

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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April 7, 2024

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/>

We welcome- Pastor Holm this morning!

Graduates- Do you have someone graduating this Spring? Please send a photo, where they are graduating from and what they are going to be doing next to Joni Esperanza@myesperanza.org

Q&A session on Sunday, April 14, 2024 following the 9AM service to allow for discussion and questions that you might have. We will be following the process of approving amendments to the proposed changes as described in Section 16 of our constitution. In summary, it states that a simple majority is required for approval at the April 21st meeting of the proposed changes. then be sent to the Grand Canyon Synod for their review. Upon approval, they will notify us of their approval.

Special Congregation Meeting on April 21, 2024 (following the 9AM service) to approve proposed changes to the Esperanza Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions. There are copies of these documents on The Narthex table now to give you a chance to read and study the changes.

VBS!- Let's go on a Vacation Bible School Adventure!

Join us for this EPIC three-day VBS Adventure!

Tuesday, May 28th through Thursday, May 30th

9:00am – Noon

Registration begins April 1st

Sign up online Vacation Bible School 2024 –
ESPERANZA LUTHERAN CHURCH (myesperanza.org)

or at the church office

Cost: \$50 per child – ages 3 through 5th grade

(Maximum cost \$125 per family)

We will meet each day at Base Camp...aka Esperanza Lutheran Church Sanctuary. Together we will trek to the top of Everest and discover God's amazing power to provide, power to comfort, and power to love!

Hope to see you there!

Questions?- see Deacon Connie

Community Outreach Team Meeting This Week- All are welcome at our regular Community Outreach Team meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, microwavable mac & cheese, ravioli, and ramen, Thru the end of March Esperanza has donated 429 lbs of food to KFRC. In 2024 our goal is 1,250 lbs.! You can place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Voices For CASA: \$10 fast-food 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. Questions? Contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

Prayer Shawls: Prayers shawls can be found on the rack by the altar and are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please 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).

Join the Meal Brigade-Esperanza's meal brigade is up and running! The cool people are in the club. Want to join? You're invited! Every now and then, a church friend is in need of a meal or more, delivered to their home. Peggy Wagner is organizing the meals and the process, emailing team members when there is a need. Could you help provide a meal? Costco/Sam's Club meals, restaurant takeout or homemade — all of these are appreciated. If you like, you can join forces with another team member and share the prep/cost. Email Peggy at pwagner255@cox.net if you are interested in helping out with this ministry.

Hope for Newborns a group of volunteers that makes clothing items for Arizona infants in need, has been known by different names in its lengthy history at Esperanza. But its mission hasn't changed, according to a 15-year member of the group who is its current organizer. "Our focus is to make things and get them to the people who need them," Doris Dorwart says. "There are all sorts of things we get asked for, and we say, sure, we can do that." The group, which is open to Esperanza members and also to those who do not belong to the church, meets at 10 a.m. on the third Friday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Several in the group are talented in knitting, crocheting, sewing and quilting, and those skills are important in preparing kits

that go out to infants and their mothers via Valleywise Health Medical Center and Dignity Health's Chandler Regional Medical Center. Each kit includes six diapers plus a washcloth, bib, booties, hat, flannel blanket or quilt, and nightgown or onesie. The bibs, booties, hats, blankets and quilts are handmade by the group. "These kits go only to babies in need," Dorwart says. "The nurses (at the hospitals) determine this. When we have something, it has to get out to a family in need." The group, which previously was part of the national program Newborns in Need and then the nonprofit Arizona Needy Newborns, also has filled requests from organizations such as the Salvation Army, UMOM New Day Centers, Helen's Hope Chest and Project Linus. In 2022, Hope for Newborns donated nearly 3,800 items, filling 200 kits and Christmas stockings. That represented an increase of about 25% over 2021. Those who are unable to attend the monthly meeting can help by donating leftover yarn or fabric in a cupboard. "Most of us joined with just a desire to help newborns and were taught, guided and encouraged by the more experienced members," Dorwart says. For more information about Hope for Newborns, email Doris Dorwart at dddorwart@hotmail.com and put the word "Newborn" in the subject line.

Esperanza Staff Members

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

2:00pm Josquin Music Recital (SAN)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

Monday, April 8, 2024

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

3:00pm Boy Scout Court of Honor (LC)

3:30pm Dave Coste Music Lessons (SAN)

6:00pm Jazz practice (SAN)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Finance Team Meeting (FH)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

11:30pm Staff Meeting (FH)

2:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:30pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, April 11, 2024

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:00pm Women's Bible Study (FH)

Friday, April 12, 2024

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

10:15am Q & A meeting about constitutional changes(SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeters- John & Beth Fisher

Lector- Laura Drowne

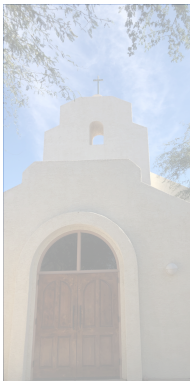
Communion Assistants- Todd & Jayne Peterson

Power Point- Jim or Josie Nelson

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Susan Brown, Michelle Ageno,

Counters- John & Kathy Gemma



Welcome to Worship!

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 379
Song of the Day: #407
Offertory: # 314
Communion Hymn: # 618 v1,4,5 #386
Sending Song: # 376

We live stream our worship services.