

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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**8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023**

As Solomon prayers for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Announcements

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

Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsals Begin! Choir rehearsals will begin this Wednesday, August 2 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.

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

Community Outreach Event: August 13 Pancake Breakfast for the Homeless

Every Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church located in downtown Phoenix hosts a pancake breakfast for the homeless. 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.

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. We will meet at 6:30am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and spend an hour or 2 in fellowship and clean-up.

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.

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| Sunday, July 30, 2023 | Matthew 17 |
| Monday, July 31, 2023 | Matthew 18 |
| Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023 | Matthew 19 |
| Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023 | Matthew 20 |
| Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023 | Matthew 21 |
| Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 | Matthew 22 |
| Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023 | Matthew 23 |
| Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 | Matthew 24 |

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, squeezable applesauce, canned tuna & chicken. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through July 2023, Esperanza has donated 819 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

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.

Mission Plan Results Through June – General Fund

| June 2023 YTD | Revenue | Expense | Net Income/(Loss) |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Actual | \$181,494 | \$155,911 | \$25,583 |
| Plan | \$163,950 | \$148,714 | \$15,236 |

Note: Not included above is a \$13,235 non-cash asset write-off of original playground equipment removed in

June 2023. Through June, giving is ahead of our plan driven by families who have paid their full year commitment. This favorability will gradually diminish in the second half. Expenses are higher than our plan but much of this is also timing. We had computer and phone related expenses that should not occur in the back half. We paid ahead on our property insurance. And personnel costs have run a bit higher than expected due to increased activity around Lent and VBS. We anticipate much of this to level out over the summer and fall. On balance, Revenue less Expense is more favorable than we had planned at this time. Recall that our plan included additional funding for call related expenses and extra mortgage principal payment in the second half. As a result, we still expect to end the year at breakeven.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, July 30th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

Monday, July 31st

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

8:00am COH Staff meeting (GAR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Tuesday, August 1st

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Wednesday, August 2nd

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

8:30am Lunch Packing for Grace (FH)

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)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, August 3rd

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Outreach Team Meeting (FH)

NO Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, August 4th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, August 5th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, August 6th

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- Wilma & Ralph Wells

Lector- Tina Knoell

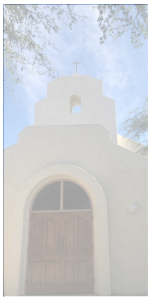
Communion Assistants- Denzil Klein, Julie Valenzuela

Power Point- Joni Thorpe

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Ad Hock team

Counters- Peggy & Larry Hanson



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 771
Song of the Day: # Seek Ye First
Offertory: # 481
Communion Hymn: # 484
Sending Song: # 705

We live stream our worship services.