

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix**  
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**August 18, 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/>

**Changes?** If you have changed your e-mail address, gotten a new phone number or moved please update your information with Joni in the office.  
[Esperanza@myesperanza.org](mailto:Esperanza@myesperanza.org)

**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.

**Ordination-** Julie Gerrish will be ordained on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am here at Esperanza! Reception will follow. All are welcome to attend! If you would like to help with the reception please contact Joni in the office or Lori Palomaa.

**Join us and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!**  
Esperanza's adult choir, Promesa de Esperanza, will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:MLC123@cox.net); or call/text: 602-321-2561.

**Affirmations for kids-** In the Narthex 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 Elementary School every month for the students and teachers to brighten their day and inspire!

**Pancake Breakfast For The Homeless: Thank You Volunteers** On August 11, 22 volunteers from Esperanza and friends prepared and served a pancake breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church to feed the

homeless located in the area. Grace Lutheran Church is located in downtown Phoenix. The Esperanza Team prepared 226 plates of food. Preparation of breakfast started at 6:30 AM, and cleanup was completed by 8:45 AM. Thank you to the volunteers! Our host, Grace Lutheran, was very appreciative of the Esperanza team.

**Help pack Naloxone Kits:** September 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org)

**Today's Hymns:**

Setting# 2 beginning on page 120 in front of book  
Gathering : # 689  
Hymn of the Day: 491  
Offertory: # 523 v.2  
Communion: #396  
Sending: #535

**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](mailto: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-** Kicks off today! 10:15am- 11:30am in the Choir room. See Deacon Connie or Pastor Chris for more information.

**Sunday School-** Resumes today! 10:15am. Questions? See Deacon Connie

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

**Pastor Chris Heller,** [Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org](mailto:Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org)

**Deacon Connie Rose-Kamprath** | Family Ministry Coordinator, Children of Hope Teacher  
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**Amy Angilletta** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Cindy Gerrish** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Katrin Guete** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jessica Mueller** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jess Pierce** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Vanessa Smith** | Children of Hope Teacher

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

Chris Armfield – Council President [chrisarmfield@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisarmfield@hotmail.com)

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#### **This Week At Esperanza**

##### **Sunday, August 18, 2024**

9:00am Worship (SAN)  
10:00am Fellowship (FH)  
10:15am Sunday School (CR)  
10:15am Confirmation (music room)  
3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

##### **Monday, August 19, 2024**

9:00am Women's AA group (CR)  
11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)  
6:30pm Jazz Concert (SAN)

##### **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)  
11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Wednesday, August 21, 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 22, 2024**

7:00am AA (CR)  
10:00am Thursday Matters  
11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)  
5:30 Women's Bible Study (GAR)

##### **Friday, August 23, 2024**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)  
9:00am AA (CR)  
11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, August 24, 2024**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)  
5:00pm Alanon (CR)

##### **Sunday, August 25, 2024**

9:00am Worship (SAN)  
10:00am Fellowship (FH)  
10:15am Sunday School (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Greeter-

Lector- Lauren Cantoni

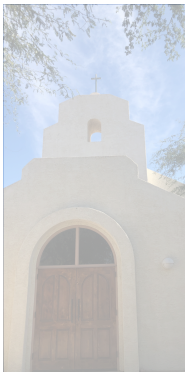
Communion Assistants- Larry Hanson & Doris Dorwart

Power Point- Kristie Wright

Assisting Minister- Jim Nelson

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela,

Counters- Peggy & Larry Hanson



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 689  
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Offertory: # 523 v 2  
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**We live stream our worship services.**