

HOPE STARTS HERE!

Stewardship 2020/2021

Giving Sunday is November 15, 2020

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More Than a Beautiful Bell Tower:

God's Work Happens Here

Esperanza Lutheran Church is a landmark in the middle of our Ahwatukee community. It's a reference point when giving directions, and a welcome sight at the end of a wearying commute. Our church is where we worship, meet and serve. But for hundreds of others, people who are not part of our worshipping community, Esperanza is much more than a lovely bell tower. It's the place where they come to grow things, to grow up, to get well or to meditate. Our facilities are used virtually every day of the week – not just on Sunday. A full list of everything that goes on at Esperanza in a normal week would take more than a page. Here's a sample of what goes on *during normal times*:

Grow things: Esperanza members and people from the surrounding neighborhoods pop in and out all week taking care of small crops they have planted in the Garden of Eatin'.

Grow up: The Children of Hope Preschool has helped hundreds of children get ready for school and life in a loving, faith-filled atmosphere (see video at myesperanza.org/stewardship-program-2020-2021/). Kids find friendship in our youth group and artistic opportunities in our bands.

Scouts hold their meetings at our church. Four Boy and Girl Scout troops meet at Esperanza, and we are the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 14. If you've never done so, please look at the plaque in the narthex where Troop 14 lists the names of boys who earned the rank of Eagle at Esperanza.

Get Well: Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Esperanza three times a week: 20-30 women on Mondays, a mixed group of about 30 more on Wednesdays and 70 to 100 men on Saturdays. Overeaters Anonymous also meets at the church. That's nearly 200 people a week who come to our church for these life-altering experiences.

Esperanza is even a polling place in normal times!

Esperanza is so much more than a symbol of God's presence in our neighborhood. ***God is in fact there--on campus--as God's people do God's work every day of the week.*** Your pledge is critical to our ability to continue in this role when the pandemic finally recedes.

Esperanza means hope, and **Hope Starts Here.**

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Pledge Sunday is November 15, 2020

You can pledge in the following ways:

- 1.) Online: <https://myesperanza.org/pledge>
- 2.) Mail: Return your pledge card using the addressed stamped envelope included in this packet. (If you don't use the stamp for this purpose, please use it on another mailing.)
- 3.) Drive by Drop Off: We invite you to drive by Esperanza on Sunday, November 15th from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to drop off your pledge card and receive a small gift.
- 4.) We encourage all to sign up for electronic giving at <https://myesperanza.org/giving>