

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Third Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal-offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Announcements

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at www.MyEsperanza.org

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.

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 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

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| Sunday, March 12, 2023 | 1 Corin 5 |
| Monday, March 13, 2023 | 1 Corin 6 |
| Tuesday, March 14, 2023 | 1 Corin 7 |
| Monday, March 15, 2023 | 1 Corin 8 |
| Tuesday, March 16, 2023 | 1 Corin 9 |
| Wednesday, March 17, 2023 | 1 Corin 10 |
| Saturday, March 18, 2023 | 1 Corin 11 |
| Sunday, March 19, 2023 | 1 Corin 12 |

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

Mission Gatherings Leading Esperanza into the Future The Esperanza Transition Team is leading us through a process of discernment about God's mission for Esperanza and our guiding principles. As part of that process, everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in at least one Mission Gathering. At each Mission Gathering, we will be asking questions and receiving your thoughts about the values we share as a congregation and the direction that we feel the Holy Spirit moving us as a community. 3/12, 10:15am, Post-Worship Gathering in the Sanctuary

Kyrene Family Resource Center Cereal Drive a Success – 186 boxes of cereal donated! Thank you to those that donated. Also thank you to Lynn Hockenberger, and staff, kids, and parents with Children of Hope preschool. 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. Through February 2023, Esperanza has donated 283 lbs. of food (includes the cereal) to KFRC. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson

Habitat House 2023- Our 26th year !! Site: 3610 S Roosevelt St. Tempe, AZ. If tools are not your thing they also need volunteers to provide lunch for the volunteers! 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.

Voices For CASA- On an ongoing basis, we support Voices for CASA with \$10 fast-food gift cards. These gift cards go to CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for their meetings with the foster children they help. Please bring any gift cards to the church office. If you have any questions about this program or about Voices, please contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

Prayer Shawls- Each week a group of knitters gather on campus to make prayer shawls for our community. These shawls can be found on the rack by the altar. These prayer shawls are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please remember to 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). Let's spread God's comfort and peace into the world.

Pet Prayer Shawl Ministry- Pet Prayer Shawls benefit Crest Care, Inc. Shawls are knitted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to Esperanza. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze roseypetunia@cox.net.

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.

Kiwanis Ahwatukee Easter Parade & Spring Fling- Esperanza & Children of Hope Preschool will be participating in the Kiwanis Ahwatukee Easter Parade & Spring Fling on Saturday, 4/9. We are looking for parade walkers beginning at 9am with line-up and for people to staff our booth at the spring fling beginning at 10:30am.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Maunder 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

Jazz Night- 3/20, 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, March 12th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

NO Sunday Funday (CR)

10:15am Mission Gathering (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)

Monday, March 13th

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:00pm Girl Scouts #3384(CR)

6:00pm Jazz group (SAN)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, March 14th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Wednesday, March 15th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

8:00am Sofit repairs begin

9:00 am 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 16th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, March 17th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, March 18th

8:00 am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, March 19th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

NO Sunday Funday (CR)

10:15am NT Reading Check-In (SAN)

10:30am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Kelly Edwards

Lector- Mark Enstminger

Communion Assistants- John & Kathy Gemma

Assisting Minister-TBD

Ushers- Kelly Edwards, Denzil Klein, Duane Fish



Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 611

Song of the Day: # 777

Offertory: #All Are Welcome

Communion Hymn: # 325

Sending Song: # 677

We live stream our worship services.