

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**June 30, 2024**

**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/>

**Spam reminder-** we had more spoofing this week- please be careful and never click links. All e-mails coming from the Staff will be @myesperanza.org. All information will be given in church Sunday or in our newsletter. We will never ask you to send gift cards or transfer money or send you a random link.

**Community Outreach Team Meeting Changes.** The team has changed its meeting day and time to the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. With several ministries being planned, help is needed. The next team meeting is July 2nd.

**I-help** Thank You to all our volunteers who served Tuesday. Food was delicious. More importantly, conversations and guest were heard, loved, and felt God's love through our servants. September 24 is our next opportunity.

**Sack Lunches for the Homeless.** Esperanza has committed to making sack lunches for the Heat Respite Program for the homeless at Grace Lutheran Church. We will make and pack the lunches at Esperanza and then take them to Grace in downtown Phoenix.

We are looking for donations of food and/or money to buy the supplies. And, of course, volunteers to make and pack the lunches. The dates are July 31 and August 7, 8:30 AM to approximately 9:30 AM. Sign-up and more information to follow.

**School Supplies Needed.** The Kyrene Family Resource Center has asked Esperanza for help. There are many families in the Kyrene School District that are struggling to provide adequate school supplies for their children. To meet this need, Esperanza will conduct a school supplies and backpack drive from today to July 14. See attached flyer for a list of needed items.

Please place backpacks and school supplies in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, please contact Larry or Peggy Hanson at [lhanson2@msn.com](mailto:lhanson2@msn.com).

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & outreach-** Please join Esperanza Lutheran church as we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with tents at the Ahwatukee chamber of commerce annual children's bicycle parade! The parade begins at 8:15am at the Foothills Baptist Church Parking lot on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. It will end at Thunderhill Park directly across the street from Esperanza. There will be plenty of activities and free food supplied by the chamber. The event ends at approximately 11:00am. If you would like to help, please contact the outreach team at [outreach@myesperanza.org](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org) or use the sign-up sheets available in the narthex 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 the fun event!

**+Bottled Water Drive for the Homeless.** During June, Esperanza will be conducting a bottled water drive for the Keys to Change Campus located at West Madison Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in downtown Phoenix. The Keys to Change Campus was formerly the Human Services Campus, Inc. The Campus helps individuals experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County. Approximately 1,200 people visit the campus daily. The Campus is projecting a need for 120,000 bottles of water every month from May through September. You can help by:

1. Purchasing case(s) of water and placing in the Sanctuary.
2. Making a donation and placing in the offering. Esperanza will collect the donations and provide one donation to the Campus. The Campus has a contracted rate with a vendor for delivering bottled water to the site. If making a donation of cash, please place in an envelope and indicate your name and "Bottled Water for the Keys Campus". If donating by check, please indicate "Bottled Water for the Keys Campus" in the Memo Line.
3. Placing change and currency in a water bottle located next to the stockpile of cases of water.

Our goal is to donate 5,000 bottles of water. The bottled water will be delivered early July. Contact Larry Hanson with questions.

**Community Outreach Team Meeting-** All are welcome at our regular Community Outreach Team meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Next Green Team** campus clean-up morning will be Saturday, July 20th between 6:00am and 9:00 am. You can go to the website:

Shareable link: <https://myesperanza.org/join-the-green-team-and-help-keep-our-campus-clean/>

Current list of tasks: Raking dead leaves and branches; Bush Trimming; Blowing & pick up of the courtyard & preschool; Sweeping Parking Lots  
Thank you for all of your help!

**Kyrene Family Resource Center:** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for apple sauce & fruit cups( individual pks), cereal, dry rice, and dry pinto beans, microwavable Mac & Cheese, jelly, and peanut butter. Thru Mid-June Esperanza has donated 850 lbs of food to KFRC. A special Thank you to kids, staff and parents for food donations during Vacation Bible School. In 2024 our goal is 1,250 lbs.! You can place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Barb & Herb Pinsky for delivering food to KFRC! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**Prayer Shawls:** Prayers shawls can be found on the rack by the altar and are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please 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).

**Join the Meal Brigade-**Esperanza's meal brigade is up and running! The cool people are in the club. Want to join? You're invited! Every now and then, a church friend is in need of a meal or more, delivered to their home. Peggy Wagner is organizing the meals and the process, emailing team members when there is a need. Could you help provide a meal? Costco/Sam's Club meals, restaurant takeout or homemade — all of these are appreciated. If you like, you can join forces with another team member and share the prep/cost. Email Peggy at [pwagner255@cox.net](mailto:pwagner255@cox.net) if you are interested in helping out with this ministry.

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

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

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

##### **Sunday, June 30, 2024**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

##### **Monday, July 1, 2024**

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz practice (SAN)

##### **Tuesday, July 2, 2024**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:30pm Outreach Team meeting (FH)

##### **Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

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)

##### **Thursday, July 4, 2024**

\*\*\*office closed\*\*\*\*

7:00am AA (CR)

8:15am July 4<sup>th</sup> bicycle Parade (Off site)

No Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

No Women's Bible Study (GAR)

##### **Friday, July 5, 2024**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, July 6, 2024**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

##### **Sunday, July 7, 2024**

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- Ray & Lori Palomaa

Lector- Michelle Ageno

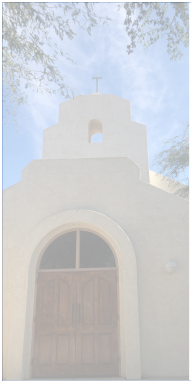
Communion Assistants-

Power Point-

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Denzil Klein, Jim Gisselquist, Dick Dorwart

Counters- Peggy & Larry Hanson



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 858  
Song of the Day: # 733  
Offertory: # 523 v 2  
Communion Hymn: # 526  
Sending Song: # 860

**We live stream our worship services.**