

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Announcements

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

Lou's Little Library- Thank you to Molly Hurst who has been organizing and cleaning the shelves. There are lots of books to choose from. Go check it out!

Jazz Night Tomorrow! You're going to want to join us in the Sanctuary for a casual Jazz get-together while we listen to our very own Steve Newell, Steve Waters, Dick Dorwart, John Yocky and Dan Meyer from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks to share for this splendid evening of music and fellowship! This event will be livestreamed. Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to stream live.

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.

Sunday, March 19, 2023	1 Corin 12
Monday, March 20, 2023	1 Corin 13

Tuesday, March 21, 2023	Take a day off
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	1 Corin 14
Thursday, March 23, 2023	1 Corin 15
Friday, March 24, 2023	1 Corin 16
Saturday, March 25, 2023	2 Corin 1
Sunday, March 26, 2023	2 Corin 2

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 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.

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

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This Week At Esperanza

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)

Monday, March 20th

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:00pm Girl Scouts #3384(CR)

6:30pm Jazz Night (SAN)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, March 21st

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

3:00pm Outreach Team Meeting (FH)

6:00pm COH Board meeting (FH)

7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, March 22nd

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 23rd

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, March 24th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, March 25th

8:00 am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, March 26th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

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- Mark & Gwen Entsminger

Lector- Tom Vega

Communion Assistants- Larry Hanson, Doris Dorwart

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Assisting Minister- Jim Nelson

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela, Dennis Fox, KC & Christine

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Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 673
Song of the Day: # 793
Offertory: #All Are Welcome
Communion Hymn: # 779
Sending Song: # 768

We live stream our worship services.