

AGLC COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JUNE 2025

AS REPORTED IN June - August 2025

Christian Education

For Sunday school:

Planning meetings have been underway! We have our verse "Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus," and theme "Running with Jesus." Our next work day will be August 24th after worship. Julie Nelson will be our superintendent again and we have begun Rally Day (Sept. 7th) planning. Families have been mailed an invite for both Sunday school and specifically Kick-Off Sunday. We are looking forward to a great year!

Pastor Christine

Communications

No report submitted.

Fellowship

Sunday, 13th - Committee meeting following 10 am service

Discussed:

Pr. Christine's Ordination recap, all the great volunteers:

Dudes cooking and serving great food

Pam Berg for taking care of the tents

Lori & Madison Anderson for decorating tables

and so many more who helped make it a beautiful and blessed event

Planned:

Fri., Aug. 3 Game Night

serve pizza, bring salads & snacks, ice cream

Mon., Aug 13 Reception to follow Charmaine Harrity's

Memorial service

Chairmen Carol Court and Dee Rose

Member Care

Member Care AGLC Council Report

JUNE 2025

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 1	JUNE 8	JUNE 15	JUNE 22	JUNE 29	
In Person	123	136	143	137	102	
Online	14	17	21	16	24	
Total	137	153	164	153	126	
Visitors	17	29	11	11	10	

	JULY 6	JULY 13	JULY 20	JULY 27		
In Person	85	141	108	100		
Online	21	34	15	25		
Total	106	175	123	125		
visitors	7	30	15	9		

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE:

Committee met on June 29, 2025.

The main two items talked about:

Christmas in July, July 20th- Member Care has baked cookies for church coffee time, as well as, delivered a plate of cookies to homebound members on that Sunday in the past 2 years. Linnea and Marie will be out of town on July 20th. Unfortunately, no other committee member at the meeting was willing to lead this activity. Jo Kruzel said she would reach out to another committee to organize the cookie activity for this day.

New Member Sunday will be held on the same day as the church picnic in Sept. or October.

ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS): The list of homebound members was brought up to date and passed out to committee. Committee continues to reach out to these members.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Stephen Ministry met on July 20 to catch up each other and their care receivers. They will meet again in September.

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE: There was no meeting in July.

Submitted by Marie Klym, Chair of Membership Care

Outreach

Tanzania Mission Trip to Mdori Orphanage

19 members from Abiding Grace Lutheran Church joined Pastor Chove and George Muro (founders of Mdori Orphanage) on mission trip to Tanzania to devote time in fellowship and service at Mdori Orphanage. We worshipped with the 14 children and their caregivers, toured the orphanage buildings and their school. We celebrated the official opening of their bathroom facility, painted their buildings, purchased bedding materials (mattresses, sheets, pillows, mosquito netting) and brought games to play with the children that we left there for them to enjoy. We also enjoyed several safaris during our visit to Tanzania.

Members presented information about their trip on Sunday, August 3rd, and all loose cash offerings in August will go to Mdori Orphanage.

San Gabriel Back To School Supply Drive

During the month of July we collected various school supplies and then several of our members (Pastor Christine, Arthur, Lori, and Madison Anderson and Will Canole) delivered the supplies to San Gabriel on Sunday August 3rd and helped families choose needed supplies for the upcoming school year at their Back to School event.

GRACE Take One Leave One Adoption

We will begin our second year of adoption of one of GRACE's 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. There is also opportunity for individuals/families to adopt the TOLO each month to help with delivering donated food to the TOLO site. Lori will send out updated sign up sheet in Wednesday Connections.

July Special Offering:

Lutheran Relief for flooding in Texas: \$979.01

Upcoming Events:

God's Work Our Hands Sunday September 7th which is also Rally Day so we will be asking people to bring food item for the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church pantry to support our ELCA Hunger Grant. Lori will email Pastor Kathryn for list of needed pantry supplies to provide to congregation.

Submitted by Lori Anderson, Outreach Chair

Personnel

No report submitted

Property Committee

AGLC Property Committee Minutes 8/4/25 Old Business: Review the Property Projects sheet and update. 2025-2026 Property budget status: The budget includes funds to pay Bowman for maintaining the Grounds. Rotation of Property Leadership: We discussed the need to rotate the Chairpersons positions. Tim S has expressed interest at the June meeting in continuing in his role as “co” or “vice” chair, which would include managing the interior features of the buildings. Craig will speak with a member who wants to serve on the committee and who may be willing to serve as Co-Chair. New Business Vendor quotes for lawn and garden maintenance. Tim moved and Alan seconded a motion to engage Bowman Landscape and Construction to maintain the grounds at AGLC. The Committee discussed and unanimously decided to engage Bowman. The Property Committee needs to work with the Dudes so that mowing does not interfere with cooking and, at the same time, weeds are kept under control: Craig noted Bowman mows during the week, not on Saturdays. What areas of the facility are currently on a signup list? Is the Property Committee meeting on the schedule? Jo includes the schedule for rooms and the Pavilion on the monthly AGLC calendar. Doors, stairs, porches, and railings require painting. A member is asking for potential Scout Eagle projects. Craig will follow up.

See list of Property Projects.

Stewardship and Endowment

Stewardship Meeting August 10, 2025

* Lengthy discussion on upcoming 2025 Time and Talents Campaign - In an effort to increase participation and pledge fulfillment (both financial and volunteering) we are looking at potential new approaches. Thoughts and ideas: Pledge-less pledge drive, sending a reminder such as a AGLC refrigerator magnets, making congregation aware of need for more volunteers and workers for various church functions, branding (sell) apparel for AGLC instituting pride in church and spreading the word in community. Obviously - cash contributions stressed as well. Timing for Time & Talent Campaign - Sept/Oct.

* Stress recent formation of additional committees: Facility Feasibility (Chair - Tim D) and Communications (Chair - John N) committee members needed.

* Identified our Priorities: What can we do differently? New Communication Network - Outsourcing/Pricing - discussed potential candidate/source...discussed potential candidate/source.

Michael McClement

Vision

No report submitted.

Worship and Music

We are continuing Summer music programs until Labor Day, then we will resume our regular Wednesday rehearsal schedule. We are actively planning our music trip to Pasadena, CA from November 7-11 and will have a trip meeting this Sunday after worship to discuss details. Vanessa is also working on a project for acoustical treatment

of the sanctuary to make the space less reverberating and make it easier to hear amplified speech for the accessibility of the congregation. Our goal this year is also to collaborate with the women in stitches group to design and create more paraments & banners for the church year. No change in status or anything to report for Altar Guild - they are diligently serving our congregation every week!

Youth Group

No report submitted.