

Nativity of Our Lord December 25, 2022

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

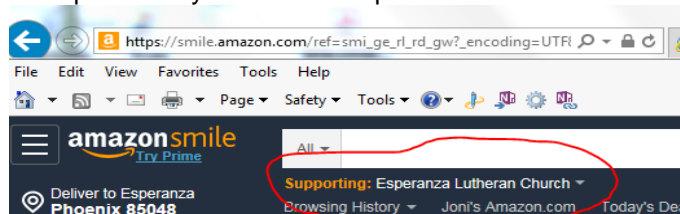
Announcements

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

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

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](https://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.

Yvonne Green Memorial Service - We will gather to mourn the death and celebrate the life of Yvonne Green on Saturday, December 31 at 11 am in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you desire to share a monetary gift in memory of Yvonne, you can go to <https://ss-sw.givingfuel.com/main-giving-page> to give toward Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest who will be providing gifts this Valentine's Day to older adults who receive their home health care services. Please keep Yvonne's family and friends in prayer as they grieve this loss. The service will also be live-streamed.

Worship Leaders	
	9:00
Greeter	
Lector	Linda Dickson
Communion Assistants	
Ushers	
Power Point	Craig Peck
Assisting Minister	

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 25th

9:00am Service
NO Sunday school

Monday, December 26th

9:00am Women's AA group (2F)
6:00pm Jazz group (SAN)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)

Tuesday, December 27th

Wednesday, December 28th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)
9:00 am 12 Step (2F)
10:00am Mary Circle (FH)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)

Thursday, December 29th

7:00am AA (2F)
10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)
5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, December 30th

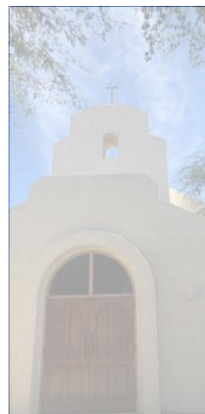
8:00am Toast Masters (FH)
9:00am AA (2F)

Saturday, December 31st

8:00 am Men's AA (2F)

Sunday, January 1st

9:00am Service
NO Fun Day School



Welcome to Worship!

Christmas Day
December 25, 2022

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

Gathering Song: #270

Song of the Day: We Have Seen the Messiah

Offertory: # 297

Communion Hymn # 276

Sending Song: #290

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