

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
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**12th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 27, 2023**

*In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

**Announcements**

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at [www.MyEsperanza.org](http://www.MyEsperanza.org)

**Mental Health Tips & Tools for 2s, Teens, & Beyond.  
Esperanza Leading with Hope Talks.**

We are people of hope! And because we are, we have a message to share with our community at large. **On Sunday, September 17, 1-3 pm**, we will be opening up our sanctuary to the community for **our first ever Hope Talk addressing kids' mental health**. As you likely know, kids' mental health in the US declined through the pandemic, and we are still seeing the after-effects of it on kids of all ages, birth through teens. With the help of educators and mental health professionals, we—parents, grandparents, and all adults in kids' support networks—will learn about how to best support and empower our kids to live confidently and joyously. Take-home resources, community contacts, and light refreshments will be provided. More information will be coming soon!

**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 we have a church friend that is in need of a meal or more, delivered to their home. I'm organizing the meals, and the process. I email team members when there is a need. Great if you can help, and certainly fine if you're unavailable. The goal is to provide a meal. Costco/Sam's Club meals, restaurant take out or homemade - all appreciated. You can combine with another team member too, and share the prep/cost. Please email me if you're interested in helping out with this ministry. [Pwagner255@cox.net](mailto:Pwagner255@cox.net). In His name, Peggy Wagner

**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, 10am 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!

**Green Team! Next clean up date: September 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023	John 11
Monday, Aug. 28, 2023	John 12
Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023	John 13
Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023	John 14
Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023	John 15
Friday, Sept. 1, 2023	John 16
Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023	John 17
Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023	John 18

**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](mailto: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.

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

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**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

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**Caleb Rose-Kamprath** | Children of Hope Teacher

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

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

##### **Sunday, August 27th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Funday Sunday School (CR)

##### **Monday, August 28th**

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Tuesday, August 29th**

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Wednesday, August 30th**

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

##### **Thursday, August 31st**

7:00am AA (CR)

NO Thursday Matters (FH) Returns Sept.7th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

NO Women's Bible Study (GAR)

##### **Friday, September 1st**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, September 2nd**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

##### **Sunday, September 3rd**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

No Sunday School

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

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

Greeter- Dick & Doris Dorwart

Lector- Larry Hanson

Communion Assistants- Julie Valenzuela, Michelle

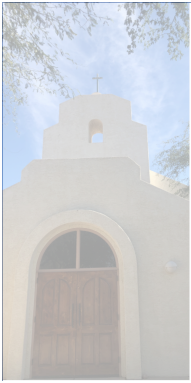
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Power Point- Kristie Wright

Assisting Minister- Paul Wagner

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Cindy Jackson

Counters- Larry & Peggy Hanson



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 597

Song of the Day: # 652

Offertory: # 481

Communion Hymn: # 820

Sending Song: # 654

**We live stream our worship services.**