

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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

Matthew Shepard (December 1, 1976—October 12, 1998), a gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was beaten, tortured, and left to die near Laramie, Wyoming the night of October 6, 1998. Six days later, he died from severe head injuries received during the attack. The two men who assaulted him were charged with first degree murder. Shepard's murder brought attention to hate crime legislation so that, in 2009, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. The red rose on the altar today as well as the pieces sung by the choir are in memory of Matthew Shepard on the 25th anniversary of his death.

Blessing of the Animals: TODAY 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.

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

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. Please RSVP at the website!

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.

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 8, 2023	Catch-up Day
Monday, Oct. 9, 2023	Revelation 1
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023	Revelation 2
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023	Revelation 3
Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023	Revelation 4
Friday, Oct. 13, 2023	Revelation 5
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023	Revelation 6
Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023	Revelation 7

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. 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.

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!

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This Week At Esperanza

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)

Monday, October 9th

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

3:30pm Music lesson (SAN)

Tuesday, October 10th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

No Finance Meeting

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

Wednesday, October 11th

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)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, October 12th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, October 13th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, October 14th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, October 15th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter-

Lector- Edith Kombe

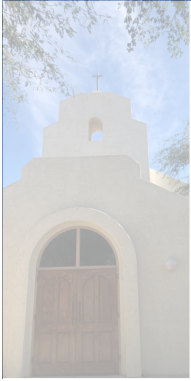
Communion Assistants- Jim & Josie Nelson

Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Denzil Klein

Counters- John & Kathy Gemma



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Song of the Day: # You are My All in All
Offertory: # 186
Communion Hymn: # 826
Sending Song: # Blessed Be Your Name

We live stream our worship services.