

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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March 16, 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/>

Soup & Salad suppers at 6:00pm begin this week. Sign up in is the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Susan Brown browngary214@gmail.com 602-526-7942

Mid week Lent Worship- Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Participate in the ELCA Region 2 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge.

You are invited to participate in the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge as part of the Grand Canyon Synod team. The link, for details, register, and donate is www.LentenChallenge.org Bishop Hutterer's Lenten challenge video: <http://vimeo.com/1058623529>. One hundred percent of donations will be provided to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) for their drinking water project. The NELM is located in far northeast Arizona, an approximate 5.5 hour drive from Phoenix. Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson at outreach@myesperanza.org

Esperanza is partnering with Feed My Starving Children for a volunteer opportunity on Wednesday, March 19th from 9:00am – 11:00am in Tempe.

2025 Mission Plan Results Through February

February 2025 YTD	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss)
Actual	\$69,112	\$55,775	\$13,337
Plan	\$63,516	\$60,972	\$2,544

Through February, total revenue is running better than planned driven almost entirely by non-pledge offerings.

YTD expense is \$5,200 less than planned. This is all due to timing of payments related to Service (i.e. Benevolence), Property, Personnel and extra mortgage principal. These expenses will be incurred in upcoming months.

While only two months into the year, revenue less expense is \$10,800 better than expected at this point, which is a solid start to the year. As a reminder, the current fiscal "year" is only six months. We will transition to a new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, to align with the school year.

Today's Hymns

- Gathering Song: #596
- Song of the Day: #834
- Offertory: # 186
- Communion: #471, #472
- Sending Song: #697

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest \$30000 Appeal

In light of recent changes to priorities in our federal government, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest is experiencing a challenge in fulfilling some of their role in caring for people most in need. Anticipating that this shortfall in funding will have long-lasting effects on the ministries of Lutheran Social Services, Esperanza has decided to raise additional funds in support of LSS-SW in order to live into our calling to feed the hungry, heal the sick, clothe the naked, and more. Throughout the season of Lent, we are asking members of Esperanza to go above and beyond their normal giving on behalf of this important ministry that meets people where they are. Please make any checks payable to Esperanza Lutheran, and designate it to "Lutheran Social Services Appeal."

Esperanza's next opportunity to serve I-help is Tuesday, April 22. Sign up to provide food or funding for team to purchase needed items. Please indicate funds for hunger. We will be serving at Desert Cross Lutheran church, 8600 S McClintock Drive. Volunteers need to arrive at 4:30 for set up and packing sack lunches. We anticipate 24 guests and 14 volunteers so please plan accordingly for your dinner donations. Thank you. Linda Dickson 480-330-1402, lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed: Prepare Pancake Breakfast for the Homeless, May 4

Every Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church located in downtown Phoenix hosts a pancake breakfast for the homeless. On May 4, Esperanza will prepare and serve the breakfast. Following are key details:

1. Volunteers will need to be on-site (Grace Lutheran) from 6:30 AM to approximately 8:30 AM to prepare and serve pancakes and sausage, and cleanup.
2. Could serve one hundred + people.
3. Grace Lutheran will provide the food supplies and equipment. Esperanza will need to provide a \$350 check to cover the cost of the food.
4. Need 12-15 volunteers.
5. Would like a mix of youth (12 and older) and adults. At least half of our volunteers must be 18 or older.
6. A liaison from Grace Lutheran will be in attendance to provide guidance.
7. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Larry
8. Hanson.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up below. If you have questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

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 early March Esperanza has donated 207 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: peanut butter, beans- canned or dry, rice, spaghetti pasta and sauce, and jelly.

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

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

NO Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

Monday, March 17, 2025

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

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz Practice (SAN)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday March 18, 2025

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Finance Team Meeting (FH)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

6:30pm Outreach team meeting (FH)

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Soup & Salad Supper (FH)

7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

7:00pm Choir (SAN)

Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, March 21, 2025

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope for Newborns (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, March 22, 2025

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

NO Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Vicki Shutt

Lector- Mark Enstminger

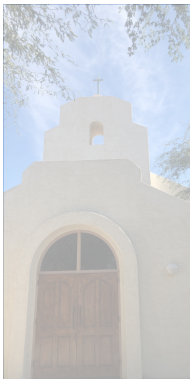
Communion Assistants- Liz Farquhar, Gail Klandrud

Assisting Minister-John Gemma

Power Point- Michelle Tinsley

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela, Dennis Fox, KC & Christine Quah

Counters- Kelly & Steve Kartz



Welcome to Worship!

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 596
Song of the Day: # 834
Offertory: # 186
Communion Hymn: # 471, 472
Sending Song: # 697

We live stream our worship services.