

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

Christian Education / Youth Group

Submitted by Pastor Nick and Vicar Christine:

For children's ministry, we had VBS June 17-20th and we had 12 kids participate. We had a growing number of our high school youth who volunteered and hung out during the week. It was great seeing all the kids together! We had 6 adult volunteers who were instrumental in making the week happen. It was a fun week!

This past Sunday, we reintroduced Children's bulletins and they were positively received. We'll continue to have those printed and available with the regular bulletins to be handed out by ushers. These are included in our Sundays and Seasons subscription, so besides paper it is no additional cost. We are hoping to soon refresh the busy bags and crayons for kids to use during service.

Sunday School is in the preparation stage for the upcoming school year. We had a planning meeting in May and now have a curriculum chosen (will be ordering soon). We will be using the Spark curriculum, classroom edition. This version walks through the Bible and hits major stories to give kids an overall understanding. This was a need identified at the planning meeting in May. Rally Day will be September 8th. I will be in Iowa the week prior for the first week of seminary, so I will be relying on volunteer support to get things ready to go for that day. I will be there on Rally Day.

On June 29th, we had a work day. We had 10 volunteers who cleaned out the education building. A LOT of hard work was done that day and the building is closer to being ready for the school year. We were able to consolidate supplies so we know what we already have, and throw out old/broken/not working supplies and materials to free up space. We will have at least one more work day this summer. I currently have 15 adult volunteers ready to help with Sunday school -- some as teachers, others as subs, and some as support. We will have classrooms with assigned teachers this year. We will also be presenting Bibles to students this year. There was some desire about making some updates (cosmetic) to the bathrooms (i.e. adding paper towel holders, fresh paint, etc.). I'll be reaching out to the property committee to discuss options and have been working with them to have the classroom, currently being used to store furniture for GRACE, cleaned out.

High schoolers are gearing up for the National Youth Gathering (July 16th-20th). Pastor Nick is taking the lead on this trip and he and the group who is going are very excited about going to New Orleans. They will all meet the Sunday before they leave to connect with Gary's youth group from Colorado and for fellowship. Families will be texted Bible studies to help them connect with their teens before the trip. After the youth gathering, Pastor Nick will be forming a youth committee to set up weekly youth activities in September.

Fellowship

Fellowship Committee Report – June 2024

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

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-Chairs

Member Care

Member Care AGLC Council Report

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)

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	
In Person	157	106	139	126	141	
Online	14	10	15	15	18	
Total	171	116	154	141	159	
visitors	15	9	9	20	16	

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE – Committee met on June 30, 2024.

ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS): Christmas in July will be celebrated on July 21. Congregation will be invited to make Christmas cookies and Member Care Committee will plate & deliver cookies to homebound members. A note will be placed in the Wednesday Connection newsletter asking for cookies.

VISITOR BAGS: We talked about new ideas to place in the visitor bags. A brochure with the programs our church has to offer will be made which will also show the different activities that take place during the seasons of Abiding Grace and possibly a monthly church calendar. We will design a bookmark with service times and Sunday school time.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: The Stephen ministers 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.

IDEAS FOR OUR COMMITTEE TO WORK ON:

Jane Seris presented the idea of having informational meetings for the parents of the youth. The first presentation would be to have a police officer talk to parents about the problems with drugs and alcohol among the youth. This presentation for parents could be done during the Sunday school hour of confirmation. We hope to reach out to the parents for more ideas to present—this could be mentioned to parents during their first information meeting about confirmation. Jane will proceed to talk with Pastor about this.

Submitted by Marie Klym, Member Care Chair

Outreach

Outreach Report

San Gabriel Back to School Supply Event and Drive

On Sunday, July 28, San Gabriel Lutheran Church in Alvarado will be holding their annual “Back to School” event. We have volunteered to provide a school supplies table so for the month of July we will be collecting basic school supplies for families to choose from to help prepare their kids for the upcoming school year.

June Special Offering:

\$673.96 was collected for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services) in honor of World Refugee Day (June 20)

Submitted by Lori Anderson, Outreach Chair

Personnel

- Increases for staff were approved and submitted for July 1st effective date. Pastor Nick has been given the information to inform each person.
- Kyles employment and benefits were terminated effective May 30th.
- Christine’s salary package approved and will be effective August 1, 2024.

Property Committee

AGLC Property Committee Minutes 7/1/2024

Attendees: Craig Williamson, Vanessa Todoro Crixell, Alan Kohutek, Tim Scheutz, Ray Morrell, Guy Griffin, Paul Payne

Old Business

- Christine suggested carpeting and padding for the office stair. Christine has requested a quote. Council did not want to present the well proposal to the Congregation at the 6/23/24 Congregational meeting.
- Hire lawn and/or garden maintenance. Grounds care expenses are included in the 2024-2025 budget submitted.
- Mowing 19,200 (Tim advised this is not in the final budget)
- Check Irrigation and repairs 800
- Fertilization 1,125
- Mulch, flower beds, Playgrounds 1,890
- Clean all trees 1,800
- Ray suggested Bowman Landscaping begin tending the gardens. Craig will request an updated quote for the budgeted items.
- Lights for the cross in front of the Church: Christine requested a quote to add light to the South side of the cross. Craig will follow up with Christine.
- 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.

- Wicker chairs outside the Sanctuary: Paul obtained 3 chairs and a loveseat, thank you.
- Leak on the North end of the Sanctuary. Craig found no leak during the May rain storm and will continue to monitor. No other action is required.
- Repair of 3 pole lights. Tony Seris contacted the vendor for a quote and \$1,300 was quoted. A 4th pole now needs to be addressed, as well . The timer for the poles in the North lot needs to be checked. Craig 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. Rainwater accumulates in the gravel turnaround. Christine had gravel delivered for \$280. Brian Michel is checking whether further grading is necessary.
- Locating smoker storage. Paul found no interest in using the donated shed for smoker storage.
- Partially uprooted tree bordering the East side of the property was taken down and put to the curb. CWD picked up for \$175.

New Business

- Gardens and hedges require attention. Care is budgeted, Craig will contact Bowman. Doors on the South side of buildings require maintenance and painting. Guy will address when weather cools.
- Proposal for Sanctuary lighting and control panel. Paul and Ray moved to submit the following to the Council: “The Property Committee believes this proposed unbudgeted expenditure for Sanctuary lighting and control panel upgrades is appropriate for the Council to consider, and will obtain multiple bids if the Council wants to move forward.” Passed unanimously. Alan will bring the Committee's findings to the July Council meeting.
- Bare wires on the middle AC unit, West side of the Sanctuary. Craig will see if easily repaired or, if not, call our electrician.
- We have not received 2024-2025 Time and Talent results

Stewardship and Endowment

Waiting for report

Worship and Music

Worship & Music

Worship and Music committee met June 9, Items discussed were:

Finalizing budget requests

Discussion of need for a Kitchen Coordinator - those concerns were forwarded to Council last month.

One of the altar candlesticks was accidently damaged - it has been sent to the manufacturer for repair and should be completed and returned within 3-4 weeks. In the meantime we have temporary candles set up pending its return.

We hosted the Wine Tasting Party at the semi annual congregational meeting and a good number of members participated.

There were 3 blind tasting selections including the one we have been using since day 1.

The current selection, Mogen David won in a landslide.

We are now working on a better storage process for open bottles during the heat of the summer to preserve the quality of the wine.

As always we are available for any assistance we can offer to staff, council and the congregation as a whole.

No July meeting is scheduled at this time - we will next meet August 18.

Sue Dalbout

Worship and Music Chair