

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

Announcements

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

Next Sunday- Promesa de Esperanza will be performing their winter cantata!

Las Posadas – All are welcome to join with Iglesia Luterana Vida Nueva, one of our sister congregations in the Grand Canyon Synod, as they gather for their annual Las Posadas Christmas event. La posada literally means “inns” or “hostels” and commemorates Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay on the night of Jesus' birth. The community sings and prays, reads scripture and moves from place to place seeking lodging. Each host traditionally provides food and drink to the community. **Our friends from Vida Nueva will gather at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7205 N 51st Avenue, Phoenix on Saturday, December 17 at 6 pm. All are welcome!**

Adult Sunday School- As Pastor Sarah transitions into her role, she will take a break from leading Adult Sunday School until Sunday, January 8th.

Christmas BUNCO! Monday December 12 at 6:30pm Jayne Peterson's house – 14604 S. 1st Street, Phoenix
There is a Big hill so wear comfortable shoes and carpool

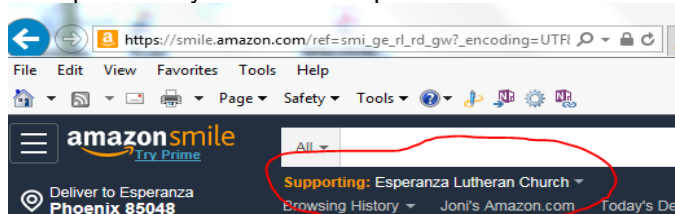
Christmas BUNCO to do list -

- Christmas themed item (decoration, Christmas craft, baking item, home goods, accessory, etc.) that is wrapped \$20-25 limit for the exchange
- Community Service Contribution if able – Esperanza has been collecting \$10 fast food gift cards for Voices of CASA Children in foster care. Thought that would be easy to bring to the church
- Appetizer or Dessert (if you bring guests– just bring one for you all)
- RSVP so I have some idea of how many are coming to Jayne476@cox.net
- Please pass the word!– Ladies only for this event
- Don't come if you are sick

Blue Christmas Advent Service- Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Preschool Trivia Night- January 21st at 6:00pm Mark your calendar; gather a team of 6 adults. Prizes will be awarded for the winning trivia table, the best decorated table, and even the biggest losers! It is a great evening of food, fellowship and fun!

Don't Forget Easy Fundraiser- Amazon donates .05% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Go to Smile.Amazon.com, Log on,/under the amazon search bar it says “supporting” with a pull down menu-search for Esperanza Lutheran church. We get .05% each purchase you make. Simple!



Habitat House 2022-23 Due to permit and supply chain shortages the house is on a temporary hold. Stay tuned for updates! Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past builds a success.

Come PhLY with Me!

High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info!
www.phlyministry.com

January 13-16 Winter Retreat, \$50 per person. Sign up on the website!

Families and Youth, please refer to our up-to-date calendar on the Esperanza website for event updates by visiting myesperanza.org/calendar

Kyrene Family Resource Center

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: spaghetti sauce, Dry beans, peanut butter, jelly and toilet paper. Year to date Esperanza has donated 746lbs of food. 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

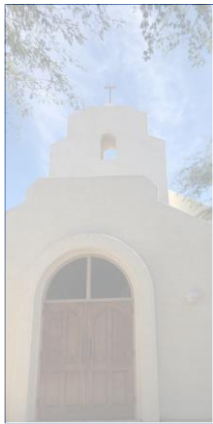
container (on the counter in the entryway to the sanctuary). Let's spread God's comfort and peace into the world.

Pet Prayer Shawl Ministry- to benefit 2DARescue. 2darecue.org Shawls are crocheted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to purchase supplies. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze roseypetunia@cox.net.

Calendar of Events

<p>Sunday, December 11th 9:00am Service 10:15am Sunday school 2:00pm Girl Scouts (2F)</p> <p>Monday, December 12th 9:00am Women's AA group (2F) 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 3384 6:00pm Jazz group (SAN) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 13th</p> <p>Wednesday, December 14th 6:30am Toastmasters 9:00 am 12 Step (2F) 10:00am Mary Circle (FH) 7:00pm Advent service 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)</p>	<p>Thursday, December 15th 7:00am AA (2F) 10:00am Thursday Matters (FH) 5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)</p> <p>Friday, December 16th 8:00am Toast Masters (FH) 9:00am AA (2F) 10:00am AZ Needy Newborns (FH)</p> <p>Saturday, December 17th 8:00 am Men's AA (2F)</p> <p>Sunday, December 18th 9:00am Service NO Fun Day School 2:00pm Girl Scouts (2F)</p>
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Worship Leaders	
	9:00
Greeter	Julie Velenzuela
Lector	Edith Kombe
Communion Assistants	Rocky & Chris Armfield
Ushers	Dick or Doris Dorwart, Tom Vega
Power Point	Terri Beeks
Assisting Minister	Craig Peck



Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats. Thank you.

Gathering Song: #257 vs 1,5,6
Song of the Day: # 726
Offertory: # 242 v 1
Communion Hymn # 251
Sending Song: May the God of Hope Go With Us

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