

## Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

After-School Instruction for Children – Jan has graciously volunteered to head the program, with assistance from Dana and Chris Urbis in establishing a curriculum. The three of them will get together soon to research curricula. The children’s edition of the book *Three Simple Rules* could serve as the basis for some classes. People who have volunteered to help with the program so far are as follow:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Instruct</u>	<u>Walk</u>	<u>Drinks/ Snacks</u>	<u>Instructors’ Aid</u>	<u>Other</u>
Jan	X	X			
Dana		X		X	
Lucy	X	X			
Linda	X				
Rich		X			
Jay		X			
Jan’s Friend Devin	X				
Nicole U.					X
UMW			X		

Gail has composed a written appeal for volunteers that can be inserted into the Sunday worship bulletin, so we now have 3 separate write-ups. A sign-up sheet with an explanation stressing that the individual commitment need not be burdensome has also been completed. We also will need to put in the September newsletter a call for students. With respect to background checks, Rich is waiting for a response from “Safe Gatherings,” an entity that the Minnesota Conference contracts with for background checks and training. To date, we know the cost for the background checks and the training, and that Safe Gatherings recommends renewing them every 3 years. We think the school system regards a background check as indefinite. The Visioning Committee recommends once every 5 years. As soon as Rich finds out how people can apply for the background checks with the church paying for them, all volunteers should all begin the process. We plan to start the instruction on the first Wednesday in October, with sessions running from about 3:30 until 5:00.

Bring a Kid to Church Month – September is Bring a Kid to Church Month. To advertize it, Rich will write an article to put in the *Fish*. The same article can be used in bulletins. Jan volunteered her kids to make posters to put up in the church. She will also make announcements during church service. We will purchase 30 books entitled *Jesus is Calling You* for those children who got Bibles last year, and 10 (or more if we get a price break) children’s Bibles for those who did not get them.

Bible Study – We discussed the possibility of have a Bible study in January, February, or March. Two possible studies include one on Forgiveness and one called Soul Keeping.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2017.

## Calendar of Visioning Committee Events

August  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup>

February  
Pot Luck on the 4<sup>th</sup>

September  
Bring a Kid to Church month

March  
Movie

October

April  
Dinner and a Movie

November  
Pot Luck on 5<sup>th</sup>  
Advent Study 1<sup>st</sup> two Sundays

May  
Pot Luck on the 6<sup>th</sup>

December  
Advent Study 1<sup>st</sup> two Sundays

June

January  
Bible Study (or in Feb or March)

July