

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix**  
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**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2023**

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

**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)

**Congregational Meeting: TODAY at the end of worship.** We will have a brief meeting to elect call committee members.

**Hope Talk: Mental Health Tips & Tools for 2s, Teens, & Beyond.** We are people of hope! And because we are, we have a message to share with our community at large. **On Sunday, September 17, 1-3 pm**, we will be opening up our sanctuary to the community for **our first ever Hope Talk addressing kids' mental health.** As you likely know, kids' mental health in the US declined through the pandemic, and we are still seeing the after-effects of it on kids of all ages, birth through teens. With the help of educators and mental health professionals, we—parents, grandparents, and all adults in kids' support networks—will learn about how to best support and empower our kids to live confidently and joyously. Take-home resources, community contacts, and light refreshments will be provided. More information will be coming soon!

**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

**CPR/ First Aid/AED:** Saturday, Sept 16, 10am to 12 pm. Cost is \$30 per person. Please make checks out to Esperanza and put CPR on the memo line. Sign up in the Narthex, on the website, or call the office.

**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.

**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!**

**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. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023	Acts 2
Monday, Sept. 11, 2023	Acts 3
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023	Acts 4
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023	Acts 5
Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023	Acts 6
Friday, Sept. 15, 2023	Acts 7
Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023	Acts 8
Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023	Acts 9

**Kyrene Family Resource Center:** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, gold fish (individual packages), jelly, and shampoo. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through August 2023, Esperanza has donated 911 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](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).

### **Esperanza Staff Members**

#### **Interim Pastor Sarah Stadler**

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### **This Week At Esperanza**

#### **Sunday, September 10th**

9:00am Worship & Congregational Meeting (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:15am God's Work Our Hands Service Project

#### **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### **Tuesday, September 12th**

8:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### **Wednesday, September 13th**

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

8:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

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, September 14th**

7:00am AA (CR)

8:00am COH Picture Day (SAN)

11:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

#### **Friday, September 15th**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope for Newborns (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### **Saturday, September 16th**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

10:00am First Aid Training (FH)

5:00pm Alanon meeting (CR)

#### **Sunday, September 17th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

1:00pm Hope Talk (SAN)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

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

Greeter- Steven & Joni Thorpe

Lector- Tina Knoell

Communion Assistants- Julie Valenzuela, Doris Dorwart

Power Point- Joni Thorpe

Assisting Minister- Judy Wold

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fish

Counters- John and Kathy Gemma



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# Welcome

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*Hymnals and Bil*

Gathering Song:

Song of the Day:

Offertory:

Communion Hymn:

Sending Song:

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