

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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**12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023**

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Announcements

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

Pastor Sarah on Vacation: Pastor Sarah will be on vacation August 19-22. During that time, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Connie at 480-298-4379.

Ministry Site Profile: Has been completed and approved by the council. If you would like a copy, please contact the office.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, September 10 at the end of worship. We will have a brief meeting to elect call committee members.

CPR/ First Aid/ AED: Saturday, Sept 16, 10 am to 12 pm. Cost is \$30 per person. Please make checks out to Esperanza and put CPR on the memo line. Sign up in the Narthex or call the office.

Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsals Have Begun! The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All adults are welcome—even if you have not participated in choir before! Questions? Contact Kazin Cole at (480) 550-0852.

Bring your own mug! Trying to be good stewards of the planet, we are trying to reduce our trash during fellowship. Bring your favorite mug with you for coffee hour after service!

I-HELP Dinner on Tuesday, August 22: The Esperanza crew will serve the I-HELP dinner at Desert Cross Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 22. To help, sign up online or in the narthex. Questions? Contact Linda Dickson at lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com.

Green Team! We need your help to keep God's gift, the amazing Esperanza Campus grounds, clean and well maintained! To do so, the Church Council is asking for volunteers to join our GREEN TEAM to help manage our beautiful campus grounds. The green team will be responsible for grass cutting, tree and bush trimming,

and broom pushing for the seasonal clean up of the mesquite tree leaves and catkins. We will meet at 6:30am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and spend an hour or 2 in fellowship and clean-up.

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, Aug. 20, 2023	John 4
Monday, Aug. 21, 2023	John 5
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023	John 6
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023	John 7
Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023	John 8
Friday, Aug. 25, 2023	John 9
Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023	John 10
Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023	John 11

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, dry beans, and rice. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through July 2023, Esperanza has donated 819 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

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.

Adult Bible Study- Beginning Sunday, September 17 at 10:30-11:00am, all adults are welcome at Adult Bible Study in the sanctuary!

Mission Plan Results Through July – General Fund

July 2023 YTD	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss)
Actual	\$203,508	\$176,362	\$27,147
Plan	\$187,985	\$173,474	\$14,511

Note: Not included above is a \$13,235 non-cash asset write-off of original playground equipment removed in June 2023.

Through July, pledge giving is ahead of our plan driven by families who have paid ahead on their commitment. Through June, 38 of 55 pledging families are ahead of their year-to-date commitment with 6 having paid the full year. This favorability will gradually diminish over the balance of the year.

Expenses to date are a little higher than Plan. Computer related expenses are higher than expected so far but some of this is timing. Property related expenses are running about \$3,000 higher than expected driven by utilities, maintenance and repair and cleaning services. This appears to be a developing trend.

On balance, Revenue less Expense is somewhat more favorable than we had planned at this time. But this is mostly driven by pledge families who have paid ahead, and this favorability will naturally decline over time. Plus, our Plan has additional spending planned for the second half for extra mortgage principal payments and call related expense. As a result, we still expect to end the year near breakeven.

Esperanza Staff Members

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Kathy Dolny | Children of Hope Teacher

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Jessica Mueller | Children of Hope Teacher

Rebecca Paterson | Children of Hope Teacher

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Caleb Rose-Kamprath | Children of Hope Teacher

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, August 20th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Funday Sunday School (CR)

Monday, August 21st

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Tuesday, August 22nd

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Wednesday, August 23rd

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

12:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, August 24th

7:00am AA (CR)

NO Thursday Matters (FH) Returns September 7th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

NO Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, August 25th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, August 26th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, August 27th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Paul & Janet Beeks

Lector- Kristie Wright

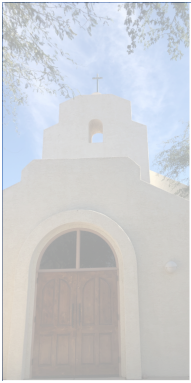
Communion Assistants- Tom & Susan Vega

Power Point- Craig Peck

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela, KC & Christine Quah

Counters- Linda Dickson, Molly Hurst



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 650

Song of the Day: # 759

Offertory: # 481

Communion Hymn: # 484

Sending Song: # 537

We live stream our worship services.