

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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May 11, 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/>

Worship leaders list- can be found on the Narthex counter in the new brown paper holder.

VBS- June 3-5th for kids 4yr old to 5th grade. You can sign up on the website! Questions? See Deacon Connie!

VBS Needs- on the Safari jeep there are sticky notes of items we need for VBS. If you take a sticky note please return the item by June 1st.

Please Attend The Annual Congregation TODAY Following The 9:00 AM Service Council President Chris Armfield and Your Esperanza Church Council encourage you to attend. ry. The agenda items will include voting to:

- Approve November 17, 2024, Regular Congregation Meeting Minutes
 - Copies in the Narthex
- Elect 2025/2026 council nominees
 - Daniel Beeks
 - Kelly Edwards
 - Tim Kladrud
 - Mark Krach
- Approval of the 2025/2026 Nominating Committee
 - Susan Brown
 - John Fisher
 - Larry Hanson
 - Beth Leaf
 - Julie Valenzuela
 - Paul Wagner
- Approval of 2025/2026 Mission Plan (July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026)

Hope to see you all there!

In Service to the Esperanza Community,

Chris Armfield, President
On behalf of the Esperanza Congregation Council

Today's Hymns:

Gathering Song: # 358 v.1,2,3,5
Song of the Day: Amazing Love
Offertory: # 465
Communion:#661,472
Sending:# 379

Street Clean up! Please join us on Saturday, June 7th, at 7 a.m. for our fourth Adopt-a-Street cleanup! We will park and meet at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School (with whom we partner), which is located at the intersection of South Ranch Circle and 41st 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 and prizes for the most unusual trash! 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 November. If you have questions, please see Chris Armfield or the Outreach Team at outreach@myesperanza.org

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-May Esperanza has donated 614 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, May 18, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School

10:15am Congregational Meeting

10:15am Confirmation (Choir room)

2:00pm String Recital (SAN)

Monday, May 19, 2025

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

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00 Josquin Music (Choir room)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday May 20, 2025

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Finance Team meeting (FH)

4:00pm Josquin Music (SAN)

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

7:30pm Choir (SAN)

Thursday, May 22, 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, May 23, 2025

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, May 24, 2025

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter-

Lector- Jodi Burke

Communion Assistants- Larry Hanson, Doris Dorwart

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Power Point-

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

Counters- Kelly & Steve Kartz



Welcome to Worship!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 358 v.1,2,3,5

Song of the Day: # Amazing Love

Offertory: #465

Communion Hymn: # 661, 472

Sending Song: # 379

We live stream our worship services.