

**AGLC COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2024
AS REPORTED IN JULY 2024**

Christian Education

The Sunday School team met on August 4th for a Curriculum Day and Teacher Orientation. We reviewed the lessons for the upcoming semester as well as did some planning and preparation for Rally Day. Invitations to families will be sent this month. Continued preparations for the Sunday school building and classrooms are scheduled in the coming weeks. Teachers are working in small groups to prepare initial lessons and divide the schedule for the year. Julie Nelson has graciously stepped up to be our Superintendent and will be helping teachers coordinate lessons and prepare materials. The full calendar for the rest of the calendar year has been published in Wednesday connections (also attached) and Sunday school registration is officially open.

Theme: Walking through the Bible

Verse: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Upcoming events

8/18 - Blessing for Teachers and Students (during the youth led worship service)

9/8 - Rally Day and Reception and Blessing for the Sensory Room

9/29 - Bible presentation (to all students 3rd grade who have not received a Bible from AGLC; there will be a sign up)

Excitement for the year is only growing!

Submitted by: Vicar Christine

Fellowship

Fellowship Committee Report – July 2024

Meeting Notes - July 21, 2024

FY 2024-2025 Events:

September 8th Rally Day

October 6th Fall Church Picnic

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Pot Luck for sides and desserts

December 1st Pie Sunday

December 8th Advent Lunch after service. We chose this day because it is the **children's** Christmas Program. It is a busy time and people might not come back that night for a dinner.

January 18th Chili Cook

February 15th Valentine Dinner and Talent Show

March 5th Ash Wednesday

May 3rd Mother's Day Brunch

Ongoing Programs:

1st Saturday 8 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

2nd Thursday 10 am Women in Stitches

2nd Saturday 8:30 Ladies' Fellowship & Scripture Study

3rd Sunday 11 am Fellowship Committee Meeting

4th Thursday 10 am Women in Stitches

Other projects:

Nolen Clemens Memorial lunch

Volunteer Worship Assistants: Kitchen Coordinator Duties – In work w/ Altar Guild

AGLC Food Policy – In work w/ Altar Guild

Dee Rose and Carol Court - Co-Chairs

Member Care

Member Care AGLC Council Report

JULY 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)

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
In Person	113	133	131	101
Online	25	21	13	15
Total	138	154	144	116
visitors	7	15	11	5

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE will meet again August 18, 2024 before church at 9am in the Children Education bldg.

ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS): Christmas in July was celebrated on July 21. Congregation was invited to make Christmas cookies and Member Care Committee delivered a plate of cookies to homebound members. Member Care will help with food for Nolan Clemen's Memorial Service on Aug. 3.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Stephen Ministry group met on Monday, July 17, 2024. They discussed posting caring tips in the Wednesday Connections occasionally. Their continuing education was drawn from an article from Stephen Ministry about Empathy with Siblings.

Submitted by: Marie Klym, Member Care Chair

Outreach

Outreach Report

ELCA Hunger Grant Continuing Projects

Need help with Community Breakfasts – last Saturday of each month

Two shifts:

8:00 – 10:00am Prepare and Serve

10:00am -12:00pm Serve and Clean Up

Also help with pantry on those days

GRACE Take One Leave One Adoption

We will be expanding our "oil for GRACE" to better support GRACE community by adopting one of their Take One Leave One boxes to maintain with needed items. This will begin in September.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday – September 8

Congregation members will be invited to Open House for GRACE Transition Unit 3 in the afternoon of September 8 from 2:00 - 4:00pm to celebrate the culmination of this project

Wounded Warrior Event – September 28

Jeremy Court, in conjunction with his business that partners with non-profits will be hosting a breakfast event for Wounded Warriors on September 28. He will need 4-6 people to help out with the event.

Upcoming Events:

Miracle League Baseball Buddy – Saturday October 5 11:45am – 3:00pm

Boo Bingo – Saturday, October 26 (tentatively)

Pet Blessing / Animal Shelter – Sunday, November 3rd 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Luncheon – Saturday, November 23

Christmas Caroling Assisted Living Center – TBD

GRACE Transition Unit Christmas Party – TBD

San Gabriel Christmas present drive

Serving Our Seniors Monthly Luncheon – Tuesday January 15 9:00am -1:00pm

July Special Offering:

\$316 in cash was collected and given to San Gabriel to supplement school supply drive

Submitted by Lori Anderson, Outreach Chair

Personnel

Nothing to report

Property Committee

AGLC Property Committee Minutes 8/5/2024

Attendees: Alan Kohutek, Ray Morrell, Paul Payne, Craig Williamson

Old Business

Christine suggested carpeting and padding for the office stair.

Christine has requested a quote, Per Pastor Nick, the carpeting will be included with renovations gifted by a member

Hire lawn and/or garden maintenance. Grounds care expenses are included in the 2024-2025 budget submitted. Ray suggested Bowman Landscaping begin tending the gardens. Craig requested a quote for non-lawn services and Bowman did not want to bid if lawn is excluded. Guy will seek a similar quote

Lights for the cross in front of the Church: Christine requested a quote to add light to the South side of the cross. Daniel Electric will be out to provide a quote on 8/13/24.

