

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix**  
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**April 13, 2025**

#### **Esperanza Mission Statement**

Esperanza Lutheran Church creates authentic connections and a deep sense of belonging as a Christ-centered community.

#### **Esperanza Guiding Principles**

1. We set our goals guided by God.
2. We welcome all and respect diverse opinions.
3. We deepen our spirituality and put our faith in motion.

#### **Announcements**

To access our weekly Words of Hope newsletter visit:

<https://myesperanza.org/woh>

To access our up to date calendar visit:

<https://myesperanza.org/calendar/>

**Holy week Worship-** Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Vigil all at 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday-** Sunrise Service 6:30am, Pancake breakfast 7:30am, Worship 9:00am, Easter Egg Hunt 10:15am

**Easter Mums-** we have ordered 30 flowers for Easter service. Plants are \$20 each, if you would like to purchase a flower there is a green order form on the narthex table. Please be sure to note Flowers on the memo line of your check.

**Easter Eggs-** we are collecting Filled Easter eggs for Easter. Can be filled with small candies, stickers, or something fun but please no chocolate. Donations can be dropped off in the office before April 14. Questions? See Deacon Connie

#### **Please join us on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Parade and Spring Fling.**

The parade starts at 9am and we would love to have you join us on this one-mile route promoting our wonderful community. Feel free to decorate golf carts, bikes, trikes and wagons. We will be passing out fun size (original brown) M&M packs during the parade. We would appreciate it if you could donate a bag or two so we have enough to pass out. A box is located in the fellowship hall with the Spring Fling sign up.

The Spring Fling is hosted by Kiwanis at the Ahwatukee Community Park immediately after the parade from 11-4. The outreach committee will have a booth promoting all we have to offer here at Esperanza.

Volunteers are needed to help during this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jennifer Breeding.

**VBS-** June 3-5<sup>th</sup> for kids 4yr old to 5th grade. You can sign up on the website! Questions? See Deacon Connie!

#### **Participate in the ELCA Region 2 40-40-40 Lenten**

**Challenge.** You are invited to participate in the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge as part of the Grand Canyon Synod team. The link, for details, register, and donate is

[www.LentenChallenge.org](http://www.LentenChallenge.org) Bishop Hutterer's Lenten challenge video: <https://vimeo.com/1058623529>. One hundred percent of donations will be provided to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) for their drinking water project. The NELM is located in far northeast Arizona, an approximate 5.5 hour drive from Phoenix. Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson at [outreach@myesperanza.org](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org)

#### **Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest \$30000 Appeal**

In light of recent changes to priorities in our federal government, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest is experiencing a challenge in fulfilling some of their role in caring for people most in need. Anticipating that this shortfall in funding will have long-lasting effects on the ministries of Lutheran Social Services, Esperanza has decided to raise additional funds in support of LSS-SW in order to live into our calling to feed the hungry, heal the sick, clothe the naked, and more. Throughout the season of Lent, we are asking members of Esperanza to go above and beyond their normal giving on behalf of this important ministry that meets people where they are. Please make any checks payable to Esperanza Lutheran, and designate it to "Lutheran Social Services Appeal." We currently have received \$12,350 towards our goal of \$30,000

#### **Today's Hymns:**

Gathering Song: #344  
Song after lesson: #343 v.1-4  
Song of the Day: #353 v.1-3,5  
Offertory: #186  
Communion: #471,472  
Sending: # 346

**Esperanza's next opportunity to serve I-help** is Tuesday, April 22. Sign up to provide food or funding for team to purchase needed items. Please indicate funds for hunger. We will be serving at Desert Cross Lutheran church, 8600 S McClintock Drive. Volunteers need to arrive at 4:30 for set up and packing sack lunches. We anticipate 24 guests and 14 volunteers so please plan accordingly for your dinner donations. Thank you. Linda Dickson 480-330-1402, [lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com](mailto:lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com)

#### **Volunteers Needed: Prepare Pancake Breakfast for the Homeless, May 4**

Every Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church located in downtown Phoenix hosts a pancake breakfast for the homeless. On May 4, Esperanza will prepare and serve the breakfast. Following are key details:

