

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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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/>

Esperanza's next opportunity to serve I-help is Tuesday, July 22. Sign up to provide food or funding for team to purchase needed items. Please indicate funds for hunger. Sign up sheet is by the Chicken poster. We will serve again August 26 and November 25. We will be serving at Desert Cross Lutheran church, 8600 S McClintock Drive. Volunteers need to arrive at 4:30 for set up and packing sack lunches. We anticipate 24 guests and 14 volunteers so please plan accordingly for your dinner donations. Thank you. Linda Dickson, 480-330-1402, lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com

Update on Urgent Food Need at Kyrene Family Resource Center. Thank you for quickly responding to Kyrene Family Resource Center's (KFRC) request for rice and beans. Esperanza's donation of 407 lbs. of rice and beans has been delivered to KFRC. This concludes the one week plus drive. Any questions contact Larry Hanson or the Community Outreach Team at outreach@myesperanza.org.

Bottled Water and Snacks Drive for Heat Respite Program. For the last three years, Esperanza has prepared sack lunches for Grace Lutheran Church's heat respite program for the homeless. Grace is located in downtown Phoenix. Grace recently advised of changes to their heat respite program. Grace and eight other organizations (many of them churches) have established a partnership with Arizona Faith Network (AFN). The nine organizations will provide the facilities. AFN will manage the heat respite program and provide bottled water, snacks, hygiene kits, etc. Depending on location, the heat respite program runs from early May through August.

During July, Esperanza will collect donations of bottled water and snacks. You can help by:

1. Purchasing case(s) of bottled water and placing in the Sanctuary. Purchasing snacks and placing in the large box labeled "Snacks For Heat Respite" located in the Fellowship Hall.

2. Placing change and currency in the large water bottle located on the altar platform in the Sanctuary. Esperanza's Community Outreach Team will use this money to purchase bottled water and snacks.
3. Providing online donations of money and snacks directly to AFN. This is the link:
<https://www.arizonafaitnetwork.org/heatrelief>

Snacks should be healthy, non-perishable, and soft as some homeless have dental issues. Examples are Nutri-grain bars and squeezable apple sauce. Mandarin "Cuties" oranges are desired. Esperanza's Community Outreach Team will deliver the bottled water and snacks to First Church UCC, located a few blocks from Grace. AFN will distribute the water and snacks to the ten heat respite centers as needed. Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson or a member of the Community Outreach Team.

Today's Hymns:

Gathering # 522
Setting 8 front of book page 184
Hymn of day #708
Offertory #186
Communion Hymn #472
Sending Song: Love The Lord

Affirmations for kids- In the Narthex there are packs of sticky notes, pens, and affirmation ideas. Please stop and write a few or take some home and bring them back. We fill in a bulletin board at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School every month for the students and teachers to brighten their day and inspire! This is ongoing so we have a good supply when school starts again!

2025 Food Donations to Kyrene Family Resource Center. Through June Esperanza has donated 856 pounds of non-perishable food to the center. Our food donation goal for 2025 is 1,300 pounds.

Esperanza is helping with food needs on multiple fronts at the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Currently, the Center needs the following for families: beans- canned or dry, rice, boxed mac-n-cheese, and cereal. Some children in the Kyrene School District are coming to class Monday mornings hungry, struggling to focus on learning. The Center is responding to the need by packing a Weekend Food Bag and providing to these children on Fridays. Food items can include any of the following:

- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Microwavable Chef Boyardee
- Microwavable ramen noodles
- Microwavable cup of soup
- Breakfast cereal
- Granola bars.
- Applesauce or fruit cup

The Center prefers these be a single serving, and a suggestion would be to purchase single serving containers in bulk at Costco, etc. The Center will pack the food in bags.

Please place donations in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity. For questions, please contact Larry Hanson at lhanson2@msn.com

Blessing of the backpacks! August 3 bring your backpacks, messenger bags and briefcases! We will also be blessing our COH teachers and installing our new preschool director!

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, July 13, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

Monday, July 14, 2025

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Josquin Music (Choir room)

Tuesday July 15, 2025

6:00 am Early AA (CR)

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:00pm Josquin Music (SAN)

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 3014 (CR)

Thursday, July 17, 2025

6:00am Men's group AA (CR)

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, July 18, 2025

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope for Newborns

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, July 19, 2025

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm AI-Anon (CR)

Sunday, July 20, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Debbie Grayson

Lector- Riley Hanania

Communion Assistants- Rachael Hanania, George Gulski

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fish, Janet Beeks

Counters- John Fisher, Randy Wright



Welcome to Worship!

Time After Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 522

Song of the Day: # 708

Offertory: # 186

Communion Hymn: # 472

Sending Song: # Love the Lord

We live stream our worship services.