

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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January 21, 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/>

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

Mission Plan Q & A today! Grab a copy on the Narthex table, get a cup of coffee and return to the sanctuary. At 10:15 Mark Enstminger will be talking about the 2024 mission plan.

Hope Talk- TODAY, 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!

Esperanza Elementary School STEM Fair- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Souper Bowl- Sunday February 11th. We will collect 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 Kyrene and soup pots for your financial gifts with your favorite team 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. 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.

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.

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.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, January 21st

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)

Monday, January 22nd

8:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

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 23rd

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

8:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

Wednesday, January 24th

8:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

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 25th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, January 26th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, January 27th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

11:00am Molly Hurst Celebration of Life (SAN)

Sunday, January 28th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:15am Congregational Meeting (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Scott & Michelle Ageno

Lector- Larry Hanson

Communion Assistants- Tom & Susan Vega

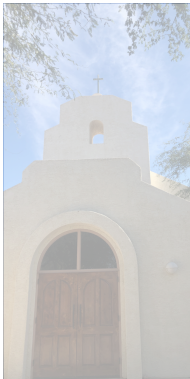
Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela, Dennis Fox, KC & Christine

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Counters- Jim Gisselquist, Tom Vega



Welcome to Worship!

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 810
Song of the Day: # 798
Offertory: # 314 v. 1 & 4
Communion Hymn: # 574
Sending Song: # 583

We live stream our worship services.