

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**October 6, 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/>

**FMSC**-Thank you to everyone who came out to help pack food! We packed 141 cases or 30,456 bags and that is enough to feed 83 Kids for a year.

**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.

**Blessing of the Animals** on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. Treats and water will be provided for non-human animals, and blessings will abound. In this brief worship, we will celebrate the goodness of God's creation, reaffirm our commitment to care for it, and bless the animals whose lives we have the gift of stewarding.

**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](mailto:bsomero1@msn.com). Sign up in the Narthex or on the website: [www.myesperanza.org/Oktoberfest-2024](http://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](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org).

### **Today's Hymns:**

Setting# 6 beginning on page 165 in front of book  
Gathering : 641  
Hymn of the Day: Bind Us Together  
Offertory: # 531 v 1,2  
Communion: # 810  
Sending: # 840

### **2024 Mission Plan Results Through August**

<b>August 2024 YTD</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>
Actual	\$264,605	\$211,657	\$52,948
Plan	\$227,500	\$213,238	\$14,262

Through August, total receipts continue to run ahead of our plan although the surplus has diminished a bit. Year to date pledge giving has now slipped modestly below our expectation, but non-pledge giving is still significantly ahead of plan. Rental donations are also ahead of our plan. Total expenses are slightly lower than expected but most of this is timing. Overall, revenue less expense is considerably higher than expected at this point in the year. Esperanza remains in a strong position as we move through the summer period. Thanks be to God.

**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!

**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](mailto:lhanson2@msn.com)

**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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pwagner255@cox.net) if you are interested in helping out with this ministry.

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

**Pastor Chris Heller,** [Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org](mailto:Pastor.Chris@myesperanza.org)

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#### **Council Members/Team Leadership**

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#### **This Week At Esperanza**

##### **Sunday, October 6, 2024**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

##### **Monday, October 7, 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 8, 2024**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Finance Team Meeting (FH)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

##### **Wednesday, October 9, 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 10, 2024**

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30 Women's Bible Study (GAR)

##### **Friday, October 11, 2024**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, October 12, 2024**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

##### **Sunday, October 13, 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- Ron & Kathy Tuszynski

Lector- Tom Vega

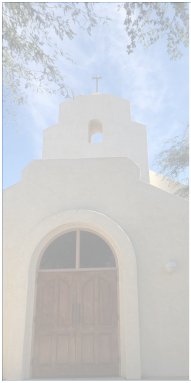
Communion Assistants- Michelle Ageno & Kelly Edwards

Power Point- Craig Peck

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie Rose-Kamprath

Ushers- Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszynski, Tom Vega

Counters- Tina & Eddie Knoell



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

October 6, 2024

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 641  
Song of the Day: # WOV# 748 Bind Us Together  
Offertory: # 531 v 1,2  
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**We live stream our worship services.**