

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
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**20th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 22, 2023**

*In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world..*

**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](http://www.MyEsperanza.org)

**Mark Your calendar!** Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 28, 2023 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). Please RSVP at the website!

**Jot a Note and Help Encourage Students, Staff at School** Has anyone ever improved your day by providing a kind word of encouragement? One of the projects the Outreach Team agreed to provide is an Affirmation Wall for students and staff at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School. Therefore, starting Sunday, Oct. 22, the team will provide blank Post-it notes and markers for the congregation to write inspirational messages to the students and staff of the school. The completed notes will then be delivered to the school and placed on its Affirmation Wall, where students and staff can choose a note that brightens or improves their day. So, start thinking of those kind, positive, and encouraging messages — and feel free to include your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends! We would like to deliver the notes to the school by Oct. 31. You can either leave the notes at church on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or bring them to service with you on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Blank notes will be on the sandwich board and markers on the counter in the Narthex.

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

**Wine in the garden-** November 4 at 4pm. Bring you favorite wine and a dish to share. Questions? See Jayne Peterson.

**Butter Braid time!** The most delicious fundraiser ever-COH is raising funds for playground landscape. Orders will be taken thru 10/23 and delivery is Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Questions? See Mrs. H!

**HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS BACK!** Saturday Dec. 2nd. Save the date! Details coming soon.

**New Member Orientation- Sunday Oct. 29, 11:00am**

**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 22, 2023	Revelation 14
Monday, Oct. 23, 2023	Revelation 15
Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023	Revelation 16
Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023	Revelation 17
Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023	Revelation 18
Friday, Oct. 27, 2023	Revelation 19
Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023	Revelation 20
Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023	Revelation 21

**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-Oct. 2023, Esperanza has donated 966 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**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](mailto:Pwagner255@cox.net). In His name, Peggy Wagner

**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](mailto: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**

**Interim Pastor Sarah Stadler**

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

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

**Sunday, October 22nd**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

**Monday, October 23rd**

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

3:30pm Music lesson (SAN)

**Tuesday, October 24th**

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

**Wednesday, October 25th**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:00pm Staff Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

**Thursday, October 26th**

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

**Friday, October 27th**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope for Newborns (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

**Saturday, October 28th**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

6:00pm Oktoberfest

**Sunday, October 29th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

11:00am New Member Orientation (FH)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Greeter- Steven & Joni Thorpe

Lector- Lynn Hockenberger

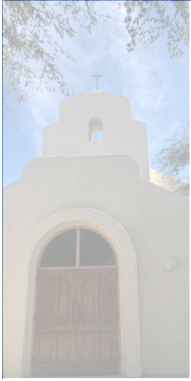
Communion Assistants- John & Kathy Gemma

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish

Counters- Jim Gisselquist, Tom Vega



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 526

Song of the Day: # 841

Offertory: # 186

Communion Hymn: # 826

Sending Song: # 677

**We live stream our worship services.**