

Building a Culture of Generosity

October 2, 2022

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship, it is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold-who comes to us risen from the dead-who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Questions for Reflection: What is faith?

Morning Prayer: New every morning are your mercies, dear God. As I begin this new day, make me as merciful to others as you have been to me. Strengthen me in faith so that I may trust in you with my whole heart. If an trouble overtakes me today, help me to wait and to hope in you. May the Holy Spirit help me as I both guard and give away to others the treasure of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Evening Prayer: God of my homecoming, the night falls with your steadfast love watching over the world. I put my trust in you as I prepare to lie down in sleep. Thank you for the gift of the day as it has been: for glimpses of beauty; for expressions of care; for the opportunities to serve. Thank you for those who have taught me the faith in sincerity and love. With the return of morning's light, may I rise from this resting place to live tomorrow in accord with your purpose and grace. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Order of Service

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

Gathering: ELW #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

We Ask God's Forgiveness: I Need Thee Every Hour

We Sing Praise: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

We Pray

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4	Bible 762
Psalms 37:1-9	Bible 443
2 Timothy 1:1-14	Bible 966
Luke 17:5-10	Bible 852

Sermon Pastor Annemarie Burke

Song of the Day ELW #817 vs 1,3-4 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Prayers of Intercession

GOD FEEDS US

We Pass the Peace

We Give our Offerings

How did you see God at work through you this week?

People of Hope

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this or any church congregation. Gluten free wafers available on request. If it is part of your own faith tradition to not receive communion, you are very welcome to come forward for a blessing instead.

Lamb of God ELW #195

Song During Communion

ELW #474 Bread of Life from Heaven

GOD SENDS US

Sending Song

ELW #678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at www.MyEsperanza.org

Newsletter? If you are not getting the E-newsletter in your inbox it is easy to sign up, go to www.MyEsperanza.org under the Join Us tab you will find a place to get added!

Chamber Music Concert- Saturday, October 8th at 3:00pm featuring the music of Handel, Schumann, Bolling and our own Lai Gates, Kip Gates, Alex Zheng and Russ Ash.

Special Jazz Event- Monday, October 17th @ 6:30pm Join us in the sanctuary for a casual get-together while we listen to our very own Steve Newell, Steve Waters, Dick Dorwart, and John Yocky. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks to share for this splendid evening of music and fellowship!

Blessing of the Animals- October 23rd Come one, come all, people and animals, big and small! Bring your pets, livestock, and critters to worship in the courtyard for a special service blessing each animal and the people who care for them. Invite your neighbors and stay tuned for details.

Oktoberfest!- Saturday, Oct. 29th from 6-9pm for fall foods, music and conversation. We provide the beverages and meat (brauts, hamburgers & hot dogs). You bring a side dish or a dessert. Please pass along the invitation to friends, neighbors, or someone in the Esperanza community you haven't seen in a while.

Steppin' Out! Join The Esperanza Team and participate in The Ahwatukee Foothills CROP HUNGER WALK! Take steps toward eliminating hunger at home and abroad! Sunday, November 13, Desert Foothills Park. Help raise \$25,000 for hunger! 75% used internationally; 25% to Kyrene Family Resource Center. Register at

bit.ly/AhwatukeeCropWalk or scan:



Habitat House for 2022-2023 Our starting date for work on our 26th house for Habitat for Humanity is October 29, 2022. This year's house will be a two-story and is located at 3610 S. Roosevelt Street, Tempe AZ 85282. Our family is a single mom, Angela Pelosi, with three children. Start thinking about how you can help with the build, with lunches for the volunteers, and with a financial donation. Remember, with your donation to Habitat for Humanity, you can claim a tax credit on your Arizona State Tax return. Additional information will be provided as we receive it from Habitat. Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past builds a success.



**HUNGER MINISTRY:
October 15 Feed My
Starving Children
Packing Event!**

As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. Through late September 2022, FMSC has sent meals to 56 countries, including 2.75 million meals to Ukraine. FMSC needs help packing meals. To respond to this need, a work event for Esperanza has been scheduled from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM on Saturday, October 15. This is a great opportunity for our youth to get involved in responding to a global need. Youth 5 and older can participate with an adult. Forty-five work slots have been reserved for Esperanza. FMSC's Phoenix metro packing location is at 1345 S. Alma School Drive, Mesa, 85210. FMSC would also appreciate a donation (the day of the event would be fine) to help purchase meal ingredients. If you would like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the office at 480-759-1515. If you would like to carpool or have questions, please contact Larry or Peggy Hanson or the church office.

Yoga at Esperanza! Aubree Duplessis- we are trying to get this continued for the fall. More details coming soon!

Kyrene Family Resource Center

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: cereal, canned chicken, microwavable mac and cheese, granola bars, and Ramen noodles. Year to date Esperanza has donated 653 lbs of food. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Voices For CASA On an ongoing basis, we support Voices for CASA with \$10 fast-food gift cards. These gift

cards go to CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for their meetings with the foster children they help. Please bring any gift cards to the church office. If you have any questions about this program or about Voices, please contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

Prayer Shawls Each week a group of knitters gather on campus to make prayer shawls for our community. These shawls can be found on the rack by the altar. These prayer shawls are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please remember to fill out the white card that is attached and place the card in the Prayer Shawl container (on the counter in the entryway to the sanctuary). Let's spread God's comfort and peace into the world.

Come PhLY with Me!

Come one, come all to this fall's **Lock-In at Esperanza!** October 15 at 4:00pm through worship on the 16th. Come see old friends and make new ones! High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info! www.phlyministry.com

November 19th- PhLY gives back at West Valey Lutheran Thrift.

December 2nd 6pm-9pm First Friday @ Grace Lutheran

January 13-16 Winter Retreat, \$50 per person. Sign up on the website!

Families and Youth, please refer to our up-to-date calendar on the Esperanza website for event updates by visiting myesperanza.org/calendar

Pet Prayer Shawl Ministry- to benefit 2DARescue. 2darecue.org Shawls are crocheted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to purchase supplies. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze roseypetunia@cox.net.

Worship Leaders	
	9:30
Greeter	Debbie Grayson
Lector	Josie Nelson
Communion Assistants	John & Kathy Gemma
Ushers	Jim Gisselquist, Michelle Ageno
Power Point	Terri Beeks
Assisting Minister	Deacon Connie