

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**February 25, 2024**

**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/>

**We Welcome** Pastor Steve Holm as our leader this morning! Thank you for being here!

**Pastor Chris Heller-** will be installed next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> during worship at 9am. Bishop Hutter will be here to perform the installation. Join us in welcoming Pastor Heller.

**Lenten Soup & Salad Suppers** at 6pm will begin on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Sign up board in the Narthex. Worship will follow with the Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00pm.

**COH Trivia night!**-thank you to everyone who participated!

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**ELCA Region 2 Lenten Challenge for Hunger**

About 11% of the world's population is hungry. In honor of the ELCA World Hunger's 50<sup>th</sup> year in mission and ministry, the five synods in ELCA's Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. The synods are Grand Canyon, Rocky Mountain, Pacifica, Southwest California, and Sierra Pacific. The challenge involves participating in spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent. The intent is to consider the following four Lenten practices and commit to three:

1. Daily Devotion: Subscribe to receive daily email devotions for Lent.
2. Daily Discipline: Do one wellness activity every day.
3. Daily Declutter: Once a day find a way to de-clutter, de-stress, and re-tune.
4. Daily Donation: Pledge to give \$1 a day or more.

For more details go to the website -

<https://www.lentenchallenge.org/>

Let's help our Grand Canyon Synod win the Lenten Challenge for Hunger and feed those that are hungry.

**Easter flowers-** we will be taking orders for flowers thru March 24<sup>th</sup>, cost is \$20 per plant, and you may take them home after the 9am service on Easter Sunday.

**Easter Eggs-** Collecting filled Easter eggs with small candy (not chocolate), stickers, or something fun for the kids Easter Egg hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the office any time before March 24.

**Jazz Band-**will be performing Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. BYOB and a snack to share if you'd like.

**Make Plans to Help Out at Easter Parade March 30-** Esperanza will have a spot in the parade, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, near Warner Road and 48th Street. Volunteers are needed at that location at 9 a.m. They will walk along the one-mile route, handing out candy and information about Easter Sunday services to parade spectators. Feel free to join us and bring your bicycles, tricycles, wagons, etc. You may decorate as you wish. Donations of sewn hearts and snack-size M&M's, which will be passed out along the parade route, should be brought to the church by Wednesday, March 27. Esperanza also will have a half-page advertisement in the parade program and a booth afterward at Spring Fling, which will be held at the nearby baseball fields from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. A sign-up sheet for parade volunteers is available in the church narthex. For additional information about how you can help, contact Chris Armfield at [chrisarmfield@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisarmfield@hotmail.com) or Linda Dickson at [lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com](mailto:lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com)

**I-HELP Opportunity to Serve Homeless** Set for March 26 – Sign Up Now! Esperanza's Outreach Team is partnering with Desert Cross Lutheran Church, 8600 E McClintock Drive, Tempe, to serve the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP). This ministry provides shelter nights to homeless adults as well as a case management program that assists with finding employment. Our next serving opportunity is Tuesday, March 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The experience includes providing dinner and making sack lunches for the following day. Volunteers are needed to prepare and bring food for dinner, serve guests, and participate in mealtime activities. Signups have begun, and we anticipate a need for 10 to 15 volunteers to serve 27 guests.

**Community Outreach Team Meeting-** All are welcome at our regular Community Outreach Team meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Kyrene Family Resource Center:** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, squeezable apple sauce, individual cereal cups, rice, cereal, and jelly. Thru mid-February Esperanza has donated 467 lbs (includes 178 lbs from Souper Bowl of caring event) of food to KFRC. In 2024 our goal is 1,250! You can place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**Voices For CASA:** \$10 fast-food 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. Questions? Contact John Gemma at [jgemma@cox.net](mailto:jgemma@cox.net).

**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).

**Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal!** The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All adults are welcome--even if you have not participated in choir before! Questions? Contact Kazin Cole at (480) 550-0852.

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

**Deacon Connie Rose-Kamprath** | Family Ministry Coordinator, Children of Hope Teacher

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**Kathy Dolny** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Cindy Gerrish** | Children of Hope Teacher

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#### **Council Members/Team Leadership**

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#### **This Week At Esperanza**

##### **Sunday, February 25th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

##### **Monday, February 26th**

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

3:30pm Dave Coste Music Lessons (SAN)

6:00pm Jazz practice (SAN)

##### **Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

##### **Wednesday, February 28th**

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

12:30pm Staff Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:30pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

##### **Thursday, February 29th**

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:00pm Women's Bible Study (FH)

##### **Friday, March 1st**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, March 2nd**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

##### **Sunday, March 3rd**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

##### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Greeters- Susan & Gary Brown

Lector- Doris Dorwart

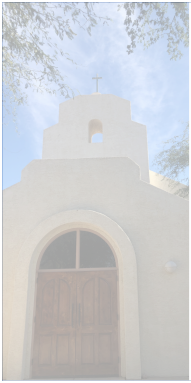
Communion Assistants- Jim & Jane Gisselquist

Power Point- Joni Thorpe

Assisting Minister- Michelle Tinsley

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Ray Palomaa

Counters-Jim Gisselquist, Tom Vega



## Welcome to Worship!

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 831 verses 1-3

Song of the Day: # 324

Offertory: # 186

Communion Hymn: # 319

Sending Song: # 798

**We live stream our worship services.**