

First Sunday of Christmas January 1, 2023

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light give us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents: of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

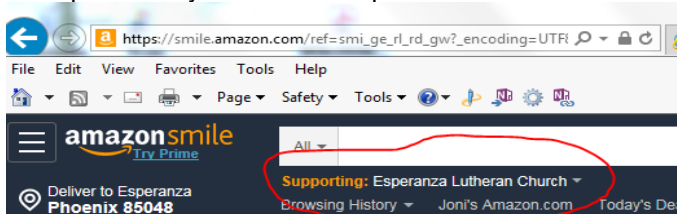
Announcements

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

Adult Sunday School- As Pastor Sarah transitions into her role, she will take a break from leading Adult Sunday School until Sunday, January 8th.

Preschool Trivia Night- January 21st at 6:00pm Mark your calendar; gather a team of 6 adults. Prizes will be awarded for the winning trivia table, the best decorated table, and even the biggest losers! It is a great evening of food, fellowship and fun!

Don't Forget Easy Fundraiser- Amazon donates .05% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Go to Smile.Amazon.com, Log on,/under the amazon search bar it says "supporting" with a pull down menu-search for Esperanza Lutheran church. We get .05% each purchase you make. Simple!



Habitat House 2022-23 Due to permit and supply chain shortages the house is on a temporary hold. Stay tuned for updates! 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.

Come PhLY with Me!

High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info!

www.phlyministry.com

January 13-16 Winter Retreat, \$50 per person. Sign up on the website!

Families and Youth, please refer to our up-to-date calendar on the Esperanza website for event updates by visiting myesperanza.org/calendar

Kyrene Family Resource Center

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: spaghetti sauce, Dry beans, peanut butter, jelly and toilet paper. Year to date Esperanza has donated 746lbs of food. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

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- to benefit 2DARescue. 2darecue.org Shawls are crocheted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to purchase supplies. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze roseypetunia@cox.net.

Worship Leaders	
	9:00
Greeter	
Lector	Herb Pinske
Communion Assistants	Jim & Josie Nelson
Ushers	Gary Brown, Jim Gisselquist,
Power Point	
Assisting Minister	

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 1st

9:00am Service
NO Sunday school

Monday, January 2nd

9:00am Women's AA group (2F)
11:30am Ahwatukee
Nooners (2F)
6:00pm Jazz group (SAN)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)

Tuesday, January 3rd

11:30am Ahwatukee
Nooners (2F)

Wednesday, January 4th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)
9:00 am 12 Step (2F)
10:00am Mary Circle (FH)
11:30am Ahwatukee
Nooners (2F)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)

Thursday, January 5th

7:00am AA (2F)
10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)
11:30am Ahwatukee
Nooners (2F)
5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, January 6th

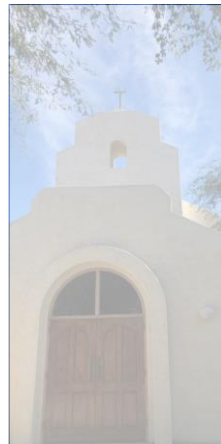
8:00am Toast Masters (FH)
9:00am AA (2F)
11:30am Ahwatukee
Nooners (2F)

Saturday, January 7th

8:00 am Men's AA (2F)

Sunday, January 8th

9:00am Service
10:15am Fun Day School
10:30am Adult Sunday School



Welcome to Worship!

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

Gathering Song: #288

Song of the Day: # Mary Did You Know

Offertory: # 294

Communion Hymn # 282

Sending Song: #283 verses 1-4

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