

AGLC COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2024  
AS REPORTED IN JANUARY 2024

### Christian Education

I feel like each year, January somehow gets longer. We had so much packed into this month and we had a lot of awesome things happen!

Starting out with our children's ministry, we kicked off the new year talking about "What can we do?" The month of January was all about looking at the Bible and learning how we can help Jesus here on earth right now! How can we as parents, grandparents, students, and kids impact the world around us so that people might know Jesus and the kids had a great time with this! Cory led our kids through this series and did a really great job and I'm so thankful for him and the support of our moms who hang out with us each week as our kids have been having a great time learning about Jesus!

Confirmation is rolling right along as we have moved into some more theologically dense material. We spent the whole month of January talking about Communion and Baptism, which might seem like a long time, but honestly, we probably could talk for another few weeks on the subject. One of the coolest things we've seen so far from this group is the addition of a new student who has been super involved since being invited and Nick and I are so glad he and his friends are starting to feel at home here!

### Fellowship

#### Fellowship February 2024

February 17

Ladies Valentine's Brunch

Secret Sister Reveal and start of new "sister year."

Lent Mid Week Suppers

Youth will host Ash Wednesday

Dinners will be potluck unless someone volunteers to take a Wednesday

May

There will be a Mother's Day Brunch

The first Saturday of each month there is a Men's Breakfast

The Chili Cook Off was a fun evening with about 30 in attendance. Michelle Billardello was the winner.

The Fellowship Committee meets after the service on the third Sunday of each month, at the corner table near the choir room. We always welcome anyone who wants to help, or be involved at any level!

Dee Rose and Carol Court  
Co-Chairmen

## Member Care

### Member Care AGLC Council Report

**JANUARY 2024**

#### 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, 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)

	<b>Jan 7</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Jan 28</b>	
<b>In Person</b>	137	90	142	166	
<b>Online</b>	14	23	14	11	
<b>Total</b>	151	113	156	177	
<b>visitors</b>	11	10	10	10	

## **MEMBERSHIP CARE COMMITTEE meeting was held on January 14, 2024**

### **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:**

The next new member Sunday has not been determined. Committee talked about how to get new members more involved in church. We will continue to encourage new members to complete the time and talent form. Committee members will try to reach out to new members with personal invites to join a committee. We discussed connecting an older member family to each new member family to help them to start building relationships with the AGLC congregation.

### **VISITORS:**

A suggestion to hand out a special bag to visitors on Easter and Christmas Eve services was discussed. We decided to look into bookmarks and making an ornament to hand out. We also have some coffee mugs that have Abiding Grace inscribed on them that we may include in visitor bags. We will check on costs of ordering bookmarks with our church name on them, as well as an ornament the committee can make.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Met on Monday, January 15, 2024. There are 11 caregivers and 5 care receivers.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS):**

Committee will collect items for a spring gift basket to deliver to Homebound members. We will deliver the baskets the first week of April. Committee members continue to reach out to the members with cards/notes and visits.

### **SENIOR MEMBER LUNCH:**

An idea for a senior lunch was presented. After meeting with Pastor, this idea will take a different route with more discussion to follow.

## Outreach

### Outreach Report for February 2024 Council Meeting

#### **BRAVE Banquet – Sunday, January 21, 6:00 -9:00pm**

We hosted banquet for BRAVE athletes and their families on Sunday, January 21, 6:00 -9:00pm. We had 30 AGLC people volunteer to help with this event. We celebrated and honored 12 BRAVE athletes and their families and coaches. It was Luau theme party with dinner and dancing as well as presenting awards to the BRAVE athletes.

#### **January 28 Special Offering**

January's special offering went to the youth group to help fund expenses for National Youth Gathering

Total raised: \$1900

#### **Ladies Pajama Night – Friday, February 2**

Kim Haggerty hosted a ladies night where ladies from AGLC and other lady friends gathered at her house, bringing pajamas for ladies at Safe Haven (housing for women who are victims of domestic abuse). Kim reported that 60 pajama sets were collected and she will be delivering those to Safe Haven.

