

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Time After Pentecost
November 12, 2023

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory-the marriage feast of the lamb.

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

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

Pastor Sarah will be taking vacation days Monday, November 13-Thursday, November 16. During that time, for pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Chris Heller at 815-541-4498. Thank you!

Thank you! for the generous responses to the appeal for funds to purchase Sam's chickens for our IHelp dinner November 28th. We have the sign up sheet in Narthex. Questions? See Linda Dickson

Volunteers are needed to supply items for the 27 sack lunches or donate \$20 and I will crochet a chicken potholder for you. Thank you for your willingness to share your time, skills, and financial support.

Mission Plan Results Through September – General Fund

September 2023 YTD	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss)
Actual	\$245,303	\$223,429	\$21,874
Plan	\$233,860	\$224,651	\$9,209

Through September, pledge giving is 6% ahead of our plan driven by several families who have paid ahead on their commitment. However, this favorability is likely to decline over the balance of the year. Non pledge giving is behind our plan. Rental donation receipts are higher than expected due to increased use by outside groups and facility use payments from COH Preschool.

Expenses are running higher than our plan driven by two areas. First, Property expense is \$4,600 worse than expected due to higher costs for utilities, maintenance and repair and cleaning services. Second, staff costs are \$3,300 higher than expected due to increased activity. Offsetting this are lower than planned expense for Pastor's auto and continuing ed allowance (\$2,300), call related expense (\$3,000) and a decision to hold on extra mortgage principal payments for now (\$3,000).

On balance, Revenue less Expense is somewhat more favorable than we had planned at this time, but this favorability is expected to decline. We believe there is adequate budget flexibility to manage expenses close to our original annual Mission Plan. Whether we end the year with a net surplus or deficit will depend entirely on giving levels in the final quarter. Please review your year to date giving statements and playfully consider your continued support.

Habitat House- new build begins Nov. 4. See John Fisher or John Gemma for more information.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social- All are welcome to a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship with our sister congregation Mountain View Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm! We will gather at Mountain View Lutheran, 11002 S 48th St, Phoenix in their sanctuary with the pie social and more in their fellowship hall following. In addition to the traditional pie options, gluten-free desserts will be enjoyed as well. You are encouraged to bring canned and non-perishable goods and/or cash donations for the Generations Food Pantry. As Mountain View is our closest ELCA neighbor, Thanksgiving Eve worship gives us an opportunity to build connections here in Ahwatukee. Please plan to attend!

HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS BACK! Saturday Dec. 2nd. Details and sign up board are in the Narthex. Questions? See Peggy Wagner or Kristie Wright

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.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023	1 John 4
Monday, Nov. 13, 2023	1 John 5
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023	2 John
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023	3 John
Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023	1 Peter 1
Friday, Nov. 17, 2023	1 Peter 2
Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023	1 Peter 3
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023	1 Peter 4

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, pasta sauce, dried pinto beans, rice, cereal, and shampoo. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through Oct. 2023, Esperanza has donated 1001 lbs. of food to KFRC. 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).

Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal! The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All adults are welcome—even if you have not participated in choir before! Questions? Contact Kazin Cole at (480) 550-0852.

Bring your own mug for fellowship!

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, November 12th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

11:00am Call Committee (FH)

Monday, November 13th

7:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

3:30pm Music lesson (SAN)

5:30pm Call Committee

Tuesday, November 14th

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

7:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Finance Team meeting (FH)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

6:00pm Call Committee (FH)

Wednesday, November 15th

7:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

12:30pm Staff Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, November 16th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, November 17th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

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11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, November 18th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

9:00am Council/Staff Retreat (Mountain View)

4:30pm Yoga (LC)

Sunday, November 19th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

11:00am Call Committee (FH)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Bonnie Neid

Lector- Michelle Ageno

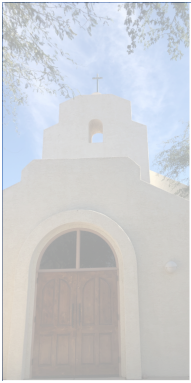
Communion Assistants- Julie Valenzuela, Michelle Tinsley

Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fisher

Counters- Shirley Huntley, Larry Hanson



Welcome to Worship!

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Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 348 v.1-3

Song of the Day: # 436 v.1-3

Offertory: # 186

Communion Hymn: # 685 v.1-6

Sending Song: # 717, v.1-3

We live stream our worship services.