

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 2, 2023

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broke body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Announcements

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

Easter Eggs for Hunt- We need plastic eggs filled with non-chocolate candies. See Deacon Connie.

Easter Lilies- we have ordered 30 plants. If you would like to donate one please fill out the form on Narthex table. Cost is \$20 per plant.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship 4/6, 7pm

Good Friday Worship 4/7, 7pm

Easter Vigil Worship 4/8, 7pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship 4/9, 6:30am

Pancake Breakfast 4/9, 7:30-8:45am

Easter Sunday Worship 4/9, 9am

Easter Egg Hunt 4/9, 10:15am

Mountain View Lutheran Church Hosts "The Way of the Cross" – A Time of Meditation and Prayer

On Good Friday, April 7, 2023 from 7 am to 6 pm (except 12 pm – 1 pm) at Mountain View Lutheran Church (in the Worship Center), 11002 S. 48th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85044 The "Way of the Cross" is a self-guided time of meditation and prayer comprised of seven stations. Each station has a picture, Scripture reading, devotion, and prayer that leads along the way of Jesus Christ's suffering. It takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. We welcome the community to participate in this reflective activity on Good Friday, April 7.

The artist of the paintings is Sieger Köder (1925-2015). His paintings, sculptures, and stained glass church windows can be found throughout Europe. The paintings of "The Way of the Cross" are displayed in the Catholic Church of St. Stephanus in Wasseralfingen, Germany. The devotions and prayers are written by Theo Schmidkonz, SJ. They have two perspectives; one

looks at the experience of Jesus' suffering while the other looks at the experience of situations present in our world today and in our personal lives. "The Way of the Cross" is taken from the book "Kreuzweg-Erfahrungen," Schwabenverlag AG Ostfildern, 2011. It is translated from German to English by Hanna Loehr and Ingeborg Mack.

Easter Parade April 8- At least 20 volunteers are needed to help with Esperanza's participation in the annual Ahwatukee Easter parade, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Our church will have a spot in the parade, which is scheduled to step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, near Warner Road and 48th Street. Volunteers will be needed at that location at 9 a.m. They will walk along the one-mile parade route, handing out candy and information about Easter Sunday services to spectators. Esperanza also will have a half-page advertisement in the parade program and a booth afterward at Spring Fling, which will be held at the nearby baseball fields. For more information about how you can help, contact Linda Dickson at (480) 330-1402.

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. Here are the readings for the next few days. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, April 2, 2023	2 Corin 9
Monday, April 3, 2023	2 Corin 10
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	2 Corin 11
Wednesday, April 5, 2023	2 Corin 12
Thursday, April 6, 2023	2 Corin 13
Friday, April 7, 2023	Catch up
Saturday, April 8, 2023	Catch up
Sunday, April 9, 2023	Philippians 1

Kyrene Family Resource Center - While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for dry beans, rice, canned tuna, canned chicken, and tissues. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through February 2023, Esperanza has donated 283 lbs. of food to KFRC. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson

Habitat House 2023- Our 26th year !! Site: 3610 S Roosevelt St. Tempe, AZ. If tools are not your thing they also need volunteers to provide lunch for the volunteers! 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.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, April 2nd

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15pm Sunday Funday (CR)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

11:15am Worship planning

2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)

4:00pm Kurt Huntly Celebration of Life

6:00pm Yoga (labrenth)

Monday, April 3rd

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:00pm Girl Scouts #3384(CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, April 4th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Wednesday, April 5th

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 6th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

7:00pm Worship

Friday, April 7th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Worship

Saturday, April 8th

8:00 am Men's AA (CR)

7:00pm Worship

Sunday, April 9th

6:30am Worship (lower courtyard)

7:15am Pancake breakfast

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

NO Sunday Funday (CR)

NO Adult Sunday School (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- John & Beth Fisher

Lector- not needed

Communion Assistants- Julie Valenzuela, Michelle

Tinsley

Power Point- Kristie Wright

Assisting Minister- Dennis Fox

Ushers- Susan Brown, Michelle Ageno, Tom Vega

Counters- Jane & Jim Gisselquist



WELCOMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

ENDING SONG: # 348 VERSES 1-3

COMMUNION HYMN: # 118

OFFERTORY: # ALL ARE WELCOME

SONG OF THE DAY: # 258

CELEBRATING SONG: # 344

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

April 5, 2023

Psalm 200:64

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!