

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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December 1, 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/>

Advent Mid-Week services on Wednesday's at 7:00pm on December 4, 11 with Blue Christmas on December 18.

Cantata- Next Sunday, December 8th Promesa De Esperanza will be giving their Advent Cantata.

Christmas Eve Services- 4:00pm Children's Message, 7:00pm Candles and carols.

Kyrene Family Resource Center: Thank You for Thanksgiving Dinner Food Items

This past week the Center created and delivered Thanksgiving food items boxes for families in need. The Kyrene Foundation provided a gift card so families can purchase a turkey. Please contact Larry Hanson, Community Outreach Team with questions. Thank you.

HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER Please make plans to join in on the Esperanza social event of the year!! Our Holiday Progressive Dinner is Saturday December 7th, at 6:00pm sharp. There will be more details available at our Sunday services, but here's a quick overview of how the event works. Everyone begins the evening at one home, (TBD) for appetizers and drinks, at 6:00pm sharp. From this home, we split up into smaller groups, (usually 8) and travel to a soup and salad home, followed by a different entrée home. After your entrée, we gather at one common home to enjoy dessert, coffee and other beverages. The addresses of host home will be given to all before leaving the appetizer home. It's great fun to host a soup/ salad course or entrée. You have no idea who will be ringing your doorbell waiting to join you- but won't typically be more than 6 or 7 beside yourself/selves. It's casual- nothing fancy needed! A sign-up board will be available at church starting 11/10. Feel free to contact Peggy Wagner at any time for more information and to sign up. (480)363-6616 PWagner255@cox.net

Street Clean up! Please join us on Sunday, December 8th, at 4 p.m. for our fourth 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 online (via our E-Newsletter) or on the Sign up sheet that will be provided in November. If you have questions, please see Chris Armfield or the Outreach Team at outreach@myesperanza.org

Today's Hymns:

Setting# 4 beginning on page 149 in front of book
Lighting of Advent Candle # 257 vs 1,4
Gathering: # 244
Hymn of the Day: # 436
Offertory: # 439
Communion: # 715
Sending: ELW# 248

ELCA World Hunger 50th Anniversary: Esperanza Lutheran Challenge

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me – Matthew 25:35.

Fifty years ago, Lutherans in the U.S. launched the World Hunger appeals to stand with neighbors experiencing hunger. Today, working through congregations and other partners, ELCA World Hunger reaches out to communities in need with community meals, microloans, water wells, animal husbandry, health clinics, and advocacy. ELCA is focused on supporting sustainable solutions that go to the root causes of hunger and poverty. According to the ELCA website, almost 10% of the world's population is hungry. ELCA World Hunger is working with communities in 64 countries including the United States. Through your generosity, the Esperanza Lutheran Church Council is making a \$1,200 donation from the Benevolence Line in our Mission Plan to the ELCA World Hunger 50th Anniversary celebration. Esperanza is now challenging members and friends to provide a match of \$1200 or more by December 15.

You can respond to this challenge in one of the following ways:

- Place loose currency and coins in a glass jar located on the altar platform.
- Make a check payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and place in a World Hunger 50th Anniversary envelope located in the Narthex or in a plain enveloped marked ELCA World Hunger donation with the dollar amount. Place the envelope in the offering, and Esperanza will gather all the donations and forward to ELCA.
- Make donations on-line at ELCA.org/hunger/donate

Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson, Community Outreach Team.

Ladies Christmas Bunco Thursday December 12th. 6:30 pm. Bring a wrapped Christmas themed item \$25 max to fight over. Feel free to invite a friend, ride share and bring either an appetizer or dessert for every two or three of you. If you are so moved...we will be collecting gift cards for teens as a part of LLSW- Target, Walmart, Amazon, Starbucks Please RSVP Jayne476@cox.net or 480-277-5186 to get directions

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!

With Multiple Food Needs at Family Resource Center -

Esperanza is helping with food needs on multiple fronts at the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Currently, the Center needs the following for families: peanut butter, gallon-freezer bags, and spaghetti pasta and sauce. Some children in the Kyrene School District are coming to class Monday mornings hungry, struggling to focus on learning. The Center is responding to the need by packing a Weekend Food Bag and providing to these children on Fridays. Food items can include any of the following:

- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Microwavable Chef Boyardee
- Microwavable ramen noodles
- Microwavable cup of soup
- Breakfast cereal
- Granola bars.
- Applesauce or fruit cup

The Center prefers these be a single serving, and a suggestion would be to purchase single serving containers in bulk at Costco, etc. The Center will pack the food in bags. Two weeks ago, the Center indicating they were distributing approximately 150 Weekend Food Bags every Friday.

Through September, Esperanza has donated a total of 1224 pounds of food to the Center. Our food donation goal for 2024 is 1,250 pounds. Please place donations in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity. For questions, please contact Larry Hanson at lhanson2@msn.com

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).

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

Monday, December 2, 2024

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz Practice (SAN)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

6:30pm 35th Anniversary Committee (Choir room)

6:30pm Outreach Team (FH)

Wednesday, December 4, 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, December 5, 2024

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, December 8, 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- Joni Thorpe

Lector- Liz Farquhar

Communion Assistants- Gail Klandrud, Jane Gisselquist

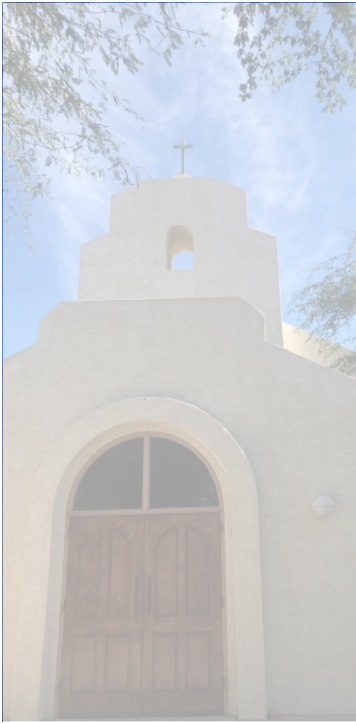
Power Point- Craig Peck

Assisting Minister- Paul Wagner

Ushers- Susan Brown, Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszynski,

Tom Vega

Counters- Kelly & Steven Kartz



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Hymnals and Bil

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Song of the Day:

Offertory:

Communion Hymn:

Sending Song:

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