

Nathan Engman
May Voters' Meeting 2020

Pre-Covid-19

Jr. High (6th-8th Grades), High School & Confirmation

1. I continue to provide leadership, support, teaching, and direction for Confirmation Classes and High School Bible study on Sunday mornings. Currently Pastor John and I teach confirmation classes and Nick Doherty teaches the 5-6th grade groups on Sundays. Austin Reed, Ashley Bretting, and Heather Lindner have been the teachers for the High School. We had 3 high school students confirm their faith in January and I expect we will have 9 other students confirm their faith (once we can gather again)
2. Our midweek youth night has been going well for grades 6-12th. Hannah Davis and Austin Reed have been providing critical leadership with music, slides, and other planning activities for Wednesday Evenings. I continue to lead, direct, and give messages to the students.
3. We planned and continue to have monthly discipleship focused events beyond the weekly ministries with a focus on relationship building with each other and serving the community for all youth.
4. Austin and I piloted a new young men's ministry called Primetime for high school freshmen through age 25.
5. I provide support for Austin Reed as he started and leads a young adult group of pre-college, college aged, and post college young adults.
6. I have partnered with Linda Elmore to continue a new "Spiritual Grandparent" ministry for adults in the congregation (most, but not all are grandparent aged) to pray and care for our confirmation aged youth.

Overall Discipleship, Local Missions, and Gathered Church Responsibilities

1. I provided support for several "Gathered Church" related ministries such as:
 - a. Kathy Cowan and the women's ministry
 - b. Pattie Ruser with the Grief Support Group
 - c. Other Adult Bible studies
 - d. That being said, the reason these new ministries have been primarily successful is due to the dedication of these leaders and servants.
2. I've started adjusting our New Member process to better help connect new people to our mission and to partner with the current disciples of Memorial. As part of this:
 - a. I have made some changes to our New Member Gathering and we are now calling it Connecting at Memorial
 - b. I continue to follow up with prospective guests and visitors.
3. I partner with other staff to give messages for preschool chapels.
4. I lead Adult Bible studies on Tuesdays or Sundays as needed.
5. I continue to ascertain, maintain, and develop mission partnerships in the Katy community.
6. I continue to provide support to the comfort dog team/ministry and serve as a handler.
 - a. We especially thank Stacy Bretting and Carolyn Meyer for being the Top Dog and Primary Caregiver for Team Damaris. They handle all of the scheduling and day to day

details of the ministry. Truly this is a wonderful team ministry with many wonderful volunteers

7. I continue to support and encourage a discipleship focus in all of Memorial's missions and ministries with a focus on missions.

Post-Covid Reality - Youth

1. Our High school and Jr. High mission trips for the summer have been postponed or canceled. We are waiting to see how things develop to see what mission activities we can still do as a group this summer.
2. We were looking into a possibly "Family Styled" mission trip to where families of all ages (even young elementary) could serve together. We learned a lot and plan to do a family mission tripe in the future (but we had to cancel for this year)
3. We've held various movie nights and game nights for fellowship time online via zoom as well.
4. We meet with the youth 2 times a week via Zoom.
5. I started a Teen Leadership group that meets weekly via Zoom
6. I am hopeful that this summer will still allow for some time to gather safely for fellowship and service opportunities.
7. We've had to push back some of our confirmation plans with the expectation of Mid-August
8. Continued to work with confirmation students to finish up the confirmation year (several things through Zoom)

Post-Covid Reality – Gathered Church

1. ACTS Small Groups have taken a break during this time
2. Women's Ministry has continued to meet via zoom (see Kathy for more details on the other robust things happening in Women's ministry)
3. Provide support to the Covid Response Team and other teams that have launched from this (such as the cleaning team, survey/screening team, and the like)
4. Provide support for Adult Bible study via zoom