

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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August 11, 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/>

Ordination- Julie Gerrish will be ordained on Saturday, August 24th at 11:00am here at Esperanza! Reception will follow. All are welcome to attend!

Join us and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Esperanza's adult choir, Promesa de Esperanza, will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, August 21st at 7pm! We practice every Wednesday in the sanctuary, and all are welcome – no previous experience required – just bring a heart to serve the Lord through music. For more information, please contact Marcie Donavon by email: MLC123@cox.net; or call/text: 602-321-2561.

Affirmations for kids- On the Narthex table 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 a bulletin board at Kyrene de la Esperanza every month for the students and teachers to brighten their day and inspire!

Jazz Night! - On Monday, August 19th, you're going to want to join us in the Sanctuary for a casual Jazz get-together while we listen to our very own Steve Newell, Steve Waters, Dick Dorwart, John Yocky and Dan Meyer from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks to share for this splendid evening of music and fellowship! This event will be livestreamed. Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to stream live.

ESPERANZA PACKS LUNCHES FOR THE

HOMELESS: On Wednesday, August 7, members of Esperanza fulfilled the second of a two-day commitment of making lunch sacks for Grace Lutheran Church and First United Church of Christ. Two hundred and eight sack lunches were prepared and delivered to Grace Lutheran church in Phoenix. A big thank you goes out to all that donated nonperishable food items, helped make sandwiches and pack sack lunches, and delivered to Grace. Special thank you to Peggy Wagner and friends

who provided 75 of the total sack lunches. Thanks to everyone that helped make this a successful event.

Help pack Naloxone Kits: September 8th is "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday, ELCA's annual day of service. On September 8, following church service, in the Fellowship Hall, Esperanza will assist Sonoran Prevention Works (SPW) in packing naloxone (narcant) kits. The event will conclude at noon. Naloxone is a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. SPW's core focus is to support individual people through overdose education, naloxone and supply distribution, HIV and hepatitis C testing, and harm reduction outreach program. If you would like to help with this packing event, please sign up in the Narthex. Please direct any questions to Larry Hanson.

Street Clean up! Please join us on Saturday, September 7th, at 7 a.m. for our third Adopt-a-Street cleanup! We will park and meet at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School (with whom we partner), which is located at the intersection of South Ranch Circle and 41st Place. Our trash pickup will be along both sides of South Ranch Circle from Mountain Parkway to Ray Road. Esperanza will provide safety vests, trash bags, gloves, water, hand sanitizer and prizes for the most unusual trash! Please wear your "God's Work, Our Hands" T-shirts so the neighbors know who we are! Everyone is welcome, including children accompanied by a parent or adult. Sign up below or on the forms provided in the narthex at church. If you have questions, please contact the Outreach Team at outreach@myesperanza.org

UPDATED CONGREGATION CONSTITUTION IS IN EFFECT!

The updated church constitution was ratified at the May Congregational Meeting, after unanimous approval by congregation members at the Special meeting held in April. The document was sent to the Grand Canyon Synod for review and approval, and upon their review, the constitution was put in immediate effect. During the entire process, every effort was made to keep the congregation informed on the changes and clear reasoning for the change, which made approval a success. The constitution has been a collective effort for the past year. Under the guidance of the congregation council, the task force researched constitutions of other ELCA congregations and guidance from staff of the Grand Canyon Synod and the ELCA churchwide. Changes to the constitution addressed matters in spending guidelines, the budget fiscal year, and council membership.

Today's Hymns:

Setting# 2 beginning on page 120 in front of book
Gathering : # 522
Hymn of the Day: 542 v.1,3,4
Offertory: # 523 v.2
Communion: #396
Sending: #487

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for dry rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti pasta, and spaghetti sauce Thru Mid-

August Esperanza has donated 975 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 to Barb & Herb Pinske for delivering food to KFRC! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

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- 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.

Volunteers needed- looking for volunteers to create bulletins in October and November. For more information see Joni or Pastor Chris.

Confirmation- The first regular class will be August 18th at 10:15am- 11:30am in the Choir room. See Deacon Connie or Pastor Chris for more information.

Sunday School- Sunday school will resume 8/18 at 10:15am. Questions? See Deacon Connie

Esperanza Staff Members

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, August 11, 2024

6:30am Pancakes at Grace (OS)

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

Monday, August 12, 2024

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz practice (SAN)

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:30pm Finance Team meeting (Online)

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

Thursday, August 15, 2024

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30 Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, August 16, 2024

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope For Newborns (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, August 17, 2024

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

Sunday, August 18, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

10:15am Confirmation Class (Choir room)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

OS- off site

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Doris Dorwart ?

Lector- Kristie Wright

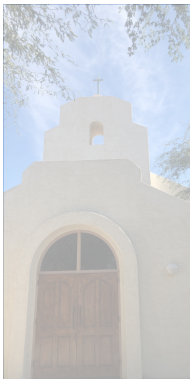
Communion Assistants- Chris & Rocky Armfield

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Assisting Minister- Paul Wagner

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fish, Janet Beeks

Counters- Eddie & Tin Knoell, Larry Hanson



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 522
Song of the Day: # 542 v 1,3,4
Offertory: # 523 v 2
Communion Hymn: # 396
Sending Song: # 487

We live stream our worship services.