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.

Repair of 3 pole lights. Tony Seris contacted the vendor for a quote and \$1,300 was quoted. All 5 poles now need repair of 1 or 2 lighting units. Paul will follow-up with Tony.

The exterior light on the Fellowship room door has a loose connection. Tim and Mike are addressing.

Gravel to fill the East side of the turnaround. Gravel is in place and graded. We still found pooling water after the July rainstorm. We will monitor and add Gravel or drainage as required

Doors on the South side of buildings require maintenance and painting. Guy and Paul will address repairs when weather cools.

Proposal for Sanctuary lighting and control panel. Alan did not receive a clear cut response when he asked the Council whether they wanted us to proceed. He will ask Jonathan for guidance on presenting the request to the Council.

Bare wires on the middle AC unit, West side of the Sanctuary. Craig covered the wires with liquid tape.

New Business

Kim Haggerty has requested help moving furniture stored for GRACE housing from the Education building to a new location. She is planning a workday on August 10, 2024 and asked for volunteers. Call Kim to volunteer.

Carol Court asked whether a swing could be installed in the Sensory room. Alan will discuss requirements and options with Carol.

Members Helping Seniors at AGLC. Paul is the contact for Property. Ray will follow up with Member Care to determine what part Property can play beyond identifying volunteers. Ray will ask the Pastor what, to his knowledge, support seniors need.

Submitted by Craig Williamson, Property Chair

Stewardship and Endowment

Team update/focus items

1. Time and Talent sign up options. Goal is to increase awareness and expand sign up options. Share current Time and Talent form with other church communities.

2. 2025 Priorities

- Committee size/committed members
- What can we do differently. Apply feedback from Vision meeting.

Worship and Music

Worship & Music

Special music was provided at all services - many thanks to the dedicated musicians who show up every week.

Altar Guild made some minor changes after the wine tasting by the congregation. We are now purchasing the wine in smaller bottles which are kept in the fridge to insure freshness. We have also purchased a wine saver pump which will keep the leftover wine fresher. We prepared communion for approximately 455 headcount for the month of July. Our altar guild ladies are awesome!!

We appreciate the addition of a tower fan to keep the Saturday Set-Up ladies cooler during this hot weather.

The candlestick that was sent out for repair is scheduled to be completed and returned the first week in September.

Kudos to the Fellowship committee for the excellent luncheon provided following Nolan Clemens funeral service.

Our next meeting is on August 18. We have one person who expressed an interest in joining our committee and I have reached out to him.

Submitted by Sue Dalbout, Worship & Music Chair

Youth Group

Youth Committee Meeting Sunday, August 4, 2024

Members Present: Pastor Nick, Linnea Wolters, Finn Wolters, Arthur Anderson, Lori

Anderson, Madison Anderson, Kristen Comer, Cory Wegner, Emily Wegner, Jonathan Charlton, Jennifer Worrel, Paul Harrington, Michelle Billardello, Caroline Billardello

I. Opening Prayer

Given by Pastor Nick

II. Introductions

Each person introduced themselves

III. Organizational Chart

Pastor Nick reviewed the organizational chart to show all the ministries that fall under Christian Education including Children's Ministries, Youth Committee, and Adult Education

IV. Fall Programming

Rally Day – September 8

Youth Group (9th – 12th) will meet on Sunday evenings 6:00 – 7:30pm and will include rotation of the following:

- o Fellowship
- o Bible Study
- o Current Events / Christian Ethics
- o Speakers (confirmation students will be invited)

V. Sunday Evening Programming for Youth Group and Confirmation

Confirmation for 6th – 8th grades and start of 9th grade through October

Youth Group for 9th – 12th grades

Format:

6:00 – 6:30pm Dinner and Games (confirmation and youth group)

6:30 – 7:30 – Confirmation / Youth Group will split into their separate groups

Staff:

Confirmation – Pastor Nick

Youth Group – Jennifer Worrel (fill in until staff hired)

Families will sign up to bring dinner each Sunday

VI. Youth-Led Worship

Next one: August 18th

Frequency: Every 5th Sunday

Explored music options including participation in Christmas Program

VII. Youth Sunday Mornings

Historically, low attendance/participation in youth Sunday School so discussed opportunities for youth to participate in church ministries during that time (helping with Sunday School, participating in choir, participating in adult bible studies)

VIII. National Youth Gathering

Next gathering: June 28 – July 2, 2027 in Minneapolis, MN

Fundraising – need to have ongoing fundraising and have team lead fundraising

IX. Camps

Discussed options of camps including out-of-state camps

X. Youth Director Job Description

Looked at part-time position and updated job description

Possible candidate (Lauren) – Plan is to invite Lauren to youth-led worship on August 18th and for lunch afterwards to have conversation after with committee

XI. Other Ideas

Lock-ins

Service Opportunities

Next meeting: September 15, 6:00 – 7:30pm to plan logistics for all that was discussed