

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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January 28, 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/>

Mission Plan Q & A today! Grab a copy on the Narthex table, get a cup of coffee and return to the sanctuary. At 8:15am Mark Enstminger will be talking about the 2024 mission plan.

Congregational Meeting- All members of the congregation, please plan to join us for our regular congregational meeting today at 10:00 am to approve the 2024 mission plan and elect nominating committee members.

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed: for 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. Will need 12-15 volunteers. Would like a mix of youth (12 and older) and adults. At least half of 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 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. 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.

Esperanza Staff Members

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, January 28th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:15am Mission Plan discussion & vote

Monday, January 29th

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 30th

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

Wednesday, January 31st

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 1st

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, February 2nd

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, February 3rd

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, February 4th

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- Paul & Janet Beeks

Lector- Pam Coste

Communion Assistants- Julie Valenzuela, Michelle

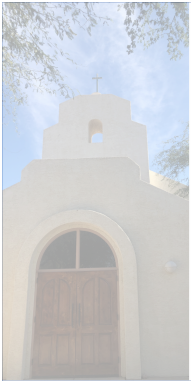
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Power Point- Susan Brown

Assisting Minister- Craig Peck

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Cindy Jackson

Counters- Kathy & John Gemma



Welcome to Worship!

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 886
Song of the Day: Thy Word is a Lamp
Offertory: # 314 v. 1 & 4
Communion Hymn: # 614
Sending Song: # 991 ACS

We live stream our worship services.