

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix**  
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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 26, 2023**

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection, In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

**Announcements**

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at [www.MyEsperanza.org](http://www.MyEsperanza.org)

**Our community is Buzzing!** If you are planning a meeting or event on campus, please coordinate with Joni to prevent scheduling conflict and ensure you are on the master schedule and you have the space needed for your event/meeting. Please call, e-mail or let the office know if you would like to be added. [Esperanza.myesperanza.org](http://Esperanza.myesperanza.org) or 480-759-1515

**April 2-** On Sunday, April 2, join us for a special candlelit yoga under the stars as we tap into our inner selves. Aubree believes "Yoga is a place of refuge, a source of inspiration, and a gateway to your inner (and most joyous!) self. "In our fast-paced world, yoga reminds us to pause, to listen, and to trust our intuition."

**Easter Lilies-** we have ordered 30 plants. If you would like to donate one please fill out the form on Narthex table. Cost is \$20 per plant.

**Easter Eggs for Hunt-** We need plastic eggs filled with non-chocolate candies. See Deacon Connie.

**Easter Parade April 8-** At least 20 volunteers are needed to help with Esperanza's participation in the annual Ahwatukee Easter parade, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Our church will have a spot in the parade, which is scheduled to step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, near Warner Road and 48th Street. Volunteers will be needed at that location at 9 a.m. They will walk along the one-mile parade route, handing out candy and information about Easter Sunday services to spectators. Esperanza also will have a half-page advertisement in the parade program and a booth afterward at Spring Fling, which will be held at the nearby baseball fields. For more information about how you can help, contact Linda Dickson at (480) 330-1402.

**Mountain View Lutheran Church Hosts "The Way of the Cross" – A Time of Meditation and Prayer**  
 On Good Friday, April 7, 2023 from 7 am to 6 pm (except 12 pm – 1 pm) at Mountain View Lutheran Church (in the Worship Center), 11002 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85044. The "Way of the Cross" is a self-guided time of meditation and prayer

comprised of seven stations. Each station has a picture, Scripture reading, devotion, and prayer that leads along the way of Jesus Christ's suffering. It takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. We welcome the community to participate in this reflective activity on Good Friday, April 7. The artist of the paintings is Sieger Köder (1925-2015). His paintings, sculptures, and stained glass church windows can be found throughout Europe. The paintings of "The Way of the Cross" are displayed in the Catholic Church of St. Stephanus in Wasseraffingen, Germany. The devotions and prayers are written by Theo Schmidkonz, SJ. They have two perspectives; one looks at the experience of Jesus' suffering while the other looks at the experience of situations present in our world today and in our personal lives. "The Way of the Cross" is taken from the book "Kreuzweg-Erfahrungen," Schwabenverlag AG Ostfildern, 2011. It is translated from German to English by Hanna Loehr and Ingeborg Mack.

**Mission Plan Results Through February – General Fund**

<b>February 2023 YTD</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>
Actual	\$64,844	\$50,466	\$14,378
Plan	\$54,650	\$49,607	\$5,043

Through February, pledge giving is better than our plan and better than last year. This is driven by a small number of families who have paid their full year pledge. Non-pledge is also better than plan and last year, although this is driven by heavy donations from January. Expenses are in line with expectations. We continue on a strong start, but it is still early in the year. Thank you for your continued support for Esperanza.

**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. Here are the readings for the next few days. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, March 26, 2023	2 Corin 2
Monday, March 27, 2023	2 Corin 3
Tuesday, March 28, 2023	2 Corin 4
Wednesday, March 29, 2023	2 Corin 5
Thursday, March 30, 2023	2 Corin 6
Friday, March 31, 2023	2 Corin 7
Saturday, April 1, 2023	2 Corin 8
Sunday, April 2, 2023	2 Corin 9

**Lent Soup & Salad Suppers** Wednesdays at 6:00pm; sign up board is in the Fellowship Hall.

**Discernment Gathering** Wednesdays at 6:30-6:50pm

**Mid-Week Lenten Worship** Wednesdays at 7:00pm

**Kyrene Family Resource Center needs Food** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for dry beans, rice, canned tuna, canned chicken, and tissues. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thus far for March, Esperanza has donated 345 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson

**Habitat House 2023-** Site: 3610 S Roosevelt St. Tempe, AZ.  
Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past builds a success, including lunch providers!

### **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday Worship** 4/6, 7pm  
**Good Friday Worship** 4/7, 7pm  
**Easter Vigil Worship** 4/8, 7pm  
**Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship** 4/9, 6:30am  
**Pancake Breakfast** 4/9, 7:30-8:45am  
**Easter Sunday Worship** 4/9, 9am  
**Easter Egg Hunt** 4/9, 10:15am

### **Esperanza Staff Members**

#### **Interim Pastor Sarah Stadler**

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#### **Amy Angilletta** | Children of Hope Teacher

#### **Kathy Dolny** | Children of Hope Teacher

#### **Cindy Gerrish** | Children of Hope Teacher

#### **Jessica Mueller** | Children of Hope Teacher

#### **Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

#### **Jess Pierce** | Children of Hope Teacher

#### **Caleb Rose-Kamprath** | Children of Hope Teacher

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

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### **This Week At Esperanza**

#### **Sunday, March 26th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)

#### **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:00pm Girl Scouts #3384(CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

#### **Tuesday, March 28th**

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### **Wednesday, March 29th**

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

6:00pm Soup & Salad Supper (FH)

6:30pm Discernment Gathering (SAN)

7:00pm Worship (SAN)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

#### **Thursday, March 30th**

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

#### **Friday, March 31st**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### **Saturday, April 1st**

8:00 am Men's AA (CR)

10:30am Celebration of Life for Liz Kobe (mother of Kathy Tuczynski) (SAN)

#### **Sunday, April 2nd**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)

6:00 Yoga with Aubree (Lower courtyard)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

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

Greeter- Duane Fish

Lector- Dennis Fox

Communion Assistants- Tom & Susan Vega

Power Point-

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Larry Hanson,



Welcome to Worship!  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023  
*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*  
Gathering Song: # 886 vs 1-5  
Song of the Day: # 333  
Offertory: #All Are Welcome  
Communion Hymn: # 779  
Sending Song: # 666  
**We live stream our worship services.**