

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation we wait for what we already have: Christ come among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Announcements

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

Adult Sunday School- As Pastor Sarah transitions into her role, she will take a break from leading Adult Sunday School until Sunday, January 8th.

Christmas BUNCO! Monday December 12 at 6:30pm Jayne Peterson's house – 14604 S. 1st Street, Phoenix
There is a Big hill so wear comfortable shoes and carpool

Christmas BUNCO to do list -

- Christmas themed item (decoration, Christmas craft, baking item, home goods, accessory, etc.) that is wrapped \$20-25 limit for the exchange
- Community Service Contribution if able – Esperanza has been collecting \$10 fast food gift cards for Voices of CASA Children in foster care. Thought that would be easy to bring to the church
- Appetizer or Dessert (if you bring guests– just bring one for you all)
- RSVP so I have some idea of how many are coming to Jayne476@cox.net
- Please pass the word!– Ladies only for this event
- Don't come if you are sick – Duh...

LSS-SW Angel Tree project- Esperanza will be participating and providing gifts for 40 individuals and families. All of the envelopes have been taken! Return unwrapped gifts between Nov. 28 & Dec.10 Questions? Contact Susan or Tom Vega 630-508-7456, 630-918-2790

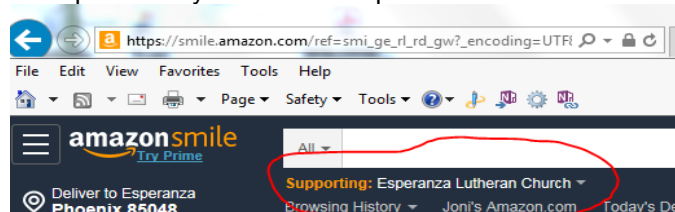
Mid-Week Advent Services-we will begin Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00pm and Blue Christmas on Dec. 14th.

Promesa De Esperanza – We are practicing for the cantata Wednesdays at 7:00- come add your voice ! All are welcome; no prior experience needed!

Preschool Trivia Night- January 21st at 6:00pm Mark your calendar; gather a team of 6 adults. Prizes will be awarded for the winning trivia table, the best decorated table, and even the biggest losers! It is a great evening

of food, fellowship and fun!

Don't Forget Easy Fundraiser- Amazon donates .05% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Go to Smile.Amazon.com, Log on,/under the amazon search bar it says "supporting" with a pull down menu-search for Esperanza Lutheran church. We get .05% each purchase you make. Simple!



Habitat House 2022-23 Due to permit and supply chain shortages the house is on a temporary hold. Stay tuned for updates! 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.

Come PhLY with Me!

High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info!

www.phlyministry.com

Friday, December 2 from 6-9 PM for our Holiday Hoopla in Downtown Phoenix exploring First Friday Festivities. We will meet at Grace Lutheran (1124 N 3rd St, Phoenix) at 6 PM then walk around Roosevelt Row and surrounding areas. Bring friends and money for food trucks. Extra credit if you wear an ugly holiday sweater or hat.

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

Kyrene Family Resource Center

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: cereal, Dry beans, peanut butter, jelly and toilet paper. Year to date Esperanza has donated 687lbs 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.

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.

Calendar of Events

<p>Sunday, November 27th 9:00am Service NO Sunday school</p> <p>Monday, November 28th 9:00am Women's AA group (2F) 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 3384 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F) 7:00pm Jazz group (SAN)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29th</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30th 6:30am Toastmasters 9:00 am 12 Step (2F) 10:00am Mary Circle (FH) 7:00pm Advent service</p>	<p>Thursday, December 1st 7:00am AA (2F) 10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)</p> <p>Friday, December 2nd 8:00am Toast Masters (FH) 9:00am AA (2F)</p> <p>Saturday, December 3rd 8:00 am Men's AA (2F)</p> <p>Sunday, December 4th 9:00am Service 10:15 Fun Day School 10:30 Worship Planning (CR)</p>
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Worship Leaders	
	9:00
Greeter	John & Beth Fisher
Lector	Liz Farquhar
Communion Assistants	KC & Christine Quah
Ushers	Ray Purdy, Paul Gerrish, Cindy Jackson
Power Point	Gary or Susan Brown
Assisting Minister	Michelle Tinsley



Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats. Thank you.

Gathering Song: #257 vs 1,2,3
Song of the Day: # 244
Offertory: # 242
Communion Hymn # 248
Sending Song: May the God of Hope Go With Us

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