

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix  
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**September 1, 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/>

**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.

**A New Need for Food at Kyrene Family Resource**

**Center:** The Kyrene School District is experiencing a challenge with kids that come to school Monday mornings famished and unable to focus on learning. The Kyrene Family Resource Center (KFRC) is responding to that need by packing a "Weekend Food Bag" tailored for one child. These bags are provided to kids in need on Fridays. The food items in the bag could include the following:

- Individual crackers
- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Microwavable Chef Boyardee
- Microwavable ramen noodles
- Microwavable cup of soup
- Breakfast cereal
- Granola bars
- Applesauce or fruit cup

KFRC prefers, if possible that these be a single serving. A suggestion would be to purchase these single serving containers in bulk, such as at Costco. **You can place**

**donations in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson.**

**Help pack Naloxone Kits:** September 8<sup>th</sup> is "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday, ELCA's annual day of service. On September 8, following church service, in the Fellowship Hall, Esperanza will assist Sonoran Prevention Works (SPW) in packing naloxone (narcan) kits. The event will conclude at noon. Naloxone is a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. SPW's core focus is to support individual people through overdose education, naloxone and supply distribution, HIV and hepatitis C testing, and harm reduction outreach program. If you would like to help with this packing event, please sign up in the Narthex. Please direct any questions to Larry Hanson.

**Street Clean up!** Please join us on Saturday, September 7th, at 7 a.m. for our third 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 below or on the forms provided in the narthex at church. If you have questions, please contact the Outreach Team at [outreach@myesperanza.org](mailto:outreach@myesperanza.org)

**Today's Hymns:**

- Setting# 6 beginning on page 165 in front of book
- Gathering : # 717
- Hymn of the Day: 801
- Offertory: # 531 v 1,2
- Communion: # 492
- Sending: # 583

**2024 Mission Plan Results Through July**

July 2024 YTD	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss)
Actual	\$245,431	\$179,765	\$65,667
Plan	\$204,000	\$187,581	\$16,419

Through July, total receipts continue to run well ahead of our plan. While pledge giving is even with expectation, non-pledge giving is substantially ahead. 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!

**Feed My Starving Children** packing event. Thursday, October 3 from 9am-11am in Mesa. To sign up go to FMSC.org, top right click "Volunteer", scroll down, to the right of the map it says "Looking for a Specific Group?" Enter our code XWBBVV and click 'Search Groups' it will take you to another screen and under Peggy Shepherds name there is a "Join" button, click that, it will ask you for your account or to create one if you have not. Then it will ask you for your name and e-mail and you will be all signed up!

**Kyrene Family Resource Center:** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for dry rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, cup of soup, spaghetti pasta, and spaghetti sauce Thru Mid-August Esperanza has donated 975 lbs of food to KFRC. In 2024 our goal is 1,250 lbs.! You can place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Barb & Herb Pinsky for delivering food to KFRC! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**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**

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

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**Cindy Gerrish** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Katrin Guete** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jessica Mueller** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

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

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

##### **Sunday, September 1, 2024**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

##### **Monday, September 2, 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, September 3, 2024**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

6:30pm Out reach team (FH)

##### **Wednesday, September 4, 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, September 5, 2024**

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30 Women's Bible Study (GAR)

##### **Friday, September 6, 2024**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, September 7, 2024**

7:00am Trash Pick up (Offsite)

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

##### **Sunday, September 8, 2024**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

10:30am God's Work Our Hands-(FH)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

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

Greeter- Tom & Susan Vega

Lector- Jim Nelson

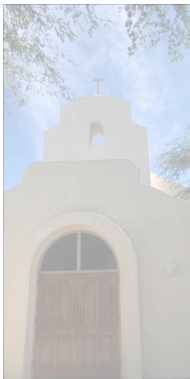
Communion Assistants- Julie Valenzuela, Michelle Tinsley

Power Point- Michelle Tinsley

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszyński, Tom Vega

Counters- Tami & Rich Hass, John Gemma



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

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**We live stream our worship services.**