

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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October 20, 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/>

All Saints Sunday will be observed on Nov. 3 The occasion is when we commemorate those we have lost. If you experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year and would like us to remember them on All Saints Sunday, please contact Pastor Chris Heller by Oct. 20.

Oktoberfest 2024! Join us for our Annual Fall Oktoberfest this Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. There will be contests for the best potato salad, best use of kraut and German costumes if you wish! Brats, hot dogs and burgers will be provided along with beverages. We are asking families to bring one item to share...either a salad (potato, other or some fun German item) or a dessert. For more information contact Brad Somero at bsomero1@msn.com. Sign up in the Narthex or on the website: www.myesperanza.org/Oktoberfest-2024 P.S. Bring a friend!

WORK EVENT AT KYRENE FAMILY RESOURCE

CENTER: Esperanza members have been donating non-perishable food for the Kyrene Family Resource Center (KFRC) in Tempe for many years. The KFRC also needs help to separate donations, stock food shelves, pack hygiene supplies, etc. To respond to this need, a work event has been scheduled from 9 AM to 11 AM on Saturday, October 26. This is a great opportunity for our youth to get involved in responding to a community need. Youth 10 and older can participate with an adult. KFRC is located at 1330 E. Dava Drive, Tempe, west of Kyrene de la los Ninos school. If you are interested in participating in this event, please sign up in the Narthex. Any questions, or if you would like to carpool, contact Larry Hanson 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 a bulletin board at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School every month for the students and teachers to brighten their day and inspire!

Today's Hymns:

Setting# 6 beginning on page 165 in front of book
Gathering : Making Their Way
Hymn of the Day: 659
Offertory: # 531 v 1,2
Communion: # 810
Sending: # 733

Help With Multiple Food Needs at Family Resource

Center -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, gallon-freezer bags, and spaghetti pasta and sauce. 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. Two weeks ago, the Center indicating they were distributing approximately 150 Weekend Food Bags every Friday.

Through September, Esperanza has donated a total of 1224 pounds of food to the Center. Our food donation goal for 2024 is 1,250 pounds. 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

Sips and Snacks event- in the garden. Saturday November 16 at 4pm Bring either your favorite beverage to share, an appetizer or small dessert. We look forward to spending time in the Garden meeting new people and catching up with old friends. Come join us! Questions? Contact Josie or Jim Nelson jnelson25@cox.net

Congregational Meeting- November 17th at 10:15am after service to vote on a half year budget. Please plan on staying and giving your voice.

I-HELP Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 4:30 P.M. to set up, make sack lunches, serve our guests and enjoy dinner with them. Please sign up to bring food items. Sign up either online or at church. Questions? See Linda Dickson

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 us and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Esperanza's adult choir, Promesa de Esperanza, weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, at 7pm! We practice every Wednesday in the sanctuary, and all are welcome – no

previous experience required – just bring a heart to serve the Lord through music. For more information, please contact Marcie Donavon by email: MLC123@cox.net; or call/text: 602-321-2561.

Street Clean up! Please join us on Sunday, December 8th, at 4 p.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

Join the Meal Brigade- 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.

Esperanza Staff Members

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

10:15am Confirmation (choir room)

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

Monday, October 21, 2024

9:00am Women’s AA group (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz Practice (SAN)

6:00pm Girl Scout # 3884 (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary’s Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Promesa De Esperanza (SAN)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 3014 (CR)

Thursday, October 24, 2024

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30 Women’s Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, October 25, 2024

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, October 26, 2024

8:00am Men’s AA (CR)

9:00am Kyrene Family Resource Center clean (OS)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

6:00pm Oktoberfest (Courtyard)

Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin’

LC-Lower Courtyard

Today’s Worship Leaders

Greeter- Cindy Jackson

Lector- Duane Fish

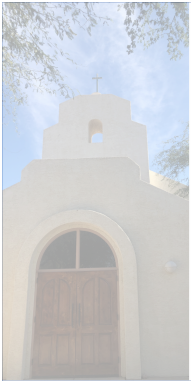
Communion Assistants- Gail Klandrud, Judi Wold

Power Point- John Gemma

Assisting Minister- Judi Wold

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

Counters- Jim Gisselquist, Tom Vega



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # ASC 979 Making Their way
Song of the Day: # 639
Offertory: # 531 v 1,2
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We live stream our worship services.