

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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**8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023**

It is an age-old question: Why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day when all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Announcements

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

Bring your own mug! Trying to be good stewards of the planet, we are trying to reduce disposable cups for fellowship. Bring your favorite mug with you for coffee hour after worship!

Community Outreach Event: August 13 Pancake Breakfast for People Experiencing Homelessness

Every Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church located in downtown Phoenix hosts a pancake breakfast for people experiencing homelessness. On August 13, Esperanza will prepare and serve the breakfast. The on-site time commitment will be from 6:30 to approximately 8:30 am. We could serve two hundred people. Grace Lutheran will provide the food supplies and equipment. For this event, 12 to 15 volunteers are needed; we are hoping for a mix of youth (12 and older) and adults. Carpooling will be arranged for those interested. We will need to provide a \$250 donation to Grace Lutheran to help cover the cost of breakfast supplies. Fortunately, previous donations for hunger will cover this expense. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Larry or Peggy Hanson. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Community Outreach Event: Provide Lunch for the Homeless July 26 and August 2

From early June to late August, Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Phoenix opens its campus to people experiencing homelessness Monday through Friday from 11 am to 4 pm. This ministry provides people experiencing homelessness a safe environment to escape the heat. Lunch and limited social service support are provided. On July 26 and August 2, Esperanza will prepare and deliver sack lunches for 100 people. Your help is needed to pack the lunches. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For questions, please see Larry or Peggy Hanson, or Chris Armfield.

Volunteers Needed: Help With Counting Sunday Offerings. Each Sunday, offerings for the week are counted and deposited at the bank. Two to three

volunteers are needed to assist with this task. The commitment will be one hour approximately once a month. Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Green Team! We need your help to keep God's gift, the amazing Esperanza Campus grounds, clean and well maintained! To do so, the Church Council is asking for volunteers to join our GREEN TEAM to help manage our beautiful campus grounds. The green team will be responsible for grass cutting, tree and bush trimming, and broom pushing for the seasonal clean up of the mesquite tree leaves and catkins. Other tasks will be assigned as needed throughout the year. As you know, we have hundreds of people who visit our campus each week and we want to put our best face forward. We will meet at 6:30am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month starting in June and spend an hour or 2 in fellowship and clean-up. The more hands and feet we have the more we can accomplish in a shorter period of time. For those who volunteer at the Habitat build each year we understand the scheduling conflict. We encourage you to find a way to contribute anyway on a Thursday or Friday morning or evening and to do so on a consistent basis. By doing this volunteer program we will save valuable financial resources instead of spending on a landscaping company. Green Team volunteers will receive their very own Green Team shirt! We will also provide coffee and breakfast Danishes and bagels at each clean-up. We hope that anyone reading this will take this ministry as serious as we do worship planning, Habitat building, choir, prayer shawls and the many other ministries at Esperanza.

Coffee Grounds Welcome! The Garden of Eatin' blue compost bins welcome your coffee grounds (and other compost). One way to connect to the community is to ask for the coffee grounds at your regular coffee shop and transport them to our compost.

Journeying through the New Testament in 2023

During 2023, we are reading our way through the New Testament. The reading list is on the Narthex counter and on the website. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, July 23, 2023	Matthew 10
Monday, July 24, 2023	Matthew 11
Tuesday, July 25, 2023	Matthew 12
Wednesday, July 26, 2023	Matthew 13
Thursday, July 27, 2023	Matthew 14
Friday, July 28, 2023	Matthew 15
Saturday, July 29, 2023	Matthew 16
Sunday, July 30, 2023	Matthew 17

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, squeezable applesauce, and goldfish crackers (individually packaged). Place

donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through June 2023, Esperanza has donated 794 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. Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past build 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.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, July 23rd

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

Monday, July 24th

9:00am Women's AA group (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Tuesday, July 25th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4-7pm Esperanza helping at I-HELP

Wednesday, July 26th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

8:30am Lunch Packing for Grace (FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (choir room)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:00pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Thursday, July 27th

7:00am AA (CR)

NO Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:30 COH kick off new year (OS)

NO Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, July 28th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, July 29th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

11:00am Natalie Sawicki Memorial

5:00pm Music Makers (FH)

Sunday, July 30th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

CR - Community Room (upstairs)

SAN - Sanctuary

FH - Fellowship Hall

GAR - Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Tom & Susan Vega

Lector- Doris Dorwart

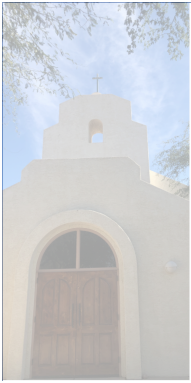
Communion Assistants- Jim & Jane Gisselquist

Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Cindy Jackson

Counters- John & Beth Fisher



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 532

Song of the Day: # 604

Offertory: # 481

Communion Hymn: # 522

Sending Song: # 679

We live stream our worship services.