

October 30, 2025



People of Hope,

Over the past few weeks, we have explored how the community of Esperanza Lutheran has been *Planting Seeds of Faith* for over thirty-five years. We have heard stories of members of this community stepping forward in faith to trust that God was up to something special in this corner of Ahwatukee, and that has proven to be true! Because God has proven to be faithful, we trust that God will continue to work through us here at Esperanza in the years ahead. But this will only happen through the continued generosity and support of the mission of our congregation. Thank you for engaging with us in this journey, and for your prayerful consideration on how we all can financially support the mission and ministry of Esperanza. The stories of Esperanza are the stories of all of us, and we are excited for new stories to bloom in the years ahead.

In order to continue to fulfill our mission, however, it is important for us to be good stewards of the gifts given to us. As we continue to look to the future with vision and hope, we see amazing possibilities set before us. But to prepare for these possibilities, we must first **Prepare the Soil** through careful planning and effort. This happens as we examine our priorities and envision what is possible. Formally declaring your intent for giving to Esperanza helps us know how we might best **Plant the Seeds** of our common faith. Knowing what is possible, and investing in these possibilities through careful preparation and commitment, we are all participants in **Nurturing the Growth** through the good work that we do together as members of the community of Esperanza. Over the past year, we have been blessed to see the fruits of our investments in this community. These fruits include renewed and enhanced worship, numerous opportunities for service within and outside of Esperanza, and community fellowship events that connect us to one another and the world that God has made. As we **Celebrate the Harvest** of the fruit that has grown this past year, we know that with your continued support, the harvest will continue to grow beyond measure.

After reflecting on our past and envisioning our future together, we invite you to prayerfully fill out and return the enclosed giving intent card for Esperanza in 2026. Each intent card returned helps us gain a better understanding of the desires and possibilities of ministry here at Esperanza. We will formally be receiving our giving intent cards in worship on Sunday, November 9. Alternatively, you can indicate your giving intent online at <http://myesperanza.org/intent-card/>.

Thank you for your generous response to the call to *Plant Seeds of Faith* here at Esperanza Lutheran. Working together as one body of Christ, our support allows us to continue the incredible ministries that form lives of faith and create stories of hope and joy for generations to come.

With Gratitude,

The Esperanza Stewardship Team



“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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