

AGLC COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2025 AS REPORTED IN DECEMBER 2024

Christian Education

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Sunday school team met on Sunday January 5th to plan the upcoming year and complete committee action plans for visioning. We reflected on the Christmas program and curriculum. Last year we had an average of 12 students in Sunday school weekly. We will continue this year with the online Spark classroom curriculum. This is allowing us to hand pick lessons to coordinate with the liturgical calendar as well as the lectionary at times. Our focus will continue to be basic biblical understanding. Plans were made for a "Bring a Friend" Sunday. We are also going to work on training the older kids to participate as worship assistants in appropriate roles. There will be a mini program during Palm Sunday worship that will include a short skit, a song, and incorporate some of the Bible stories covered in Sunday school. We are excited to resume this Sunday, January 12th!

Submitted by: Vicar Christine

Fellowship

Fellowship Committee January 2025

January 18th at 6pm will be the annual Chili Cook Off

February 1st will be the Men's Breakfast

February 8th the Abiding Dudes will cook briskets to be picked up on the 9th, Super Bowl Sunday

February 15th will be the Valentine Dinner and Talent Show

March 5th is Ash Wednesday and a dinner before the service

May 3rd will be the Mother's Day Brunch (Secret Sister reveal)

Fellowship Chairmen
Carol Court and Dee Rose

Member Care

Member Care AGLC Council Report

DECEMBER 2024

Attendance

*Attendance Counts – binders collected by ushers that members and visitors sign during the church service. Usher count is the “official” count. Jo Kruzel, AGLC Office Manager, 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 worshipers (that can be counted)

	DEC 1	DEC 8	DEC 15	DEC 22	DEC 24 5pm/ 7pm	DEC 29
In Person	147	190	183	141	252/84	107
Online	23	23	17	22	16/0	13
Total	170	213	200	163	268/84	120
visitors	9	30	28	22	62/ 19	10

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE: Meeting was held on Dec. 1. Only 5 members present. The meeting mainly discussed who would help to make cookies and assemble basket to drop off with homebound members. Cookies were dropped off on December 14 at church and bags were assembled.

ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS): Members of the committee delivered bag of cookies to each member on the homebound list on December 15. Original plan was to have youth drop off cookies while caroling, many homebound members were not going to be available for the youth to come by so cookies were dropped off by Member Care.

VISITORS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: December 8, 2024, was new member Sunday with 7 new members joining AGLC. A new member orientation took place at 9 am with a small breakfast for the members. New members were presented during the church service and they were invited to the church lunch after the service. We also had 4 new members join the following Sunday, December 15th.

Special welcome bags were set out for visitors coming to Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24th.

Submitted by Marie Klym, Chair of Membership Care

Outreach

Outreach Report

San Gabriel Angel Tree

We provided 60 angel tree gifts as requested by San Gabriel Lutheran Church. Gifts were delivered on Wednesday December 18 by Outreach Committee members Christine Riggs and Stephanie Henricks

Christmas Caroling at Harbor Chase – Sunday December 15, following service

Alan Kohutek provided music leadership (playing guitar and leading volunteers in song) while Anderson family, Schuetz family, and Vicar Christine sang Christmas carols to residents and we passed out 100 Christmas goodie bags to residents that also advertised our Christmas Eve services.

GRACE Christmas Party for families in their transitional housing program

On Friday, December 13 we partnered with Rotary Club to provide a Christmas party for families. Our own Tim Schuetz (representing Rotary) came as Santa Claus to hand out gifts and read Twas the Night Before Christmas story to the children. Kim Haggerty (lead) along with Alan Kohutek, Anderson, Looft, Billardello, and Schuetz families volunteered at the party serving pizza and providing activities (crafts, cookie decorating) for families.

GRACE Take One Leave One Adoption

We have expanded our “oil for GRACE” to better support GRACE community by adopting one of their Take One Leave One boxes located at Feed Our Kids site (610 Shadybrook Drive, Grapevine) to fill with canned/boxed foods for families to access outside of pantry hours. List of items on sign next to collection box and also in Wednesday Connections.

