

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix**  
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**March 9, 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](mailto:browngary214@gmail.com) 602-526-7942

**Mid week Lent Worship-** Wednesdays at 7:00pm

**TODAY!! Adopt-A-Street Cleanup!** Please join us for our first Adopt-A-Street cleanup of 2025 on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. We will park and meet at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School which is located at the corner of South Ranch Circle and 41<sup>st</sup> Place. Our trash pickup will be along both sides of South Ranch Circle from Mountain Parkway to Ray Road. Esperanza will provide safety vests, trash bags, gloves, water, hand sanitizer, a first aid kit and prizes for the most unusual trash found! Please wear your "God's Work. Our Hands." T-shirts so the neighbors know who we are. Everyone is welcome, including children accompanied by a parent or adult. Sign up online (via our E-Newsletter) or on the sign-up sheet that will be provided in the Fellowship Hall in February. If you have questions, please contact Chris Armfield, Larry Hanson, or a member of the Outreach Team at [outreach@myesperanza.org](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org).

**Family Promise-** March 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John Bosco, we need help with set up, serving, and clean up. Questions? See Donna Sparber [dnsparber@aol.com](mailto:dnsparber@aol.com) 480-205-4143

**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](http://www.LentenChallenge.org) 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](mailto: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. Here's how to volunteer: Visit <https://www.fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer/> and look for the box titled "Looking for a Specific Group?" Search by group name, group leader name, or a unique Join Code. Our join code is VM5NM0

Our join URL is <https://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=VM5NM0>

Once you have clicked the "Join" button or followed the special link to your group, you will be required to log in or create an account, if you are not logged in already. Once logged in, you should see a page that says "Join Group" and includes the group name, group leader, and reservation details. You can click "see who else has joined this group" if desired.

Under "Who is attending?" be sure to select the correct box (I am coming by myself, I am coming and will be bringing others with me, or I'm not coming but need to add others to this group). If you are just signing up yourself, no additional fields will appear. If you select either of the other options, additional fields will appear for you to add attendee names. (Note: Since you are logged in at this point, you do not have to retype your own name, only additional attendees.)

Once you have added any additional attendee names, review FMSC's volunteer age and other guidelines and check the box indicating your agreement. Then, click "Continue." You should receive confirmation that you are signed up.

At this point, you are all set unless you need to add any additional names. If you have questions, email Peggy Shepherd at [steves3@cox.net](mailto:steves3@cox.net).

### **Today's Hymns**

Gathering Song: #322 v.1-4

Song of the Day: #319

Offertory: # 186

Communion: #471, #472

Sending Song: #774

**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](mailto:lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com)

**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 Mid-February Esperanza has donated 162 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](mailto:lhanson2@msn.com)

**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).

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

**Pastor Chris Heller,** [Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org](mailto:Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org)

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#### **Council Members/Team Leadership**

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#### **This Week At Esperanza**

##### **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

NO Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

##### **Monday, March 10, 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 11, 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 12, 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 13, 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 14, 2025**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, March 15, 2025**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

##### **Sunday, March 16, 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- Mark & Lisa Krach

Lector-Riley Hanania

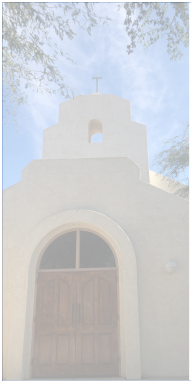
Communion Assistants-George & Peggy Gulski

Assisting Minister-Craig Peck

Power Point- Jim Gisselquist

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fish, Janet Beeks, Gary Brown

Counters- Rich & Tami Hass, Linda Dickson



## Welcome to Worship!

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 322 v.1,2,3,4  
Song of the Day: # 319  
Offertory: # 186  
Communion Hymn: # 471, 472  
Sending Song: # 774

**We live stream our worship services.**