

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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March 24, 2024

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/>

Holy Week- March 28-30 all services at 7:00pm

Graduates- Do you have someone graduating this Spring? Please send a photo, where they are graduating from and what they are going to be doing next to Joni Esperanza@myesperanza.org

LAST DAY Easter flowers- we will be taking orders for flowers thru March 24th, cost is \$20 per plant, and you may take them home after the 9am service on Easter Sunday.

Easter Eggs- Collecting filled Easter eggs with small candy (not chocolate), stickers, or something fun for the kids Easter Egg hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the office any time before March 24.

I-HELP Opportunity to Serve Homeless Set for March 26 – Sign Up Now! Esperanza's Outreach Team is partnering with Desert Cross Lutheran Church, 8600 E McClintock Drive, Tempe, to serve the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP). This ministry provides shelter nights to homeless adults as well as a case management program that assists with finding employment. Our next serving opportunity is Tuesday, March 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The experience includes providing dinner and making sack lunches for the following day. Volunteers are needed to prepare and bring food for dinner, serve guests, and participate in mealtime activities. Signups have begun, and we anticipate a need for 10 to 15 volunteers to serve 27 guests.

Make Plans to Help Out at Easter Parade March 30- Esperanza will have a spot in the parade, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, near Warner Road and 48th Street. Volunteers are needed at that location at 9 a.m. They will walk along the one-mile route, handing out candy and information about Easter Sunday services to parade spectators. Feel free to join

us and bring your bicycles, tricycles, wagons, etc. You may decorate as you wish. Donations of sewn hearts and snack-size M&M's, which will be passed out along the parade route, should be brought to the church by Wednesday, March 27. 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 from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. A sign-up sheet for parade volunteers is available in the church narthex. For additional information about how you can help, contact Chris Armfield at chrisarmfield@hotmail.com or Linda Dickson at lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com

Special Congregation Meeting on April 21, 2024 (following the 9AM service) to approve proposed changes to the Esperanza Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions. Over the past couple of years, questions and concerns have been raised regarding some of the wording and content of our constitution. So, in May of 2023, the council began the process of reviewing our constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions to see what changes should be recommended to the congregation. The Congregation Council recommendations are incorporated into this document and based on research from ELCA congregations, the Grand Canyon Synod, the Office of the Secretary of the ELCA and the Office of the Archivist of the ELCA.

The following two attachments include:

- The proposed [Esperanza Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions](#) clearly showing changes proposed.
- [Rationale](#) for each of these changes.

There are copies of these documents on The Narthex table now to give you a chance to read and study the changes prior to the **Congregation Meeting on Sunday, April 21, 2024**, following the 9AM service. **There will be a Q&A session on Sunday, April 14, 2024** following the 9AM service to allow for discussion and questions that you might have. We will be following the process of approving amendments to the proposed changes as described in Section 16 of our constitution. In summary, it states that a simple majority is required for approval at the April 21st meeting of the proposed changes. The approved changes will then be ratified at our next regularly scheduled congregation meeting – May 19th, 2024 – by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting. The approved and ratified changes will then be sent to the Grand Canyon Synod for their review. Upon approval, they will notify us of their approval. The changes will go into effect once we have received their notification.

In Service to the Esperanza Community,
Jim Gisselquist, President
On behalf of the Esperanza Congregation Council

Community Outreach Team Meeting- All are welcome at our regular Community Outreach Team meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Next Meeting April 10th

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, squeezable apple sauce, individual cereal cups, rice, cereal, and jelly. Thru the end of February Esperanza has donated 512 lbs (includes 178 lbs from Souper Bowl of caring event) of food to KFRC. In 2024 our goal is 1,250 lbs.! You can place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Voices For CASA: \$10 fast-food 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. Questions? Contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

Prayer Shawls: Prayers shawls can be found on the rack by the altar and are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please 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).

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

Monday, March 25, 2021

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

3:30pm Dave Coste Music Lessons (SAN)

6:00pm Jazz practice (SAN)

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

4:30 I Help (offsite)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

11:30pm Staff Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:30pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:00pm Women's Bible Study (FH)

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship (SAN)

Friday, March 29, 2024

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Good Friday Worship (SAN)

Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

10:00am Easter Prade (offsite)

7:00pm Saturday Vigil Worship (SAN)

Sunday, March 31, 2024

6:30am Sunrise Worship (LC)

7:30am Pancake Breakfast (UC)

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeters- Duane Fish

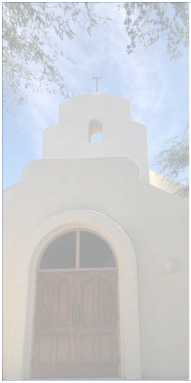
Lector- Dennis Fox, Mark Enstminger, Lauren Cantoni, John Gemma

Communion Assistants- Larry Hanson, Doris Dorwart
Power Point-

Assisting Minister- Paul Wagner

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Ray Palomaa

Counters- Dennis Fox, John Fisher



Welcome to Worship!

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 344

Song of the Day: # 353

Offertory: # 186

Sending Song: # 346

We live stream our worship services.