

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are set in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Announcements

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

Wine Tasting in the Garden of Eatn' on December 4th Join us for a fun wine tasting afternoon at 3pm in the Esperanza Garden of Eatn'. Todd Peterson will furnish the wine and school us on the wine we are drinking. Please sign up on the Narthex table, bring a snack to share and a chair to sit on!

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

Esperanza Hunger Ministry: Pancake Breakfast to Feed Homeless at Grace Lutheran On November 27, twelve volunteers from Esperanza prepared and served a pancake breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church to feed the homeless located in the area. Grace Lutheran Church is located in downtown Phoenix. Approximately 125 people were served. Preparation of breakfast started at 6:30 AM, and cleanup was completed by 8:45 AM. Thank you to the following volunteers: Kathy and John Gemma; Debbie Grayson; Jim Gisselquist; Kristen, Chris, and Amanda Baldwin; Craig Peck; Kurt and Shirley Huntley; and Peggy and Larry Hanson. Our host, Grace Lutheran, was very appreciative of the Esperanza team. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

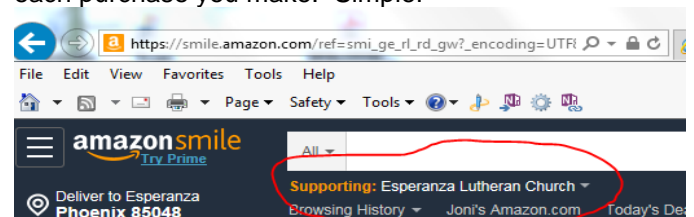
LSS-SW Angel Tree project- We ask that all gifts get to church no later than TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH. We will be confirming all gifts have been received, bagged and tagged for delivery. If additional plastic bags or tags are needed, please indicate this with a note on the gift. Return unwrapped gifts between Nov. 28 & Dec 6
Questions? Contact Susan or Tom Vega 630-508-7456, 630-918-2790

Mid-Week Advent Services- Wednesday at 7:00pm with Blue Christmas on Dec. 14th.

Promesa De Esperanza – We are practicing for the cantata Wednesdays at 7:30- come add your voice ! All are welcome; no prior experience needed!

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.

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| <p>Sunday, December 4th 9:00am Service 10:15am Sunday school 10:30 Worship Planning (CR) 2:00pm Girl Scouts (2F)</p> <p>Monday, December 5th 8:30am COH Chapel 9:00am Women's AA group (2F) 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 3384 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F) 7:00pm Jazz group (SAN)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 6th 8:30am CPH Chapel</p> <p>Wednesday, December 7th 6:30am Toastmasters 8:30am COH Chapel 9:00 am 12 Step (2F) 10:00am Mary Circle (FH) 7:00pm Advent service 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)</p> | <p>Thursday, December 8th 7:00am AA (2F) 9:00am COH Christmas program 10:00am Thursday Matters (FH) 12:00pm Music Makers San/FH 5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR) 7:00pm Council Meeting (CR)</p> <p>Friday, December 9th 8:00am Toast Masters (FH) 9:00am AA (2F) 4:00pm Music Makers (SAN/FH)</p> <p>Saturday, December 10th 8:00 am Men's AA (2F) 10:00am Music Makers (SAN/FH)</p> <p>Sunday, December 11th 9:00am Service 10:15 Fun Day School 10:30 Worship Planning (CR) 2:00pm Girl Scouts (2F) 2:30pm Josquin recital (SAN)</p> |
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Welcome to Worship!

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

Gathering Song: #257 vs 1,4,5
 Song of the Day: # 266
 Offertory: # 242 v 1
 Communion Hymn # 264
 Sending Song: May the God of Hope Go With Us

| Worship Leaders | |
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| | 9:00 |
| Greeter | Ray & Joyce Purdy |
| Lector | Kristy Wright |
| Communion Assistants | Michelle Tinsley, Kathy Gemma |
| Ushers | Jane Gisselquist, Ron Tuszynski |
| Power Point | Michelle Tinsley |
| Assisting Minister | Deacon Connie |
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