

Second Sunday of Epiphany January 22, 2023

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross- as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Announcements

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

Annual meeting- Today after worship, we will be meeting to consider the Mission Plan and other items.

Fellowship event- All are welcome to attend dinner at Buca di Beppo's at 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- February 5, 11:15 am and lunch will be provided. All are welcome! Please let Pastor Sarah know if you can attend. Each new member will have a sponsor, so if you are already a member and would like to help welcome a new member, please let Pastor Sarah know.

First communion Class- February 5 & 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

Join the Grand Canyon Synod for Conference Gatherings

- Spring Gathering for Cactus, Capital, Fiesta, Northeast Valley & Rio Salado Conferences 1: February 19, 2023; 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM at [Sagebrush Lutheran Church](#) in Phoenix.
- Spring Gathering for Cactus, Capital, Fiesta, Northeast Valley & Rio Salado Conferences 2: February 26, 2023; 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM at [Sagebrush Lutheran Church](#) in Mesa.

CHURCH TOGETHER:
FROM Worry...
TO Wonder

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Information and map on Narthex counter

Kyrene Family Resource Center Cereal Drive- Esperanza is conducting a Cereal Drive for KFRC during February. 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, shampoo, and conditioner. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thus far in January 2023, Esperanza has donated 16 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 will go to the rescue and 50% goes to purchase supplies. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze roseypetunia@cox.net.

<p>Sunday, January 22nd 9:00am Worship 10:15am Annual Meeting 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (2F)</p> <p>Monday, January 23rd 9:00am Women's AA group (2F) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 5:30pm Girl Scouts #3384 (2F) 6:00pm Jazz group (SAN) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (2F)</p> <p>Tuesday, January 24th 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 3:30pm Outreach Team Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, January 25th 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)</p>	<p>Thursday, January 26th 7:00am AA (2F) 8:00am COH parent workshop (San) 10:00am Thursday Matters (FH) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F) 5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)</p> <p>Friday, January 27th 8:00am Toast Masters (FH) 9:00am AA (2F) 11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (2F)</p> <p>Saturday, January 28th 8:00 am Men's AA (2F)</p> <p>Sunday, January 29th 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday Funday 10:30am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891</p>
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Worship Leaders		
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Greeter		
Lector		
Communion Assistants		
Ushers		
Power Point		
Assisting Minister		

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.

Pastor Sarah will be on vacation January 25-29. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Deacon Connie at 480-298-4379. On Sunday, January 29, we welcome Pastor Glen Stadler to preach and preside at worship. (Yes, Pastor Glen is Pastor Sarah's father. 😊)

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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.

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.



Welcome to Worship!

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

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

Gathering Song: #511 verses 1,5,6

Song of the Day: #798

Offertory: #All Are Welcome

Communion Hymn #574

Sending Song: #618