

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading for Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life.

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

Jazz Performance- Monday night, 10/2, 6:30pm bring a snack to share and beverage of your choice and join us for a time of fellowship and great music!

Mark Your calendar! Oktoberfest is on October 28, 6-9 pm.

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 we have a church friend that is in need of a meal or more, delivered to their home. I'm organizing the meals, and the process. I email team members when there is a need. Great if you can help, and certainly fine if you're unavailable. The goal is to provide a meal. Costco/Sam's Club meals, restaurant take out or homemade - all appreciated. You can combine with another team member too, and share the prep/cost. Please email me if you're interested in helping out with this ministry. Pwagner255@cox.net. In His name, Peggy Wagner

New Member Orientation- Sunday Oct. 29 11:00am. Includes a light lunch, a tour of Esperanza campus, the history of Esperanza, sharing about Esperanza ministries and the Lutheran tradition, and time to meet and talk with your New Member Sponsor. RSVP to Pastor Sarah by Oct 15.

Blessing of the Animals: All creatures, with the strict exception of snakes, are welcome at the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 8 at 11 am in the Lower Courtyard of Esperanza! 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.

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, Oct 1, 2023	Acts 23
Monday, Oct. 2, 2023	Acts 24
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023	Acts 25
Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023	Acts 26
Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023	Acts 27
Friday, Oct. 6, 2023	Acts 28
Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023	Catch-Up Day
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023	Catch-Up Day

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, jelly, and shampoo. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through mid-Sept. 2023, Esperanza has donated 943 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 Rehearsals Have Begun! 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!

Esperanza Staff Members

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, October 1st

9:00am Worship (SAN)
10:00am Fellowship (FH)
NO Sunday Funday School (CR)
10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

Monday, October 2nd

9:00am Women's AA group (CR)
11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)
3:30pm Music lesson (SAN)
6:30pm Jazz Performance (SAN)

Tuesday, October 3rd

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)
4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)
6:00pm Call Committee Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, October 4th

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)
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)
7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, October 5th

7:00am AA (CR)
10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)
11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)
5:30pm Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, October 6th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)
9:00am AA (CR)
11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, October 7th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, October 8th

9:00am Worship (SAN)
10:00am Fellowship (FH)
10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)
10:30am Adult Education (SAN)
11:00am Blessing of the Animals (Lower Courtyard)
3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Larry & Peggy Hanson

Lector- Kristie Wright

Communion Assistants- Jim & Jane Gisselquist

Power Point- Kristie Wright

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszynski, Tom Vega

Counters- John Fisher, Dennis Fox



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song:	# 526
Song of the Day:	# 580
Offertory:	# 186
Communion Hymn:	# 829
Sending Song:	# 712

We live stream our worship services.