

evangelism

In our congregational planning and work, we consider this our purpose and cause:

“Communicating Christianity by word and deed to people of all ages.”

What has our congregation done in the past for evangelism?

- **door hangars (5+ years ago)**
- **“Night Out” in 2018-2019**
- **Trunk or Treat pre-Covid**
- **Des Moines summer parade**
- **VBS (attracted about 75 kids, stopped doing this a few years ago)**
- **Christmas for Kids in 2019**
- **Christmas caroling**
- **Oktoberfest**
- **sports camp**
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New Testament evangelism in Revelation

Read Revelation 14:6,7 (CSB).

⁶Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, with the eternal gospel to announce to the inhabitants of the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷He spoke with a loud voice: “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Why do you think it is called the *eternal* gospel?

What makes the announcing of that eternal gospel urgent?

Why are we told to fear God, give him glory, and worship him?

Read Revelation 22:10-17 (CSB).

¹⁰Then he [the angel] said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. ¹¹Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.”

¹² “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

¹⁴ “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the Root and descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

Let the filthy still be filthy. What horrible prospect is presented with those words?

Find all the ways Jesus describes himself in these verses.

What realities are presented in verses 14 and 15?

Look again at the great invitation offered in verse 17.

Who makes the invitation?

What is the invitation?

Who is invited?

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Let’s think of and discuss some ideas for evangelism in the coming year.

- **church picnic / open house**
- **Bible-themed Trunk or Treat**
- **pickleball**
- **car rally**
- **Easter for Kids**
- **Christmas for Kids**
- **VBS**
- **LED sign**
- **live Nativity**
- **community survey**
- **nursing home services**
- **befriend non-member school parents**
- **define a process, prepare a place, sponsor a program**
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Maybe it helps to think in terms of “Come” events and “Go” events.

Maybe it helps to divide evangelism into certain categories:

- come to campus events
- community connection / community involvement
- publishing gospel messages
- personal witness training

What would be one (or two) things to try in each category for the coming year?

- come to campus events

- community connection / community involvement

- publishing gospel messages

- personal witness training

Thank you for participating in our congregation's evangelism discussion!