

December 13, 2018

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Gift of Giving – The gifts have all been purchased, bagged, and are ready to be delivered to the Boundary Waters Care Center (BWCC) and to Carefree Living. They will be distributed to residents during their Christmas parties at 10:30 Thursday, December 20, and 1:30 Wednesday, December 26, at BWCC and Carefree Living, respectively. As decided earlier, the extra funds collected for the project will be spent on gifts for the staff. Jay will purchase the candy and prepare it to give to them. Any help in distributing the gifts and celebrating with the residents would be appreciated. Pastor Craig will entertain with his guitar. Jay deserves much gratitude for proposing, then overseeing this big project.

Vine and Branches Study – Created by the Minnesota Annual Conference, this study allows for substantial flexibility in its execution. There is currently 6 months of study material (9/18 through 2/19) available on the Conference site from which Keith and Sheri will structure the sessions. They will be focusing on the “Go Gather” segment of the study, though not exclusively. It is likely that each month of the Conference’s outline will be compressed into one weekly session. Keith expects it will last 6 weeks, starting February 3 at 1:00.

Bulletin Prayer Insert – Jay suggested adding an insert to the Worship Service bulletin listing prayer concerns. Those concerns would be compiled from the ones on the prayer chain and those brought up during the previous Worship Service. Pastor Craig will need help in recording the prayer concerns brought up during Worship Service. Perhaps we can enlist the ushers. The Committee agreed to proceed with this.

Weekly Bible Study – Don Kess approached Jay about re-initiating a weekly Bible study on a recurring basis. The problem of time of day came up. Generally, older people have difficulty driving at night, and younger people are working or too busy during the day. One potential solution is to hold two sessions each week—one in the day, and the other at night. Availability of volunteers to lead the studies could be a problem with this solution. Another potential solution is to alternate days and nights week by week. Polling the congregation might be productive. Further discussion is needed.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

December • Gift of Giving distribution BWCC on 20 th , 10:30 am Gift of Giving distribution Carefree on 26 th , 1:30 pm	June •
January •	July •
February • Pot Luck on the 3 rd <i>Vine & Branches</i> Study begins on the 3 rd	August • Possible pot luck (depending on multi-church pot luck)
March •	September • Bring a Kid to Church Month
April • Movie related to Easter	October •
May • Pot Luck on the 6 th	November •