

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix**  
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**June 29, 2025**

### **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 LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL AGAIN BE CELEBRATING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY DURING THE AHWATUKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BICYCLE PARADE!**

THE PARADE BEGINS AT 8:15 AM AT THE FOOTHILLS BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT ON FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>. IT WILL END AT THUNDERHILL PARK DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM ESPERANZA. THE CHAMBER WILL BE PROVIDING HOT DOGS, DRINKS, MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, AND PRIZES. AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL SHOWER FOLKS (BOTH BIG & SMALL) WITH THEIR FIRE HOSES! THE EVENT ENDS AT 11:00 AM.

SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND DECORATE YOUR BIKES, TRIKES, SCOOTERS, WAGONS, OR BABY STROLLERS AND JOIN THE PARADE! THEN MEET UP WITH YOUR ESPERANZA COMMUNITY AT THE CONCLUSION.

ESPERANZA WILL BE USING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN CONNECT WITH THE AHWATUKEE COMMUNITY AND MAKE THEM AWARE OF OUR WELCOMING CHURCH AND CONGREGATION. WE WILL BE OFFERING FACE PAINTING, BUBBLES, FANS AND ADDITIONAL TREATS FOR ALL OF THE CYCLISTS AND PARENTS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE CONTACT THE OUTREACH TEAM AT [outreach@myesperanza.org](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org) OR USE THE SIGN-UP SHEETS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OR ONLINE. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH TENT SET UP, TENT TEAR DOWN, FACE PAINTING, AND MANNING THE TENTS. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PARADE GO TO: <https://business.ahwatukeechamber.com/event-calendar/Details/4th-of-july-children-s-parade-1313812?sourceTypeld=Website>

### **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.

**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](mailto:lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com)

**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 Mid-June Esperanza has donated 824 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, spaghetti pasta and sauce, 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](mailto:lhanson2@msn.com)

**Cleaning out your closets and other household items? Looking to volunteer your time for an excellent cause? Please consider:**

**Hidden Treasures Thrift Shop:** Located at 610 N Alma School Road in Chandler. It is a non-profit, faith-based thrift shop. Hidden Treasures opened its doors 16 years ago through the loving support of local Lutheran churches providing grant monies and dedicated volunteers in the mission of giving back to those in need. It continues to provide affordable, gently used personal and household items to the community. Staffed only by volunteers, with one paid manager position, the shop now supports other local non-profit organizations, charities, local youth programs and more.

The donations they receive not only go to filling their shelves for the many looking for "hidden treasures," but also to help people experiencing homelessness, those in transitional housing, and organizations like Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. Donations are tax deductible.

Items requested include:

- Antiques
- Art
- Books, CD's, DVD's
- Clothing – Women's, Men's, & Children (unripped and unstained)
- Craft Supplies
- Furniture (subject to space and manager's discretion)
- Household items (décor, glassware, linens, bedding, etc.)
- Kitchenware
- Hardware and Tools
- Jewelry
- Sewing Notions
- Small Appliances
- Toys
- Non-Perishable Food Products in support of local food banks and more

They are always looking for volunteers and work with churches and other organizations in providing service projects and grant opportunities.

Hours: Monday - Saturday. 10 AM to 3 PM (donations accepted until 2:30 PM)

Phone: (480) 857-8310

Pick-up and Delivery upon request

Email: [treasurethrift.az@gmail.com](mailto:treasurethrift.az@gmail.com)

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

**Pastor Chris Heller**, [Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org](mailto:Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org)

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#### **Council Members/Team Leadership**

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#### **This Week At Esperanza**

##### **Sunday, June 29, 2025**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

##### **Monday, June 30, 2025**

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00 Josquin Music (Choir room)

##### **Tuesday July 1, 2025**

6:00 am Early AA (CR)

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:00pm Josquin Music (SAN)

##### **Wednesday, July 2, 2025**

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Thursday, July 3, 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 4, 2025**

**\*\*Office will be closed**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, July 5, 2025**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

##### **Sunday, July 6, 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- John & Beth Fisher

Lector- John Fisher

Communion Assistants- Deacon Connie, Doris Dorwart

Assisting Minister- Craig Peck

Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Ushers- George Gulski, Cindy Jackson

Counters- Peggy & Larry Hanson

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**Welcome to  
Worship!**

