

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Announcements

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

Help keep our campus beautiful! Randy is looking for a group of volunteers to come weekly on Friday mornings at 7:30am to blow out the courtyard and parking lot. Send Randy a text and let him know you can help! 480-220-6667

Volunteers Needed: Help With Counting Sunday Offerings. Each Sunday, offerings for the week are counted and deposited at the bank. Two to three volunteers are needed to assist with this task. The commitment will be one hour approximately once a month. Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson. If you are interested please contact the church office.

Green Team! We need your help to keep God's gift, the amazing Esperanza Campus grounds, clean and well maintained! To do so, the Church Council is asking for volunteers to join our GREEN TEAM to help manage our beautiful campus grounds. The green team will be responsible for grass cutting, tree and bush trimming, and broom pushing for the seasonal clean up of the mesquite tree leaves and catkins. Other tasks will be assigned as needed throughout the year. As you know, we have hundreds of people who visit our campus each week and we want to put our best face forward. We will meet at 6:30am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month starting in June and spend an hour or 2 in fellowship and clean-up. The more hands and feet we have the more we can accomplish in a shorter period of time. For those who volunteer at the Habitat build each year we understand the scheduling conflict. We encourage you to find a way to contribute anyway on a Thursday or Friday morning or evening and to do so on a consistent basis. By doing this volunteer program we will save valuable financial resources instead of spending on a landscaping company. Green Team volunteers will receive their very own Green Team shirt! We will also provide coffee and breakfast Danishes and bagels at each clean-up. We hope that anyone reading

this will take this ministry as serious as we do worship planning, Habitat building, choir, prayer shawls and the many other ministries at Esperanza.

VBS: If you took a sticky note, please return items no later than May 28th. Thank you for your help and support!

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. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, May 21, 2023	2 Timothy 2
Monday, May 22, 2023	2 Timothy 3
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	2 Timothy 4
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	Mark 1
Thursday, May 25, 2023	Mark 2
Friday, May 26, 2023	Mark 3
Saturday, May 27, 2023	Mark 4
Sunday, May 28, 2023	Mark 5

Kyrene Family Resource Center School Supply Drive

The Center has asked for our help in donating school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year for students and families in need. The Center needs new backpacks (for middle school students), paper, pencils, tab/dividers for notebooks, pocket folders, crayons, markers, spiral notebooks, glue sticks and Elmer's glue, scissors, colored pencils, notebook dividers, loose leaf paper, and pens (blue, black, and red). Esperanza will collect school supplies during May.

While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, squeezable applesauce, and goldfish crackers (individually packaged). Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through April 2023, Esperanza has donated 676 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Habitat House 2023- Our 26th year!! Site: 3610 S Roosevelt St. Tempe, AZ. Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past build 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.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, May 21st

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Congregational Meeting (SAN)

Monday, May 22nd

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, May 23rd

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Outreach Team Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, May 24th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:00pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Thursday, May 25th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, May 26th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, May 27th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, May 28th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Diane Kirpatrick

Lector- John Fisher

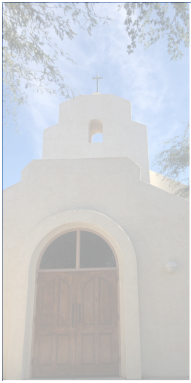
Communion Assistants- Chuck & Pam Yount

Power Point-

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Dennis Fox, Denzil Klein

Counters- Linda Dickson, Shirley Huntley



Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 392

Song of the Day: # 732

Offertory: # 465

Communion Hymn: # 579

Sending Song: # 393

We live stream our worship services.