

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Announcements

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

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.

Sunday, March 5, 2023	Galatians 4
Monday, March 6, 2023	Galatians 5
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	Galatians 6

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Saturday, March 11, 2023	1 Corin 4
Sunday, March 12, 2023	1 Corin 5

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.

3/5, 10:15am, Sunday Funday in the Community Room
3/5, 10:15am, Post-Worship Gathering in the Sanctuary

3/6 3:00pm via Zoom please let Pastor know so she can send you the link
3/7, 11:45am, Preschool Teachers & Parents in the Sanctuary
3/12, 10:15am, Post-Worship Gathering in the Sanctuary

Kyrene Family Resource Center Cereal Drive-

Esperanza is conducting a Cereal Drive for KFRC during February. We are off to a great start! Total thus far: 150 boxes! KFRC includes a box of cereal in each food box they pack. As KFRC packs hundreds of food boxes a week, a lot of cereal is needed. While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is also a current need for pasta sauce, squeezable applesauce, tissues and beans. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. For February 2023 Esperanza has donated 110 lbs. of food to KFRC. YTD including cereal 225 pounds. Thank you! 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.

Helping Hands- the community needs you! We will be putting together the worship leader list for 2023. If you can help as a Greeter, Lector, Communion Assistant, Usher, PowerPoint Operator, Livestream Operator, or Assisting Minister, please let Joni know at Esperanza@myesperanza.org.

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This Week At Esperanza

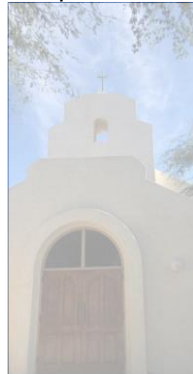
Sunday, March 5th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:15am Mission Gathering (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)



Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 660
Song of the Day: # 323
Offertory: #All Are Welcome
Communion Hymn: # 325
Sending Song: # 796

We live stream our worship services.

Monday, March 6th

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 7th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

11:45am Preschool Mission Gathering (FH)

Wednesday, March 8th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00 am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm 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 9th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Mission Gathering (FH)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, March 10th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, March 11th

8:00 am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, March 12th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:15am Mission Gathering (SAN)

2:00pm Girl Scouts #3891 (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'