

AGLC COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

AS REPORTED IN AUGUST 2023

Christian Education

See Youth report

Fellowship

Fellowship Committee September 2023 Report

August 5, 8am, AGLC Monthly 1st Saturday Men's Group Breakfast & Bible Study

All men invited, any age. Breakfast provided by volunteer(s), Message also by volunteer, and all participate in discussion.

August 12, 10:30am, Monthly 2nd Saturday Ladies' Fellowship & Scripture Study

Vicar Christine led discussion, and all participated. Volunteers provide breakfast/brunch. All ages invited.

August 13, 11am, Monthly 2nd Sunday Fellowship Meeting following worship

Led by Carol & Dee, all committee or interested members invited. Discussed plans for the following upcoming Events:

- Sept-Dec Suppers for Six, Carol will announce and connect groups, who can plan their schedules of meeting for dinners.
- Sun., Sept. 10th Ministry Fair before/after worship.
- Sun., Sept. 24th "Apple" Pie Sunday, all members invited to share favorite pie, apple pie provided in celebration of Pastor Nick's birthday.
- Sun., Oct. 15th Fall Picnic after worship-Dudes cooking meal – check paper goods & plastic ware, etc., congregation brings desserts.
- Sun., Nov. 26th Thanksgiving Pie Sunday – everyone invited to bring pies to share after worship.
- Sun., Dec. 3rd, 6 pm Advent Dinner & Variety Show

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- Sat., Jan. 20th Chili Cookoff, 6 pm
- Sat., Feb. 10th Ladies Sweetheart Brunch & Secret Sister Reveal, 10 am
- Sat., Feb. 10th Dudes' Super Bowl Brisket Cook
- Wed., 2/14-3/20 Ash Wed. & Lenten suppers, 6 pm
- Sat., May 11th Mother's Day Brunch and Games, 10 am

Updates:

- We have 9 Suppers for Six Groups!

- Susie Henning has restarted the Women in Stitches group
- There will be ladies from AGLC attending the WELCA event Oct. 13-14

At the Ministry Fair there was interest in

- Book club (non-Biblical)
 - Walking Pals
 - All ages game nights
- Bowling

Our next Fellowship meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 17th.

Member Care

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Attendance

*Attendance Counts – by ushers and binders that members and visitors sign during the church service. Usher count is the “official” count. Jo Kruzel, AGLC Office Manager, then inputs the attendance count into Breeze which is the website to identify the number of members and visitors that attend church each Sunday.

*Visitors – visitors are signing into binders but may not include their contact information in binders so while they can be added into Breeze to track their frequency of visiting. It is not possible to send “thank you” for attending note/message if they choose not to provide contact information.

*Online numbers are probably under-represented as it is based on people who sign in online or who check in on Facebook live in the comments section

*Total Count: In-person (members and visitor) plus online worshippers (that can be counted)

	AUG. 6	AUG. 13	AUG. 20	AUG. 27
In Person	165	153	138	148
Online	25	10	15	13
Total	190	163	153	161
visitors	20	18	22	10

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE met on August 20, 2023 – 13 members present.

ATTENDANCE: A note will be placed into the Wednesday Connection to remind members that are watching the service online to sign into the Facebook comments to let us know who is watching and how many are in their group. We will ask Pastor to comment on this during his beginning announcements as well.

VISITOR FOLLOWUP: Lori Anderson will continue to send a note to welcome our visitors. Carol Court has volunteered to help with this.

VISITOR BAGS: Susie Henning has made more visitor bags. The committee talked about what more we can add to the bag. Pam Berg offered to check with the church office and with our Lutheran Synod if there are materials that they might have, such as information cards about the Lutheran church, reading resources, bookmarks, or a devotional book that we can purchase to add to these bags.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Pastor Nick has chosen October 15, 2023 as our next New Member Sunday. Lori Anderson the visitors that would like to join AGLC to get a picture of their family and information about them for the bulletin for that Sunday. She will also send out invitations for the new member meeting before the church service and invite them to join us for the annual church picnic that will be held on that same day after church service.

Donuts and coffee will be served during the new member meeting which will be held in the fellowship building.

NEW MEMBER DINNER: A dinner will not be planned for October 15, due to the picnic that the church will have instead.

PRAYER CHAIN: Kim Saunders continues to initiate the prayer chain when she receives a prayer request from a member. She will add members to the email that have requested to participate.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Dave Klym mentioned that a meeting will be held again in September. They purchased a new banner for the church in August.

COLLEGE CARE: Marcy McTaggart is starting to identify the members that will be attending college this year. Notes and packages will be sent to these students during the year. She plans to identify college Lutheran ministry for each student. Marcy will talk to Kyle Powell about planning a social for this group when they return for Christmas break.

SENIOR SUNDAY RECOGNITION: Kristen Etheredge has volunteered to help Stephanie Henricks with this in the spring. This is a Sunday that students of AGLC that that will be graduating will be recognized for their achievement.

