

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix
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February 2, 2025

Esperanza Mission Statement

Esperanza Lutheran Church creates authentic connections and a deep sense of belonging as a Christ-centered community.

Esperanza Guiding Principles

1. We set our goals guided by God.
2. We welcome all and respect diverse opinions.
3. We deepen our spirituality and put our faith in motion.

Announcements

To access our weekly Words of Hope newsletter visit:
<https://myesperanza.org/woh>

To access our up to date calendar visit:
<https://myesperanza.org/calendar/>

35th Anniversary team is hard at work to make it a wonderful celebration. We need YOU to register on line at www.MyEsperanza.org on the home page click the register button. We need head counts for food ordering!

Personalized River Stones to Commemorate Esperanza's 35th Anniversary! For 35 years, Esperanza has been grounded in hope. During the anniversary celebration, we will build a permanent marker that will remind future generations that our church was founded and built with hope. We plan to outline the word HOPE directly into the soil to the right of the sidewalk leading to the sanctuary from the west sidewalk arch. The letters that comprise HOPE will be filled in with stones inscribed with remembrances of our past, our names and our dreams for the future of our church. All are welcome to contribute messages to be inscribed on the stones. You might offer up your own name, the names of family members, the names of loved ones who have passed, treasured memories, prayers, and dreams for the future. Please prayerfully consider what your message will be. Stones will be engraved by a Maryland-based company, CouragelnStones. You may contribute more than one stone if you wish. We ask that you do not exceed 3 to 4 lines for each stone. The cost for a single stone is \$8.00. Please drop a check, money order or cash at the church office or into the Sunday offering between now and February 23rd, 2025 (the engraved stones will be placed on Easter Sunday and during the anniversary celebration we will place non-engraved stones into the HOPE marker). Please include the total amount for your household's stone(s). Please make sure you indicate that the check, money order or cash is for the HOPE installation. You can order online on the website: WWW.Myesperanza.org on home page scroll down to News- or there are order forms in the Narthex.

First Green Team of 2025 campus clean-up morning will be Saturday, February 8 between 7:00am and 10:00 am. . If anyone would like to come earlier please let me know and we will be there! You can go to the website:
Shareable link: <https://myesperanza.org/join-the-green-team-and-help-keep-our-campus-clean/>

Current list of tasks: Raking dead leaves and branches; tree Trimming; Blowing & pick up of the courtyard & preschool; Sweeping Parking Lots
Thank you for all of your help!

Today's Hymns:

Gathering Song: # 866
Song of the Day: # 295
Offertory: # 184
Communion Song: # 491, 472
Sending Song: Now Lord

Esperanza will host a Souper Bowl of Caring

competition during the church service on February 9, which is Super Bowl Sunday this year. (The football game, in New Orleans, will be played at 4:30 Arizona time.) You're encouraged to wear a sports jersey to church and show your support for one of the contenders or your favorite team! Here are the "rules": Please bring non-perishable food (granola bars, jelly, rice, cereal, black beans, dried pinto beans, spaghetti, mac & cheese, soup, or spaghetti sauce) to church. Three boxes will be placed near the altar for the food: one box for the Eagles and one for the Chiefs, and one box for "other" (perhaps your team didn't make it, or you don't like the teams that did). Cash donations will also be accepted. Food donations will be delivered to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Cash donations will be used for Esperanza's collaborative ministries with Grace Lutheran (preparing pancake breakfasts and sack lunches for the homeless).

For questions, contact Deacon Connie or Larry Hanson. For more information on Souper Bowl of Caring go to: <https://tacklehunger.org/>

Adopt-A-Street Cleanup! Please join us for our first Adopt-A-Street cleanup of 2025 on Sunday, March 9th at 4:00 PM. We will park and meet at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School which is located at the corner of South Ranch Circle and 41st Place. Our trash pickup will be along both sides of South Ranch Circle from Mountain Parkway to Ray Road. Esperanza will provide safety vests, trash bags, gloves, water, hand sanitizer, a first aid kit and prizes for the most unusual trash found! Please wear your "God's Work. Our Hands." T-shirts so the neighbors know who we are. Everyone is welcome, including children accompanied by a parent or adult. Sign up online (via our E-Newsletter) or on the sign-up sheet that will be provided in the Fellowship Hall in February. If you have questions, please contact Chris Armfield, Larry Hanson, or a member of the Outreach Team at outreach@myesperanza.org.

Affirmations for kids- In the Narthex there are packs of sticky notes, pens, and affirmation ideas. Please stop and write a few or take some home and bring them back. We fill a bulletin board at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School every month for the students and teachers to brighten their day and inspire!

2025 Food Donations to Kyrene Family Resource Center. Through January Esperanza has donated 60 pounds of non-perishable food to the center. Our food donation goal for 2025 is 1,300 pounds.

Esperanza is helping with food needs on multiple fronts at the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Currently, the Center needs the following for families: peanut butter, beans- canned or dry, spaghetti pasta and sauce, and cereal. Some children in the Kyrene School District are coming to class Monday mornings hungry, struggling to focus on

learning. The Center is responding to the need by packing a Weekend Food Bag and providing to these children on Fridays. Food items can include any of the following:

- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Microwavable Chef Boyardee
- Microwavable ramen noodles
- Microwavable cup of soup
- Breakfast cereal
- Granola bars.
- Applesauce or fruit cup

The Center prefers these be a single serving, and a suggestion would be to purchase single serving containers in bulk at Costco, etc. The Center will pack the food in bags. Please place donations in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity. For questions, please contact Larry Hanson at lhanson2@msn.com

Prayer Shawls: Prayers shawls can be found on the rack by the altar and are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please 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).

Join the Meal Brigade- You're invited! Every now and then, a church friend is in need of a meal or more, delivered to their home. Peggy Wagner is organizing the meals and the process, emailing team members when there is a need. Could you help provide a meal? Costco/Sam's Club meals, restaurant takeout or homemade — all of these are appreciated. If you like, you can join forces with another team member and share the prep/cost. Email Peggy at pwagner255@cox.net if you are interested in helping out with this ministry.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

Monday, February 3, 2025

9:00am Women's AA group (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz Practice (SAN)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday February 4, 2025

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

6:30pm Outreach Team meeting (FH)

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

7:00pm Choir (SAN)

Thursday, February 6, 2025

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, February 7, 2025

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, February 8, 2025

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

.3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Beth Leaf

Lector- Gail Klandrud

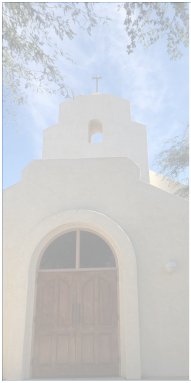
Communion Assistants- Dennis Fox, Marcie Donavan

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie & Jim Nelson

Power Point- Kristie Wright

Ushers- Susan Brown, Michelle Ageno, Tom Vega

Counters- John Fisher, Dennis Fox



Welcome to Worship!

Presentation of Our Lord

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

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We live stream our worship services.