1. Volunteers will need to be on-site (Grace Lutheran) from 6:30 AM to approximately 8:30 AM to prepare and serve pancakes and sausage, and cleanup.
2. Could serve one hundred + people.
3. Grace Lutheran will provide the food supplies and equipment. Esperanza will need to provide a \$350 check to cover the cost of the food.
4. Need 12-15 volunteers.
5. Would like a mix of youth (12 and older) and adults. At least half of our volunteers must be 18 or older.
6. A liaison from Grace Lutheran will be in attendance to provide guidance.
7. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Larry Hanson

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up online or in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**Affirmations for kids-** In the Narthex there are packs of sticky notes, pens, and affirmation ideas. Please stop and write a few or take some home and bring them back. We fill in a bulletin board at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School every month for the students and teachers to brighten their day and inspire!

## **2025 Food Donations to Kyrene Family Resource Center.**

Through early April Esperanza has donated 398 pounds of non-perishable food to the center. Our food donation goal for 2025 is 1,300 pounds.

Esperanza is helping with food needs on multiple fronts at the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Currently, the Center needs the following for families: peanut butter, beans- canned or dry, rice, spaghetti pasta and sauce, and jelly. Some children in the Kyrene School District are coming to class Monday mornings hungry, struggling to focus on learning. The Center is responding to the need by packing a Weekend Food Bag and providing to these children on Fridays. Food items can include any of the following:

- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Microwavable Chef Boyardee
- Microwavable ramen noodles
- Microwavable cup of soup
- Breakfast cereal
- Granola bars.
- Applesauce or fruit cup

The Center prefers these be a single serving, and a suggestion would be to purchase single serving containers in bulk at Costco, etc. The Center will pack the food in bags. Please place donations in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity. For questions, please contact Larry Hanson at [lhanson2@msn.com](mailto:lhanson2@msn.com)

### **Esperanza Staff Members**

**Pastor Chris Heller,** [Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org](mailto:Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org)

**Deacon Connie Rose-Kamprath** | Family Ministry Coordinator, Children of Hope Teacher

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**Cindy Gerrish** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Katrin Guete** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jessica Mueller** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jess Pierce** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Vanessa Smith** | Children of Hope Teacher

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

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### **This Week At Esperanza**

#### **Sunday, April 13, 2025**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

#### **Monday, April 14, 2025**

6:00am Men's AA group (CR)

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz Practice (SAN)

6:00pm Josquin Music (Music room)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

#### **Tuesday April 15, 2025**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Finance Team Meeting (FH)

4:00pm Josquin Music (SAN)

6:00pm COH Board meeting (FH)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

#### **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

7:30pm Choir (SAN)

#### **Thursday, April 17, 2025**

6:00am Men's group AA (CR)

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Women's Bible Study (GAR)

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship (SAN)

#### **Friday, April 18, 2025**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope For Newborns (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Good Friday Worship (SAN)

#### **Saturday, April 19, 2025**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Al-Anon Meeting (CR)

7:00pm Saturday Vigil Worship (SAN)

#### **Sunday, April 20, 2025**

##### **Easter Sunday**

6:30am Sunrise Worship (LC)

7:30am Pancake breakfast (UC)

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15a Easter Egg Hunt

NO Sunday School (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

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

Greeter- Vicki Schutt

Lector- John Fisher

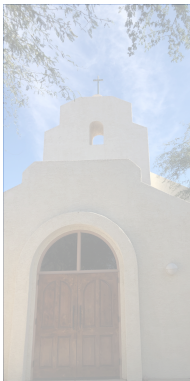
Communion Assistants- Chuck & Pam Yount

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Power Point- Rocky Armfield

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fish, Janet Beeks, Gary Brown

Counters- Randy Wright, Steve & Kelly Kartz



# Welcome to Worship!

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

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Song of the Day: # 353 v. 1-3, 5  
Offertory: # 186  
Communion Hymn: # 471, 472  
Sending Song: # 346

**We live stream our worship services.**