

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 23, 2023**

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's Day.*

**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. 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 23, 2023	Romans 11
Monday, April 24, 2023	Romans 12
Tuesday, April 25, 2023	Romans 13
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	Romans 14
Thursday, April 27, 2023	Romans 15
Friday, April 28, 2023	Romans 16
Saturday, April 29, 2023	Philemon
Sunday, April 30, 2023	James 1

**Mission Plan Results Through March – General Fund**

March 2023 YTD	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss)
Actual	\$84,600	\$79,680	\$4,920
Plan	\$81,975	\$76,579	\$5,396

Giving slowed somewhat in March. Despite that, overall revenue is still slightly ahead of our plan for the year and a little better than last year at this time.

Expenses through March are a little worse than our plan driven by an upgrade to Audio Visual equipment and a one-time catch-up payment for custodial service from last year.

Net Income (Revenue less Expenses) is essentially even with our plan for the year. Thank you for your continued support of Esperanza's ministries.

**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.

**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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**Amy Angilletta** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Kathy Dolny** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Cindy Gerrish** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jessica Mueller** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jess Pierce** | Children of Hope Teacher

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

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

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### **This Week At Esperanza**

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

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

#### **Monday, April 24th**

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

#### **Tuesday, April 25th**

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### **Wednesday, April 26th**

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

3:00pm Outreach Team Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

#### **Thursday, April 27th**

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

#### **Friday, April 28th**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### **Saturday, April 29th**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

10:00am Transition Team Meeting (FH)

#### **Sunday, April 30th**

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- Larry & Peggy Hanson

Lector- Pam Coste

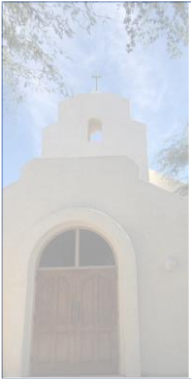
Communion Assistants- Rocky & Chris Armfield

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Assisting Minister- Jim Nelson

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Cindy Jackson

Counters- Larry & Peggy Hanson



# Welcome to Worship!

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April 23, 2023

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 619 vs 1-4

Song of the Day: # 374

Offertory: # 465

Communion Hymn: # 496

Sending Song: # 543

**We live stream our worship services.**