

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany February 5, 2023

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine and the light of Christ.

Announcements

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

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.

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, 480-759-1515) to claim yours.

Fellowship event- All are welcome to attend dinner at Buca di Beppo's at [7111 W. Ray Rd, Chandler](http://7111.W.Ray.Rd.Chandler) on Feb., 11, at 6pm for a Valentine's dinner. Each group or couple will order and pay their own check. We will have a dedicated room in the restaurant for our group. Come join for a fun filled evening. To sign up add your name to the list in the Narthex or send Peggy Wagner an email at pwagner255@cox.net, including your name, # of attendees in your group and your email.

New Members Class- The New Member Class is today at 11:15 am, and lunch will be provided.

First Communion Class- The First Communion Class is today and February 12, 11:15am- 1:00pm. Lunch 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

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 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 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 Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00. 50% of donations go to the rescue and 50% go to Esperanza. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze 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.

<p>Sunday, February 5th 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday Funday 10:30am Adult Sunday School 11:15am New Member Class & First Communion Class 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (2F)</p> <p>Monday, February 6th 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>Tuesday, February 7th 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F)</p> <p>Wednesday, February 8th 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>Thursday, February 9th 7:00am AA (2F) 10:00am Thursday Matters (FH) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)</p> <p>Friday, February 10th 8:00am Toast Masters (FH) 9:00am AA (2F) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F)</p> <p>Saturday, February 11th 8:00am Men's AA (2F) 6:00pm Buca di Beppos Dinner</p> <p>Sunday, February 12th 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday Funday 10:30am Adult Sunday School 11:15am First Communion 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891</p>
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Worship Leaders	
	9:00
Greeter	Rocky & Chris Armfield
Lector	Paul Wagner
Communion Assistants	John Fisher & Michelle Tinsley
Ushers	Susan Brown, Michelle Ageno
Power Point	Craig Peck
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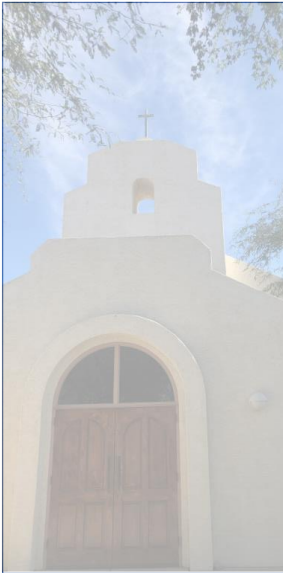
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Welcome to Worship!

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Gathering Song: #532

Song of the Day: #715 verses 1,2,5

Offertory: #All Are Welcome

Communion Hymn #712

Sending Song: #314