

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 16, 2023**

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

**Announcements**

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at [www.MyEsperanza.org](http://www.MyEsperanza.org)

**Do you have a graduate?** Please send Joni a photo, and let us know where they are graduating from and what they will be doing next! Please submit by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**VBS-** We will be "Blasting off" into space to experience Jesus shining his light in the world. Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. 9am- Noon. Kids ages 3-11. Registration online at [www.myesperanza.org](http://www.myesperanza.org). We are looking for high school students to be crew leaders. Questions? See Deacon Connie

**Annual Meeting with Election of Council Members:** Mark your calendar! May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:15 am, we will gather to review the annual report, elect new council members, and review and approve new guiding principles and a mission statement.

**Safeguarding God's Children Training-** All are welcome at our first Safeguarding God's Children training on Sunday, May 7 at 10:15-11:15 am in the sanctuary. The council recently approved a Safeguarding God's Children policy that aims to prevent child sexual abuse on the Esperanza campus and during Esperanza ministries, including at Children of Hope. The policy includes specific guidelines for how adults and children interact in order to create a safe space for children. For instance, the policy stipulates that one adult and one child may not be alone in a room unless the door is open and they are clearly visible to other people. Those who regularly volunteer with children are required to go through a Safeguarding God's Children training, and those who volunteer only occasionally, say, at Vacation Bible School once a year, are encouraged to receive the training. However, the training is beneficial for everyone regardless of volunteering with kids. At the one-hour training, we will discuss the finer points of the policy, practice healthy ways of interacting with kids, and

learn how we can create a truly safe space for our youngest members!

**Journeying through the New Testament in 2023-** During 2023, we are reading our way through the New Testament. The reading list is on the Narthex counter and on the website. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, April 16, 2023	Romans 4
Monday, April 17, 2023	Romans 5
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	Romans 6
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	Romans 7
Thursday, April 20, 2023	Romans 8
Friday, April 21, 2023	Romans 9
Saturday, April 22, 2023	Romans 10
Sunday, April 23, 2023	Romans 11

**Our community is Buzzing!** If you are planning a meeting or event on campus, please coordinate with Joni to prevent scheduling conflict and ensure you are on the master schedule, thus ensuring you have the space needed for your event/meeting. Please call, e-mail or let Joni in the office know if you would like to be added. [Esperanza@myesperanza.org](mailto:Esperanza@myesperanza.org) or 480-759-1515

**Kyrene Family Resource Center Food Donations**

While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for jelly, dry beans, and squeezable applesauce, fruit snacks (individually wrapped) and gold fish crackers (individually packages). Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through Early April 2023, Esperanza has donated 523 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**Habitat House 2023-** Our 26<sup>th</sup> year !! Site: 3610 S Roosevelt St. Tempe, AZ. 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.

**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](mailto: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-** Pet Prayer Shawls benefit Crest Care, Inc. Shawls are knitted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to Esperanza. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze [roseypetunia@cox.net](mailto:roseypetunia@cox.net).

**Yoga at Esperanza-** Our next Yoga program at Esperanza led by Aubree Duplessis will be **Sunday evening, April 30th, 2023 from 6 pm–8 pm** in the Esperanza 2nd Floor Community Room. For more information, go to the <https://myesperanza.org/yoga-april30/>

### **Esperanza Staff Members**

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**Kathy Dolny** | Children of Hope Teacher

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**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

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**Caleb Rose-Kamprath** | Children of Hope Teacher

### **Council Members/Team Leadership**

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### **This Week At Esperanza**

**Sunday, April 16th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:15am New Testament Reader Check-In (SAN)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

### **Monday, April 17th**

9:00am Women's AA group (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 3384(CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

### **Tuesday, April 18th**

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm COH Board Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

### **Wednesday, April 19th**

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

### **Thursday, April 20th**

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Fiesta Conference Luncheon (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

### **Friday, April 21st**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

9:30am Hope for Newborns (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

### **Saturday, April 22nd**

8:00 am Men's AA (CR)

### **Sunday, April 23th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Greeter- Joni Thorpe

Lector- Larry Hanson

Communion Assistants- KC & Christine Quah

Power Point- Joni Thorpe

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela, Dennis Fox, KC & Christine Quah

Counters- John Fisher & Dennis Fox



# Welcome to Worship!

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*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 382

Song of the Day: # 635

Offertory: # 465

Communion Hymn: # 496

Sending Song: # 537

**We live stream our worship services.**