

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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May 5, 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/>

VBS!- You can help! We need the supplies found on the sticky notes in Fellowship hall on the mountains! Supplies for the snacks, science station and to support our army of volunteers. The request on highlighter yellow sticky's are for our service project, to make it simple we have given the example of the item needed from Amazon- the items do not need to be purchased at Amazon but tried to make it simple as we would like all the packages to be consistent. Questions?- see Deacon Connie or Joni

Graduates- Deadline May 10th 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

Street trash pick up Volunteers Needed for Street Trash Pickup: Starting at 7 AM on Saturday, June 8, Esperanza will pick up trash on S. Ranch Circle E. from Ray Road to South Mountain Parkway. We will meet at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School located at 14841 S. 41st Place, Phoenix. Esperanza will provide gloves, safety vests, and trash bags. Please sign up in the Narthex.

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.

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, apple sauce & fruit cups (individual pks), cereal, dry rice, and dry beans. Thru April Esperanza has donated 497 lbs 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).

Join the Meal Brigade-Esperanza's meal brigade is up and running! The cool people are in the club. Want to join? You're invited! Every now and then, a church friend is in need of a meal or more, delivered to their home. Peggy Wagner is organizing the meals and the process, emailing team members when there is a need. Could you help provide a meal? Costco/Sam's Club meals, restaurant takeout or homemade — all of these are appreciated. If you like, you can join forces with another team member and share the prep/cost. Email Peggy at pwagner255@cox.net if you are interested in helping out with this ministry.

Hope for Newborns a group of volunteers that makes clothing items for Arizona infants in need, has been known by different names in its lengthy history at Esperanza. But its mission hasn't changed, according to a 15-year member of the group who is its current organizer. "Our focus is to make things and get them to the people who need them," Doris Dorwart says. "There are all sorts of things we get asked for, and we say, sure, we can do that." The group, which is open to Esperanza members and also to those who do not belong to the church, meets at 10 a.m. on the third Friday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Several in the group are talented in knitting, crocheting, sewing and quilting, and those skills are important in preparing kits that go out to infants and their mothers via Valleywise Health Medical Center and Dignity Health's Chandler Regional Medical Center. Each kit includes six diapers plus a washcloth, bib, booties, hat, flannel blanket or quilt, and nightgown or onesie. The bibs, booties, hats, blankets and quilts are handmade by the group. "These kits go only to babies in need," Dorwart says. "The nurses (at the hospitals) determine this. When we have something, it has to get out to a family in need." The group, which previously was part of the national program Newborns in Need and then the nonprofit Arizona Needy Newborns, also has filled requests from organizations such as the Salvation Army, UMOM New Day Centers, Helen's Hope Chest and Project Linus. In 2022, Hope for Newborns donated nearly 3,800 items, filling 200 kits and Christmas stockings. That represented an increase of about 25% over 2021. Those who are unable to attend the monthly meeting can help by donating leftover yarn or fabric in a cupboard. "Most of us joined with just a desire to help newborns and were taught, guided and encouraged by the more experienced members," Dorwart says. For more information about Hope for Newborns, email Doris Dorwart at dddorwart@hotmail.com and put the word "Newborn" in the subject line.

Esperanza Staff Members

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

2:00pm Josquin Music Recitals (SAN)

3:00pm Girl Scout troop 3891 (CR)

Monday, May 6, 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, May 7, 2024

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

12:30pm Staff Meeting (FH)

2:00pm Outreach Team Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:30pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, May 10, 2024

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, May 11, 2024

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, May 12, 2024 Happy Mother's Day!

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

5:00pm Joy Pan Recitals (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Debbie Grayson

Lector- Paul Beeks

Communion Assistants- Kathy Gemma, Beth Leaf

Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszynski, Tom Vega

Counters- Kathy & John Gemma



Welcome to Worship!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song:	# 805
Song of the Day:	#656
Offertory:	# 314
Communion Hymn:	# 838 , #780
Sending Song:	#836

We live stream our worship services.