

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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January 14, 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/>

Congregational Vote Today! There will be a brief Meet & Greet after worship. At approximately 10:30am we will hold a congregational vote on this candidate.

Hope Talk- On Sunday, Jan. 21, from 1-3 p.m., we will open our sanctuary to the community and of course the Esperanza congregation for our second Hope Talk addressing Senior Care Planning. Helping our parents, spouse, or even ourselves plan for housing and care needs prior to life changes can bring relief and calm. Perhaps surprisingly, there are many resources available in our community for senior adults who wish to age in place. There are also many options for seniors who wish to live in some type of community in their later years. This Hope Talk on Senior Care Planning will include presentations from senior care social workers as well as an estate law attorney. Take-home resources and community contacts will be provided. All are welcome!

Lutheran Day at the Legislature- All are welcomed and encouraged to attend Lutheran Day at the Legislature! This year, Lutherans will gather on Thursday, January 18, beginning at 9:30 am at Wesley Bolin Plaza near the state capitol to meet other advocates, listen to speakers, be introduced in the galley of the senate and house, and of course, have meetings with our legislators to discuss issues important to Lutherans. To learn more and to register, go to <https://lamaz.org/news-blog/lutheran-day-2024-invite>.

Mission Plan Q & A- Next Sunday, January 21 at 10:15am, a Mission Plan Q & A will be offered to review the 2024 mission plan and answer questions.

Congregational Meeting- All members of the congregation, please plan to join us for our regular congregational meeting on Sunday, January 28 at 10:00

am to approve the 2024 mission plan and elect nominating committee members.

Molly Hurst Celebration of Life- A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, January 27 at 11 am for Esperanza member Molly Hurst.

Esperanza Elementary School STEM Fair- January 19 7:30am to 12:00pm they are looking for Judges. January 24, 5:30-7:00pm they need assistance setting up and tearing down for the STEM event. Questions? Contact Peggy Shepherd at 602-570-2377.

Volunteers Needed: Grace Pancake Breakfast, February 11, Esperanza will prepare and serve the breakfast. Volunteers will need to be on-site (Grace Lutheran) from 6:30 AM to approximately 8:30 AM to prepare and serve pancakes and sausage, and cleanup. Grace Lutheran will provide the food supplies and equipment. We will need 12-15 volunteers. We would like a mix of youth (12 and older) and adults. At least half of our volunteers must be 18 or older. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Larry Hanson. Please sign-up on the sheet on Narthex table. If you have questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

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. Midway thru January Esperanza has donated 39 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.

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.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, January 14th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:00am Meet & Greet for Pastoral Candidate (FH)

10:30am Vote on Pastoral Candidate (SAN)

Monday, January 15th

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, January 16th

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

6:00pm COH Board meeting

7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, January 17th

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, January 18th

7:00am AA (CR)

9:30am Lutheran Day at the Legislature (state capitol)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, January 19th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope for Newborns

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, January 20th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm AL-ANON (CR)

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9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:15am Mission Plan Q & A (SAN)

1:00pm Hope Talk on Senior Care Planning (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Rocky & Chris Armfield

Lector- Lynn Hockenberger

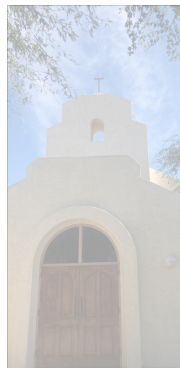
Communion Assistants- Doris Dorwart, Larry Hanson

Power Point- Kristie Wright

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fish

Counters- Peggy & Larry Hanson



Welcome to Worship!

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song:	# 513
Song of the Day:	# 817
Offertory:	# 314 v. 1 & 4
Communion Hymn:	# 487
Sending Song:	# 815

We live stream our worship services.