

# Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

## February 12, 2023

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

### Announcements

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

**Cinderella Affair-** our 8<sup>th</sup> year participating in the collection of gently used prom dresses, shoes, evening wear, and jewelry. These items will be given to girls in the community who would not normally attend prom due to the cost of the items. Place items in the box in the Narthex. Collection box will be here thru February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Mission Gatherings Leading Esperanza into the Future

The Esperanza Transition Team is leading us through a process of discernment about God's mission for Esperanza and our guiding principles. As part of that process, you are invited and encouraged to participate in at least one Mission Gathering. At each Mission Gathering, we will be asking questions and receiving your thoughts about the values we share as a congregation and the direction that we feel the Holy Spirit moving us as a community. In order to make these gatherings as accessible as possible, members of the Transition Team will be coming to some of the regular gatherings here at Esperanza in addition to some specially scheduled gatherings.

2/24, 5 p.m., Happy Hour at the Tinsley Home—A sign up will be provided for this gathering.

3/1, 10 a.m., Mary Circle in the Fellowship Hall

3/2, 10 a.m., Thursday Matters in the Fellowship Hall

3/3, 6 p.m., High School Gathering with Pizza in the Fellowship Hall

3/5, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Funday on the 2nd Floor

3/5, 10:15 a.m., Post-Worship Gathering in the Sanctuary

3/7, 11:45 a.m., Preschool Teachers & Parents in the Sanctuary

God is on a mission here at Esperanza. We will just discern what God is already doing! Thank you! Pastor Sarah

**Knitters and Crocheters, this is for you!** Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) is looking for volunteers with a variety of skills, including those who enjoy knitting and crocheting. On Thursday or Friday mornings at the LSS-SW Phoenix office, they are looking for people to teach workshops or serve on an ongoing basis with refugee women. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Tatum at [jtatum@lss-sw.org](mailto:jtatum@lss-sw.org).

**Need offering envelopes?** We have offering envelopes available for those who would like them. Please call or email Joni in the church office ([esperanza@myesperanza.org](mailto:esperanza@myesperanza.org), 480-759-1515) to claim yours.

**First communion Class-** today 10:15 am-11:00am. Snack will be provided. There is no age limit if you feel your child is ready to receive communion and grow in their faith, we invite you to join us. Please contact Deacon Connie for more information at [Deacon.connie@myesperanza.org](mailto:Deacon.connie@myesperanza.org)

**Update your contact information!** Please let Joni know ([esperanza@myesperanza.org](mailto:esperanza@myesperanza.org)) your new contact information such as cell phone numbers and emails. If you have recently moved, please let us know your new mailing address.

**Kyrene Family Resource Center Cereal Drive-** Esperanza is conducting a Cereal Drive for KFRC during February. We are off to a great start! Twenty five boxes donated this week! Total thus far: 69 boxes! KFRC includes a box of cereal in each food box they pack. As KFRC packs hundreds of food boxes a week, a lot of cereal is needed. While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is also a current need for pasta sauce, jelly, rice, and beans. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. For January 2023, Esperanza has 11.5 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you!  
Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**Habitat House 2023-** Our 26<sup>th</sup> year !! Site: 3610 S Roosevelt St. Tempe, AZ. If tools are not your thing they also need volunteers to provide lunch for the volunteers! 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.

**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.

**Pet Prayer Shawl Ministry-** Pet Prayer Shawls benefit Crest Care, Inc. Shawls are knitted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to Esperanza. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze [roseypetunia@cox.net](mailto:roseypetunia@cox.net).

**Helping Hands-** the community needs you! We will be putting together the worship leader list for 2023. If you can help as a Greeter, Lector, Communion Assistant, Usher, PowerPoint Operator, Livestream Operator, or Assisting Minister, please let Joni know at [Esperanza@myesperanza.org](mailto:Esperanza@myesperanza.org).

**Ash Wednesday-** Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> worship at 7:00pm

**Lent Soup & Suppers** begin March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm sign up board is in the Narthex.

**Discernment Gathering** after from 6:30-6:50

**Lent Wednesday Worship Service** at 7:00pm

<p><b>Sunday, February 12th</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am First Communion Class 10:30am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (2F)</p> <p><b>Monday, February 13th</b> 9:00am Women's AA group (2F) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 5:00pm Girl Scouts #3384(2F) 6:00pm Jazz group (SAN) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup></b> 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 2:00pm Finance Committee meeting (FH)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 15th</b> 6:30am Toastmasters(FH) 9:00 am 12 Step (2F) 10:00am Mary Circle (FH) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 2:00pm Staff meeting (FH) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, February 16th</b> 7:00am AA (2F) 10:00am Thursday Matters (FH) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)</p> <p><b>Friday, February 17th</b> 8:00am Toast Masters (FH) 9:00am AA (2F) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F)</p> <p><b>Saturday, February 18th</b> 8:00 am Men's AA (2F) 8:00am Campus Clean Up</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 19th</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday Sunday meeting (FH) 10:30am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891</p>
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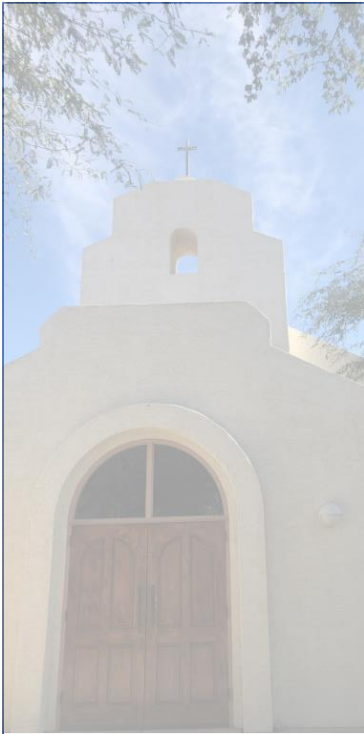
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# Welcome to Worship!

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

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

Gathering Song: # 819

Song of the Day: # 815

Offertory: #All Are Welcome

Communion Hymn # 612

Sending Song: # I will Follow