

VISIONING TEAM “SECOND GATHERING”

A curious and energetic group has been meeting this spring to help Port Nelson grow forward its Vision Plan. We have had wide-ranging conversation, but we are focusing on three **possible new initiatives**. They are:

- A speaker series involving 3-6 guests over the course of a year on a wide range of topics (times, dates and formats to be determined)
- Growing forward the existing strength of the monthly “Friday Family Fun Nights” – possibly including more activities for all ages in addition to movies for children
- Experimenting with a second service on Sundays at 9am (or another date/time) involving 4-5 different formats and styles on a rotational basis for a 1-year trial period

Our **general timeline** would be as follows:

- Summer 2018: Seek input on these three initiatives from the congregation and community
- Fall 2018: Receive and analyze feedback; confirm initiatives to be implemented and do more detailed planning
- January/February 2019: Announce new initiatives as part of a “grand opening” community event for the renovated space
- April 2019: launch one of the initiatives
- September 2019: launch second and possibly third initiatives

Do any of these initiatives excite you? Are you curious? We need YOUR help in talking to others in the church and the community! We are asking you to be “listening ears” this summer and to let us know what you hear!

Here are some **talking points** we hope many of you will use this summer (at the community barbecue? with families at GLEE Camp? in your circles of friends?) to help us gain insight and input concerning these proposed initiatives:

- The renovations are going well
- We’re excited about the opportunity they present to do some new things
- For example, we could run a speakers series on topics which are of interest to the community
- We could host a meal followed by a broad range of activities like a movie for kids, small group discussions, games or workshops for a variety of ages
- What are your thoughts about these? Do you have other ideas?

Please send any comments or feedback you have or you hear from others **by August 31, 2018**
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