

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Gift of Giving – Once more, on October 7, we will ask for free-will donations to purchase gifts for nursing home and assisted living residents. Rich will make an announcement that Sunday, and possibly on the preceding Sunday.

Comfort Baskets – Rich proposed criteria and procedures for the giving of comfort baskets with the intent of establish consistency and timeliness. One suggestion for improving the proposed procedures involved standardizing the items in the baskets, with the exception of a card, which will be personalized. The standard items can be procured in advance, for a maximum of \$20 per basket. Having the items on hand will make assembling the baskets more efficient. If desired, some baskets can be assembled in advance. (Storage space must be found in that case.) Another suggestion was to establish time frames for delivering the baskets. Linda and Jan will determine what goes in the baskets, and have agreed to assemble and deliver them.

Kids' Movie – Jay made up individualized invitations to send to children in the church. Envelopes were addressed and stuffed right after the meeting. Linda determined that the library can get a DVD of the movie. The library will put it on hold so Linda can pick it up a day or 2 before the 23rd. Rich will ask WELY to make public service announcements during the week prior to the movie. On movie day he will also put up the window covers and run the projector. Erin has agreed to bring her popcorn maker and make the popcorn.

Increasing Interest in Movies and Other Events – Previously, we discussed combining a pot luck meal and movie sometime in the future, as well as querying church members about other events they would enjoy attending. Jay suggested combining a movie with a study following it, as has been done at least once in the past. We will consider that for movies after this coming one.

Kid's Club – Due to scheduling difficulties, the day Kid's Club meets was changed to Thursday, and it will start up again on October 4. Dana donated money to Jan to fund crafts and *Hands on Bible* workbooks for the children. Jan drafted a letter and permission slip that were copied, addressed and stuffed immediately following the meeting.

Sermon Fill-ins – Pastor Haberman will be out of town on several Sundays during the upcoming months. Jay suggested that for one of the Sundays one or more members of the congregation might fill in with the story(ies) of their religious growth.

Advent Study – An Advent study is contemplated for Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. from November 25 through December 16, inclusive, and for identical sessions Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. following each of those days. Sign-up sheets will help determine whether one or both sessions will be held, as well as the materials needed.

Bible Study – Keith came across a study called “Vine and Branches” on the Minnesota Annual Conference web site. We will consider using it for a study in February or March. We should review the information and come prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

November meeting – Rich reported that he will be gone for almost the entire month of November. During next month's meeting, we will need to determine whether we should cancel the November meeting or enlist someone else to run it.

Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for 7:05 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2018.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

September • Bring a Kid to Church month
• Kids' movie on the 23rd

March • Movie

September 13, 2018

October •

November • Pot Luck on 4th
Potential 4-week Advent Study starting Nov 25

December •

January •

February • Pot Luck on the 3rd

April •

May • Pot Luck on the 6th

June •

July •

August • Possible pot luck
(depending on all-church pot luck)