AGLC FUNERALS: There are a group of people who have volunteered to help with food if there is the need to hold a reception after a funeral here at Abiding Grace. These people signed up on the time and talent sheet.

DRIVING VOLUNTEERS: Pam Berg and Marcy McTaggart have volunteered to help anyone that may need a ride to their health appointment.

ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS): The volunteers were asked to continue to send notes of encouragement to homebound members on the list and to let Linnea know if there have been health changes with any of these members. Linnea Wolters will check to see if there should be members added to this list. Kyle Powell mentioned to Linnea that packages were put together for the homebound members at Great Day of Service and need to be delivered to them. Linnea will talk to Kyle what these packages contain and will get Member Care group to deliver them.

Outreach Meeting Agenda

August 27 2023

Members Present: Lori Anderson, Simon Scholtz, Kristen Etheredge, Karen Hurtado, Debbie Kelley, Kim Haggerty, Marcy McTaggart, Stephanie Henricks, Madison Anderson

I. Introductions

Members introduced themselves
Council Liaison – Simon Scholtz

II. AGLC Vision Meeting Recap

Lori, Simon, and Kristen shared their notes about AGLC Vision Meeting and what it means for Outreach: Outreach is seen as a strength and we need to continue doing ministries that benefit our community

III. ELCA Hunger Grant Recap

Good Shepherd needs more help from Abiding Grace in our partnership with them in this grant: community breakfasts (4th Saturday of each month); help with pantry (every Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm) and help with serving dinners on Thursday evenings with Many Helping Hands (sign up for once in the fall and once in the spring)

Thursday, October 19 – shadow with group serving Many Helping Hands to learn process

IV. San Gabriel Back to School Supply Drive Recap

Anderson family and Vicar Christine delivered collected school supplies to San Gabriel on Sunday, August 6 for their Back to School celebration. Families loved choosing a backpack and then filling it with school supplies they needed

Pastor Jesus mentioned that their school district is changing to four-day week which means there is a need for child care and meals on Fridays for family and San Gabriel is looking to fill that need. Lori will maintain contact with him to see what that looks like and what AGLC can do to support (helping with buying snacks and supplies)

V. God's Work Our Hands (Ministry Fair)– Sunday, September 10. 2023

Outreach will have a table at Ministry Fair

Lori – will print out flyers advertising our ministry

Etheredge family – will provide baked goodies

Karen and Kim will send any pictures they have to Lori for tri-fold

VI. GRACE Transition Unit Update

Kim talked about how Grapevine Baptist Church provides a six-week course called Faith and Finance to residents and how there is a need for us to provide a three week course in conjunction with Faith and Finance that focuses on interview skills, resume writing, entrepreneurship. We talked about offering our course twice a year and we helped Kim brainstorm names of people in our congregation who might be available to help. Kim will reach out to these people and also ask Pastor Nick for suggestions and then gather those people to work together to plan date/time for the course and lessons for the course

VII. Special Offerings Each Month

July – San Gabriel \$1076.13

August – Heather's Old Skool \$2271.81

September – Pastor Nick will choose since it falls on his birthday

October – Susan Canole's Foundation, Trotting Towards Hope

VIII. Fall/Winter Projects

A. Boo Bingo – Saturday, October 28

B. Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Luncheon – Saturday, November 18

C. Christmas Caroling with Youth – Sunday, December 10

D. GRACE Transition Unit Christmas Party – Friday, December 15

IX. Next Meeting; Sunday, October 1, following service

Personnel

Everything is running smoothly

Property Committee

Just met on September 11 - will send report to be included in October reports

Stewardship and Endowment

- Prior meeting follow up items.
 - * Committee focus/mission statement (time, talent, treasure)
 - * staffing of Wednesday services
 - * feedback from book "Abundance" - next meeting
- Congregation Committee Shared Meeting
 - * focus items. Karen will represent the committee (booth)
 - time/talent
 - endowment
- Endowment Strategy
 - * establish a year end/Q1 2024 goal
 - * share vision and once a \$ threshold is met look at foundation options
 - * review options for establishing a governance committee
- Next meeting September 17

Worship and Music

Vanessa Crixell will be submitting reports but her email was not on "committee chairs" distribution list so she has been added so she can begin submitting reports next month

Youth

From Family Newsletter on 9/12/23

We kicked off our Sunday School with a fun Carnival! We had kids playing games, students and volunteers helping to run the games, and plenty of candy and prizes to get everyone excited for the fall.

In the evening, our youth got together and did a short worship service together before leaving their mark on the program by writing verses and art on the walls of the youth building. We are praying that will God do some incredible things here with all our kids this year and yesterday was a great way to start this journey together!

Confirmation kicks off Sunday, September 17, at 9am in the Youth Building. This year Pastor Nick and Vicar Christine will be going through Lutheran Theology.

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is happening in New Orleans, LA from July 16-20, 2024. Registration opens Friday, September 15 and the deposit is \$150. The first 200 people that register from the NTNL will have the balance of their registration fee, \$225, paid for.