented (2nd Grade)

Ruby Asleson	Beckett Mosher
Beckett DeBoer	Jessica Scrivner
Adam Ericksen	Maren Spaeth
Madilyn Glunz	Wesley Weber
Marin Helfman	

First Communion (3rd Graders)

Eleanor Ebersviller	Charles Reid Hillman
Madilyn Mae Glunz	Lucas Michael Kennedy
Zoey Lynn Grohs	Samuel William Kobus
Niko Brady Grohs	Eva Caroline Lovejoy
Marin Rose Helfman	Miles Michael Staus

9th Grade Confirmands October 29, 2023

Carter Grayson Burke	Adam Joseph Miller
Ashley Marie Davis	Wyatt Anthony Mosher
Ayda Lee Erlandson	Addison Kay Rowan
Jillian Bea Erlandson	Ella Dawn Schnitzler
Owen Algot Haugo	Noah Dylan Serie-Reed
Noah Robert Hildebrand	Cooper Patrick Steele
Violet Francine Johnson	Logan Todd Sylvester
Vanessa Laine Kyllonen	Orion Scott Walker Kuklock

Vacation Bible School - 46 Kids (26 Full Day; 20 Half Day)

Life in the Church



Baptisms

01-01	Riley Arthur Rentz
02-05	Hadley Ann Portner
02-12	Parker James Metzger
06-06	Theodore John Frakes
07-16	Wren Jean Byrne
07-30	Blake Christopher Silkey
09-17	Noah Dylan Serie-Reed Jessica Lynn Reed
10-22	Lilyana Joanne Metke
11-26	Josie Leigh Lemke

New Members

01-29	Kirk & Jo-Ann Toltzman
03-05	Jamie & Rachel Dayton, Grady & Gabe
03-24	Delores Jacobsen
08-13	Chad & Marsha Felton, Reese Felton & Morgan Bauer
08-13	Sarah & Alex Spilde, Molly, Sadie & Hadley
08-13	Terre Nelson
08-27	John Kober & Susan Niemi
09-17	Martha (Helland) Reed
09-17	Julie Hillman
09-24	Duane & Sue Erdman
10-15	Shawnté & Kate Kehn, Nikko
11-19	Deeanna & Daniel Juehlich
11-19	Christine Strande



Those We Lost

5-11	Anton "Tony" Negrini, Jr.
06-26	Tom Nelson
06-28	Michelle Kalina Bermel
07-25	Chuck Mason

Budget & Finances

General Fund without ERC Funds		
	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Income		
Administrative	\$1,146	\$724
Congregational Life	\$270,963	\$257,075
Total Income	\$272,109	\$257,799
Expenses		
Congregational Life	\$3,162	\$900
Outreach	\$7,628	\$6,700
Special Events	\$2,107	\$2,100
Worship	\$3,285	\$2,694
Facilities	\$50,687	\$49,946
Administration - Payroll	\$191,423	\$195,854
Administration - Operations	\$17,527	\$17,373
Youth Ministry	\$6,554	\$6,290
Total Expenses	\$282,373	\$281,557
Net Operating Revenue	-\$10,264	-\$23,758

* ERC funds of \$58,625. \$8,300 for unbudgeted expenses. \$35,000 in Money Market account. \$15,325 to cover budget deficit and reserved in checking account.

Building Fund		
	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Income		
Member Offering	\$104,249	\$114,000
Outside Income	\$18,810	\$18,860
Total Income	\$123,059	\$132,860
Expenses		
Mortgage Payment	\$120,420	\$120,420
Building Projects	\$5,507	\$6,970
Total Expenses	\$125,927	\$127,390
Net Operating Revenue	-\$2,868	\$5,470

Proposed 2024 Budget

	2024 Budget
Income	
Administrative	\$25,400
Congregational Life *	\$398,323
Total Income	\$423,723
Expenses	
Congregational Life	\$900
Outreach	\$7,075
Special Events	\$2,400
Worship	\$3,595
Facilities	\$179,280
Administration - Payroll	\$209,260
Administration - Operations	\$14,363
Youth Ministry	\$6,850
Total Expenses	\$423,723
Net Operating Revenue	\$0

* Represents an 8.8% increase in giving

Breakdown of Expenses

