

## Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)

2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix  
480-759-1515, [www.myesperanza.org](http://www.myesperanza.org)  
June 1, 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/>

**VBS**-if you took a sticky from the jeep please return items no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you!**-To those volunteering to help at VBS! Please arrive Tuesday morning at 8:30am for a light breakfast and a briefing before the kids arrive at 9!

**Did you fill out your Stewardship questionnaire?** There is a box on the Narthex counter for you to place them in. If you need a new yellow form they are next to the box.

**Worship leaders list**- can be found on the Narthex counter in the new brown paper holder.

### Today's Hymns:

Gathering Song: # 625  
Song of the Day: 834  
Offertory: # 465  
Communion:#661,472  
Sending:# 866

**Street Clean up!** Please join us on Saturday, June 7th, at 7 a.m. for our fourth Adopt-a-Street cleanup! We will park and meet at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School (with whom we partner), which is located at the intersection of South Ranch Circle and 41st Place. Our trash pickup will be along both sides of South Ranch Circle from Mountain Parkway to Ray Road. Esperanza will provide safety vests, trash bags, gloves, water, hand sanitizer and prizes for the most unusual trash! Please wear your "God's Work, Our Hands" T-shirts so the neighbors know who we are! Everyone is welcome, including children accompanied by a parent or adult. Sign up online (via our E-Newsletter) or on the Sign up sheet that will be provided in November. If you have questions, please see Chris Armfield or the Outreach Team at [outreach@myesperanza.org](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org)

## 2025 Mission Plan Results Through April

| April 2025 YTD | Revenue   | Expense   | Net      |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Income/(Loss)  |           |           |          |
| Actual         | \$138,111 | \$123,195 | \$14,916 |
| Plan           | \$130,532 | \$129,342 | \$1,190  |

Through April, total revenue is running better than planned driven mainly by non-pledge offerings. While overall pledge giving is even with expectation, several pledge units have already paid their full year commitment.

YTD expense is \$6,100 less than planned. This is mostly due to timing of payments related to Service (i.e. Benevolence), Administration and Property. Most of these expenses will be incurred in upcoming months.

After four months, revenue less expense is \$13,700 better than plan. As a reminder, the full six-month Mission Plan called for revenue less expense to be \$12,400 ahead because giving historically skews to the first half of the calendar year. So, we are in solid shape at this point. Thanks be to God.

**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!

### 2025 Food Donations to Kyrene Family Resource Center.

Through May Esperanza has donated 678 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)

## **Esperanza Staff Members**

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

**Deacon Connie Rose-Kamprath** | Family Ministry

Coordinator, Children of Hope Teacher

[deacon.connie@myesperanza.org](mailto:deacon.connie@myesperanza.org)

**Lynn Hockenberger** | Children of Hope Director

[childrenofhope@myesperanza.org](mailto:childrenofhope@myesperanza.org)

**Joni Thorpe** | Parish Administrator

[esperanza@myesperanza.org](mailto:esperanza@myesperanza.org)

**Andrew DeValck** | Choir director

[Andrew.DeValck@myesperanza.org](mailto:Andrew.DeValck@myesperanza.org)

**Doug Carroll** | Writer [doug.carroll721@gmail.com](mailto:doug.carroll721@gmail.com),  
480-213-0599

**Lai Gates** | Accompanist

**Amy Angilletta** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Cindy Gerrish** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Katrin Guete** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jessica Mueller** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jess Pierce** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Vanessa Smith** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jane Gisselquist** | Financial Secretary

[finsec@myesperanza.org](mailto:finsec@myesperanza.org)

**Outreach Team:** [outreach@myesperanza.org](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org)

## **Council Members/Team Leadership**

Chris Armfield – Council President [chrisarmfield@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisarmfield@hotmail.com)

Paige Somero – Vice President [paige.somero@nxp.com](mailto:paige.somero@nxp.com)

Cindy Jackson- Secretary [cindyjackson649@gmail.com](mailto:cindyjackson649@gmail.com)

Mark Krack - Treasurer- [fordspeed@aol.com](mailto:fordspeed@aol.com)

Dan Beeks- [danbeeks@gmail.com](mailto:danbeeks@gmail.com)

Kelly Edwards- [Kelly@kellypsychiatryllc.com](mailto:Kelly@kellypsychiatryllc.com)

Tim Klandrud- [T.Klandrud@gmail.com](mailto:T.Klandrud@gmail.com)

Donna Sparber- [Donnasparber44@gmail.com](mailto:Donnasparber44@gmail.com)

KC Quah- [quahaz20@gmail.com](mailto:quahaz20@gmail.com)

## **This Week At Esperanza**

### **Sunday, June 1, 2025**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

No Sunday School

### **Monday, June 2, 2025**

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

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00 Josquin Music (Choir room)

### **Tuesday June 3, 2025**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

9:00am VBS (all over campus)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:00pm Josquin Music (SAN)

### **Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

9:00am VBS

NO Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

7:30pm Choir (SAN)

### **Thursday, June 5, 2025**

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

7:00am AA (CR)

9:00am VBS

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

### **Friday, June 6, 2025**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

### **Saturday, June 7, 2025**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

### **Sunday, June 8, 2025**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

NOSunday School

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Greeter- Jennifer Breeding

Lector- Marice Donavon

Communion Assistants- John & Kathy Gemma

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Power Point- Kristie Wright

Ushers- Rocky Armfield,

Counters- Lori Palomaa, Larry Hanson