

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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February 4, 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/>

People of Hope: I am overwhelmed by your love. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts, your generous financial gifts, and your meaningful notes—as well as your tremendously kind words shared on January 28. I treasure them and you. I will always be grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to share life with the Esperanza community for this brief season.

I am excited to see what God does at Esperanza moving forward! Whatever God has in store, I'm sure it will lead you to say: Thanks be to God!

With love,
Pastor Sarah

We Welcome Pastor Glen Stadler as our leader this morning! Thank you for being here!

COH Trivia night! -Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 6:00pm. Gather a team of 6 adults, name your team, pick a theme, decorate your table, and enjoy the fun! Cost is \$30 per person and includes buffet dinner-BYOB. Grand prize is \$600.00. For information see Mrs. H or the flyers on the narthex table.

Outreach to Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary

School On Jan. 24 several Esperanza members supported Kyrene de la Esperanza's students by attending their STEM fair! Eight students had projects to display, and there were STEM stations set up by the K-2 teachers and students. Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to help with any part of the fair. It was much appreciated by the staff! Kyrene de la Esperanza's principal gratefully accepted Esperanza's recent donation of \$1000 that was to be used for students. Principal Carolyn Payne has let us know that \$500 will go toward helping support students who are unable to pay for the cost of field trips. The other \$500 will be used

for purchasing additional materials for the school's STEM lab; this will directly impact all grade levels.

Time & Talent Form- If you didn't get a chance to fill out the Time & Talent form on January 14, please fill it out online (myesperanza.org) or grab a sheet from the narthex table and then drop it in the offering or bring it to the office.

Pastoral Care- Please call Deacon Connie if you require pastoral care until Paster Heller starts with us in March.

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.

Souper Bowl- Sunday February 11th. We will collect non-perishable food for the Kyrene Resource Center and give change/dollar bills to support Esperanza's outreach ministry at Grace in the City. There will be containers for food and soup pots for your financial gifts with your favorite team in the souper bowl! Let's tackle food insecurity now!

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, spaghetti sauce, dried pinto beans, rice, cereal, jelly, black beans, and spaghetti. Thru January Esperanza has donated 55 lbs 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday- Pastor Holm will be here for worship at 7:00pm

Esperanza Staff Members

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

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, February 4th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

Monday, February 5th

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 6th

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

Wednesday, February 7th

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 8th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, February 9th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, February 10th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

3:00pm Knights of Columbus Valentines dinner (CR)

3:00pm Yoga (LC)

Sunday, February 11th

6:30am Pancakes at Grace Lutheran

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- Rocky & Chris Armfield

Lector- Jim Nelson

Communion Assistants- Rocky & Chris Armfield

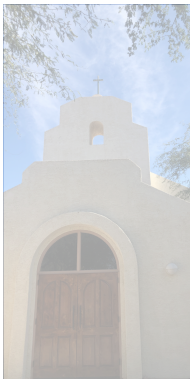
Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Assisting Minister- Michelle Tinsley

Ushers- Susan Brown, Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszynski,

Tom Vega

Counters- John Fisher, Dennis Fox



Welcome to Worship!

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 843
Song of the Day: #612
Offertory: # 314 v. 1 & 4
Communion Hymn: # 787
Sending Song: # 858

We live stream our worship services.