REPORT ON PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S SPRING GATHERING

in Colgate, ND on Saturday, April 27, 2019

Colgate Presbyterian Church hosted 40 Presbyterian Women for a Spring Gathering filled with worship, education, sharing, and fellowship. Worship and communion were led by Pastor Donna Monteith, Hunter/Grandin, with a message on our theme from Isaiah 60:1 “Arise! Shine! for your Light has come!” The offering of $394.00 was divided between the Global Exchange Program and Wings as Eagles Ministries.

We welcomed Sue Ingels from Fayette, Iowa to share her experiences in Indonesia as part of the Global Exchange Program in 2017. Their theme “Building Bridges of Understanding” fit into the purpose of the exchange to build church relationships. The Protestant Reformed Church in Indonesia supports ministries like a community center where women receive health and nutrition information and a kindergarten serving impoverished children.

Elizabeth Swee, Moorhead, presented disaster preparedness training which she received from PDA at Churchwide. Among the items to keep in our “Bug-out Bag (BOB)” for evacuation are cash and copies of insurance information, medication list, birth certificate, social security records, family photo and phone numbers in a Ziploc bag. In addition to a personal BOB, congregations are encouraged to put together a church BOB in case of disaster. Items such as insurance information, financial records, inventory, list of shelters, member directory and phone tree should be included.

Collections of pillowcases for children at Emergency Foster Care Clinic in Dakota Presbytery and Puerto Rico, Target gift cards for girls in safe houses who have come out of trafficking, wrapping paper and gift bags for Wings as Eagles ministry for children at Pine Ridge, jewelry/scarves to sell at Synod Gathering for the Native American Dakota Fund assisting our sisters in Dakota Presbytery, and donations to Chogoria ministry team for their 2020 trip to Kenya.

Donna Myhrer, Red Lake Falls, closed with the devotion that even though the glory of the Lord shines on us every moment of every day, we have to open our eyes and our hearts to recognize it. So take the challenge, as Isaiah did, “Arise! Shine! for your Light has come!”