

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Announcements

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

Mission Gathering at the Home of Michelle Tinsley: If you are planning to attend the Mission Gathering at the home of Michelle Tinsley on Friday, February 24 at 5 pm, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex or by emailing Michelle at michelle.tinsley3@gmail.com.

Journeying through the New Testament in 2023- During Lent we will read our way thru the New Testament. The reading list is on the Narthex counter and on the website.

Cinderella Affair- This is our 8th 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.

Movie – Sunday, Feb 26, 3:00pm in the sanctuary we will be showing the movie Luther.

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—Sign up sheet on Narthex table.

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

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

3/5, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Funday in the Community Room

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

3/6 3 pm via Zoom please let Pastor know so she can send you the link

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.

Update your contact information! Please let Joni know (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 Sixty boxes donated this week! Total thus far: 145 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 February 2023 Esperanza has 110 lbs. of food to KFRC. YTD including cereal 225 pounds. Thank you! Also, Thank you to Children of Hope kids, parents and staff. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Habitat House 2023- Our 26th 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.

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

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<p>Sunday, February 19th 9:00am Worship NO Funday School 10:30am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)</p> <p>Monday, February 20th 9:00am Women's AA group (CR) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR) 5:00pm Girl Scouts #3384(CR) 6:00pm Jazz group (SAN) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)</p> <p>Tuesday, February 21st 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR) 6:00pm COH Board meeting (FH) 7:00pm Council meeting (FH)</p> <p>Wednesday, February 22nd 6:30am Toastmasters(FH) 9:00 am 12 Step (CR) 10:00am Mary Circle (FH) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR) 2:00pm Staff meeting (FH) 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)</p>	<p>Thursday, February 23rd 7:00am AA (CR) 10:00am Thursday Matters (FH) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR) 5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)</p> <p>Friday, February 24th 8:00am Toast Masters (FH) 9:00am AA (CR) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)</p> <p>Saturday, February 25th 8:00 am Men's AA (CR) 8:00am Campus Clean Up 5:00pm Mission Gathering (off site)</p> <p>Sunday, February 26th 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday Funday 10:30am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)</p>
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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 Schultz at 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

Ash Wednesday- Feb. 22nd worship at 7:00pm
Lent Soup & Salad Suppers begin Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00pm sign up board is in the Narthex.
Discernment Gathering after supper 6:30-6:50pm
Mid-Week Lenten Worship Wednesdays at 7:00pm

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Worship Leaders	
	9:00
Greeter	Paul & Janet Beeks
Lector	John Gemma
Communion Assistants	Jim & Jane Gisselquist
Ushers	Dennis Fox, KC & Christine Quah
Power Point	Joni Thorpe
Assisting Minister	Deacon Connie



Welcome to Worship!

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

Gathering Song: # 834

Song of the Day: # 317

Offertory: #All Are Welcome

Communion Hymn # 838

Sending Song: # 671