

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**September 29, 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/>

**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.

**Feed My Starving Children** packing event. Thursday, October 3 from 9am-11am in Mesa. To sign up go to [FMSC.org](http://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!

**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).

**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!

### **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. See the flyer on the Narthex table. You can place donations in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Larry Hanson.

**Kyrene Family Resource Center:** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for cereal, individual fruit snacks, cup of soup, spaghetti pasta, and spaghetti sauce Thru August Esperanza has donated 1020 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 Pinske for delivering food to KFRC! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**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

**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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**Jessica Mueller** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

**Jess Pierce** | Children of Hope Teacher

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

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

##### **Sunday, September 29, 2024**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School (CR)

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3871 (CR)

##### **Monday, September 30, 2024**

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz Practice (SAN)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

##### **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (CR)

6:30 Outreach Team (FH)

##### **Wednesday, October 2, 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 3, 2024**

7:00am AA (CR)

9:00am Feed My Starving Children (OS)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30 Women's Bible Study (GAR)

##### **Friday, October 4, 2024**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, October 5, 2024**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

5:00pm Alanon (CR)

##### **Sunday, October 6, 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- Jackie Benhoff

Lector- Tina Knoell

Communion Assistants- Ray & Lori Palomaa

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Assisting Minister- Craig Peck

Ushers- Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Ray Palomaa

Counters- Tina & Eddie Knoell