

Youth Ministry Strategy:

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With COVID, it is hard to determine what things may look like day to day, week to week, etc. So with youth ministry, the hope is to have in-person meetings and activities, but working alongside will be a virtual base as well to provide the option for those that may not be comfortable meeting in-person (or if the law prevents).

1.) Pre-planning: I would love to have a group of parents, those involved in the church, students and a few of their friends come and meet for a focus group to find out what has worked, what kinds of things are they interested in, and what are the concerns for youth today in this community.

2.) Outreach and Networking: This community is a great one for ministry collaboration. Through involvement with HAY, I hope to meet other youth ministry leaders and work with them as we reach out to the schools. In addition, I plan to actively support youth by attending their events. Being visible is key for both youth and their families.

3.) Fellowship: Fellowship is important to youth, but through fellowship, mentors can provide teaching and encouragement that is key to building relationships with those involved. Modeling Christ-like behavior, praying often, and serving with a servant's heart.

4.) Faith Nurture/Discipleship: Sunday, depending on worship times, may include discipleship of younger students and a virtual study or traditional Sunday School. Wednesday evenings may consist of youth worship and study (again, dependent upon COVID restrictions).

5.) Service: We are called as the Body of Christ to serve. There is a great need in our own community and there are so many ways to get involved in our local community with service projects. Missions are also an important part of who we are as the church. Due to COVID, this year we will focus on praying and finding ways to support missions from Hutchinson.