

Visioning meeting March 19 brainstorming session

- “Branding” - who are we? One important part of our identity is the Open and Affirming status, supporting justice and equality
- Sustainability
- Put the property next to us to good use, have a place for people to gather (not in a basement)
- One-and-done events
- What makes church church? It’s more than watching a good show, it is getting involved somehow, getting supported
- Survey and figure out what the needs are of the different demographic groups

- Small groups
- Groups where we can be our most authentic selves
- “Be Kind!” - authentic experience in groups

- Demographics: different populations, soften structure, stay fluid
- Youth survey, include them in planning
- We need to look at all demographics, at what the different populations need (retired people, parents, young families, millennials, Gen Z)
- How to engage with people who don’t join anything, who don’t “do” traditional church structures
- Empower younger ones
- A good old-fashioned hymn sign

- Gardening, cooking class
- Mentoring in “Adulting 101”
- Finances 101
- Bartering, offering a give and take
- Community, building relationships
- Consult with the REC
- Be out in the community, at community events, as St. Paul’s
- Get involved in the community, meet needs in the community, have Narcan available
- Advertising and personal invitation to St. Paul’s
- Gift exchange
- Partner with SU and community groups
- Fun events to get varying age groups involved

- Meet & Eat – already happening
- Visitations team – a few more people are needed
- Coffee in the pews
- Music – more contemporary music, rock band
- Constant rethinking, future orientation
- Consultant on contemporary worship
- Various kinds of worship experience

- What do we offer for young parents and families
- Last minute coming to anything at church is okay and people are welcome as last-minute attendees
- Utilize text reminders for events that is helpful for specific people
- Bingo, with children as helpers
- Offering community in maybe not a church setting, but somewhere else (Kind Café?)