#### **Carter Blood Drive – Sunday, February 11, 8:30am – 12:30pm**

We had nine people donate, 11 units collected (seven whole blood and 2 double red)

#### **ELCA Hunger Grant Update**

Community Garden - Planting committee met at Good Shepherd on Sunday February 11 to begin planning the community garden.

#### **Upcoming February Events**

#### **Outreach During Lent (February 14 – March 31)**

GRACE Unit 3 (one time project) We will be collecting items to furnish Unit 3 to get ready for new client.

#### **Ronald McDonald House – Sunday, February 25, 4:00 – 8:00pm**

Volunteer Requirements

Maximum #: 12  
Minimum Age – 14  
No vaccine requirements

## Personnel

Payroll is running smoothly,  
W-2s went out on time in January.  
Benefits were elected and changes updated and verified with Portico.  
I have not been notified of any employment issues.  
Overall good. Thx, BU

## Property Committee

### **AGLC Property Committee Minutes 2/5/24**

**Attendees: Alan Kohutek, Ray Morrell, Christine Riggs, Tim Scheutz, Jerry Court, Terry Glazier , Paul Payne, Craig Williamson**

Hire lawn and/or garden maintenance. Lawn care expenses will be included in the proposed budget for 2024-2025. The budget will be broken down to several line items so each line can be reviewed and approved.

The Education Building dormer soffit: Alan volunteered to measure for a replacement panel, Tim will create.

Fill the Office septic tank and remove the pump. Badger Septic provided a quote of \$5,000 to pump out, crush the old tanks and fill the hole. Craig will make an expense request and submit to Jerry

Repair or removal of Church signs. New signs will arrive 2/19/24.

Church Mutual inspection action items. Tim will complete most items and will solicit help from Craig and others, as needed.

Ceiling light in the Sanctuary: Council approved the expense request for lights and a lift. Tony purchased 2 new lights, replaced the failed lights and is having them repaired. We plan to replace lights whenever 2 have failed.

Repair of the lighted AGLC sign on Highland: Electricity to the lights was restored by

resetting the timer. Replacement bulbs are being ordered for both working and burnt out bulbs at \$27 total including spares. Tim is adjusting the timer.

Review results of the survey: We determined the survey showed greatest support for the well and chairs. Jerry took these two projects to the Council and Council requested additional information. Christine forwarded quotes on all the projects, not just the well and chairs.

### **New Business**

Gardens need cleanup after the freeze. Ray contacted gardeners and they worked last Saturday.

Cost/Benefit analysis of proposed projects: well, sanctuary floor, stairs, other: Tim and Craig are working on the well, Christine will have the Office stairs looked at by a safety expert, Craig will submit an expense request for \$7,000 to Jerry.

Lights in the Sanctuary bathroom hallway: Paul will replace.

Lights for the cross in front of the Church:

Spring Workday: We plan a workday for March 23, 2024. Craig will get mulch, roundup, and make a call list.

Youth building porch cover: The end sections of the cover are rotting and should be removed. The project will be included in the March Workday.

### **Stewardship and Endowment**

Meeting held 1/14/24

Goals for 2024:

Communication  
Happenings  
Volunteerism  
Spring Campaign

Committee members to brainstorm for additional goals for next meeting on 2/18/24

Endowment Committee now a separate committee under Stewardship headed by Ray Canole

### **Worship and Music**

Our next Worship and Music meeting is this Sunday Feb 18  
We are in the process of planning for the Holy Week services  
We will be working more towards setting up training dates for Worship Assistants to come and learn how to volunteer in worship

### **Youth**

The youth group has kicked off 2024 in a slightly different way than we were doing things in the fall. We've started having a few Sunday nights a month that are led by our students completely. We've had a great lesson on asking for help and a great lesson on friendship and I'm so excited to see how our conversations continue to grow as we move through the spring! We also had an incredible youth led worship service on January 28th and had 8 out of our 9 students going to the National Youth Gathering help with the service including having Miriam Etheredge preach! This service was a big success but on top of just being a cool way to get our kids more involved, we were able to raise close to \$1900 for our youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering. We'll also be doing a fundraiser on Ash Wednesday (Soup Supper) and Easter Sunday (Pancake Breakfast) to continue trying to raise some additional funds for our youth!