

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Gift of Giving – After the last free-will offering, total donations for the project came to \$1149. Now we need a plan to get the job done. We need to: (1) get the particulars from the care facilities about specific gifts for the residents, and about when and how the gifts might be given; (2) purchase the gifts; (3) wrap, deliver, and distribute the gifts (gift bags would greatly facilitate the wrapping); and (4) keep the congregation informed. Jan is onboard with the Kids' Club being involved with task 3, including creating cards to go with the gifts. Rich will ask Chris Urbas if she would be willing to do the same with Sunday School kids. If the children are going to be involved with distributing the gifts, the preferred date would be December 19, the Thursday when Kids' Club meets closest to Christmas. Final details need to be firmed up at the next meeting. Keith will ask the congregation for additional volunteers during Sunday service on November 4, the Sunday before our next meeting.

Comfort Baskets –Criteria and procedures for the giving of comfort baskets have been finalized and given to Jan and Linda. Jan and Sheri purchased a number of items to be put in the baskets (now bags). Rather than having the same items go in every bag, 4 or 5 will be selected from the stock based on the situation and the age of the person receiving it.

Next Movie – The next movie is re-scheduled from March to April due to a study that is planned for the February-March time frame. Since Easter falls on April 21 this year, an Easter movie would be appropriate. Either a discussion immediately following the movie or a 4- to 6-week study related to it are being considered.

Kids' Club – Nancy Markwardt volunteered to routinely help with Kids' Club. Thank you, Nancy.

Advent Study – Lucy will make up a sign-up sheet for the Advent study contemplated for November 25 through December 17. The sheet, to be posted on November 11 and 18, will ask prospective attendees for the preferred session time—Sundays at 2:00 or Mondays at 7:00. Based on the responses we can decide whether we will have one session, two sessions or none. We ask that Craig writes an article about the study for the *Fish*.

Bible Study – The *Vine and Branches* program detailed on the Minnesota Annual Conference web site is set up for one year's worth of independent exercises on a monthly basis. Because they are independent, a weekly small-group study can be put together by using any number of the monthly exercises as guides. Keith and Sheri volunteered to compile and lead the study, tentatively for 6 weeks starting immediately after the scheduled pot luck lunch on February 3, 2019. Depending on interest, they may hold double sessions, as with the Advent Study above.

November meeting – We do need a meeting in November to work out details on the Gift of Giving and the Advent Study. It's scheduled for 7:05 p.m., Thursday, November 8, 2018. Because Rich will not be present, a person will be selected from among the attendees to lead the meeting.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

October •

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

December •

January •

February • Pot Luck on the 3rd
• Potential Bible Study – *Vine and Branches*

March •

April • Movie

May • Pot Luck on the 6th

June •

July •

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

September • Bring a Kid to Church month
• Kids' movie (?)