

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**August 24, 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/>

**Thank you!** Thank you to everyone in our community who celebrated Julie Gerrish at her Ordination yesterday. Thank you to everyone who provided food and beverages.

**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)

**Join us and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!**

Esperanza's adult choir, Promesa de Esperanza, weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, 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!

**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 (narcans) 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 : # 805  
Hymn of the Day: 514  
Offertory: # 523 v.2  
Communion: # 396  
Sending: # 671

**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, cup of soup, 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.

## Esperanza Staff Members

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

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## This Week At Esperanza

### Sunday, August 25, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

### Monday, August 26, 2024

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz Practice (SAN)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

### Tuesday, August 27, 2024

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics

### Wednesday, August 28, 2024

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Promesa De Esperanza (SAN)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

### Thursday, August 29, 2024

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30 Women's Bible Study (GAR)

### Friday, August 30, 2024

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

### Saturday, August 31, 2024

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

### Sunday, September 1, 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- Julie Valenzuela

Lector- Marcie Donavon

Communion Assistants- Tom & Susan Vega

Power Point- John Gemma

Assisting Minister- Paul Wagner

Ushers- Denzil Klein, Dick Dorwart, Jim Gisselquist

Counters- Kelly & Steve K, John Gemma



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

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| Gathering Song:  | # 805     |
| Song of the Day: | # 514     |
| Offertory:       | # 523 v 2 |
| Communion Hymn:  | # 396     |
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**We live stream our worship services.**