There is also opportunity for individuals/families to adopt the TOLO each month to help with delivering donated food to the TOLO site.

We have begun recruiting volunteers to adopt a month for 2025 and so far January, February, March, and June are adopted.

December Special Offering:

San Gabriel Lutheran Church- still to be determined

Upcoming Events:

Serving Our Seniors Monthly Luncheon – Tuesday January 21, 9:00am -1:00pm

Annual “Tribute to Jim” Blood Drive - Sunday, February 23, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Ronald McDonald Meals from the Heart - Thursday, February 13 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Submitted by Lori Anderson, Outreach Chair

Personnel

Property Committee

AGLC Property Committee

AGLC Property Committee Agenda 1/6/25

Old Business

- Second floor office renovations have been gifted by a member: Work is underway
- Hire lawn and/or garden maintenance. Ray and Craig met with Ethan Anderson on 12/4/24 and Ethan will begin working 5 hours/wk immediately.
- Lights for the cross in front of the Church: Tim plans to move the existing light to the end of the Abiding Grace sign.
- Youth building porch cover: The project is complete, except a torn section of siding available at Home Depot for \$8.45 for a 24" section. Home Depot does not have the panel in stock
- Sanctuary lighting and control panel. Tentatively scheduled for the week of January 13th. Likely Monday and Tuesday, then the final step in the process to occur on Thursday January 16th.
- Vendor Folder: Tim located his records and will start loading his information. Tim will work with Christine Riggs for additional agreements and past invoices.

- Paul Payne asked us to consider a rainwater conservation system and planting Buffalo grass. Paul was encouraged to obtain further information on both suggestions to improve lawns and reduce our water bill.
- Paul would like to replace the 3 hoses and nozzles on the Office building. Craig will purchase 2 new hoses and nozzles. Nozzles are complete.
- The dead hedge plants need to be removed. This is completed, replacement plants need to be identified for planting in February. Craig will identify plants and cost.
- Add tool hangers to the shed. Completed
- Christmas Lights update: Alan Kohutek worked with Chris Babione to installf lights across the office and ed building (timers and extension cords)
- Mole and gopher infestations: We continue to apply grubex to discourage moles..
- Leak in the gutter by the Sanctuary entrance. Tim repaired
- Power wash the North side of the Office. Alan will complete with the newly donated power washer.
- Sanctuary exterior fire emergency light: It is difficult to access, Tim will try to obtain a folding ladder.

New Business

- Leak under the East driveway. The leak is slow but continues after 2 weeks.
- Deformed cutting platform on the Toro riding mower needs repair or replacement
- Prepare slides for the January 2025 Congregational meeting.

Submitted by Alan Kohutek

Stewardship and Endowment

Stewardship Committee Report

Meeting notes from December 15 meeting:

What is the "culture" of our Congregation? What are needs?

- * New approach to Time and Talent Response sheets from Congregation
- * Endowment fund (\$140K current balance) - Potential of Having two endowment presentations Annually.
- * Potential recipient towards facelift of Nursery - in hope of better attracting younger families with younger children.

Submitted by Michael McClement

Worship and Music

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Altar Guild 2024 Report

The incredible Altar Guild team prepares and cleans up after communion for every church service that offers communion. We change out banners and paraments according to the liturgical calendar. We help decorate the sanctuary for Advent, Christmas and Easter. We also monitor and stock all supplies needed for communion and altar settings. We added one full-time volunteer this year and a couple occasional volunteers. We made changes on some supplies to ensure freshness and quality. We also worked with the Fellowship Team to identify needs for a Kitchen Coordinator.

Submitted by Vanessa Crixell

Youth Group

Youth Committee Report

On December 15th several students and parents enjoyed an evening of Christmas caroling. We made 5 stops, including two Christmas parties and visited with several members. Both programs have been on break since. Confirmation and High School youth group return on January 12th.

Submitted by: Pastor Nick