

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

Announcements

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

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

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

VBS- We will be "Blasting off" into space to experience Jesus shining his light in the world. Tuesday, May 30th thru Thursday, June 1st. 9am- Noon. Kids ages 3-11. Registration online at 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 21st 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 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, April 30, 2023	James 1
Monday, May 1, 2023	James 2
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	James 3
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	James 4
Thursday, May 4, 2023	James 5
Friday, May 5, 2023	Catch up day
Saturday, May 6, 2023	Catch up day
Sunday, April 30, 2023	Hebrews 1

Kyrene Family Resource Center Food Donations

The Center has asked for our help in donating school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year for students and families in need. The Center needs new backpacks (for middle school students), paper, pencils, tab/dividers for notebooks, pocket folders, crayons, markers, spiral notebooks, glue sticks and Elmer's glue, scissors, colored pencils, notebook dividers, loose leaf paper, and pens (blue, black, and red). Esperanza will collect school supplies during May.

While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, squeezable applesauce, and goldfish crackers (individually packaged). Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through mid-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 26th 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.

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.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, April 30th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

Monday, May 1st

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Girl Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, May 2nd

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Wednesday, May 3rd

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:00pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Thursday, May 4th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, May 5th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, May 6th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, May 7th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:15am Safeguarding God's Children Training (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

2:30 Josquin Music recitals (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Craig Peck

Lector- Tina Knoell

Communion Assistants- John Fisher & Becky Klein

Power Point- Craig Peck

Assisting Minister- Paul Wagner

Ushers- Ad Hock Team

Counters- Linda Dickson, Molly Hurst



Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 385

Song of the Day: # 780

Offertory: # 465

Communion Hymn: # 781

Sending Song: # 548

We live stream our worship services.