

Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in 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

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. **Today from 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.

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

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.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023	Acts 9
Monday, Sept. 18, 2023	Acts 10
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023	Acts 11
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023	Acts 12
Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023	Acts 13
Friday, Sept. 22, 2023	Acts 14
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023	Acts 15
Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023	Acts 16

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.

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

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This Week At Esperanza

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 3891(CR)

Monday, September 18th

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Tuesday, September 19th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm COH Board Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, September 20th

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, September 21th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

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

Friday, September 22nd

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Hope for Newborns (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, September 23rd

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, September 24th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

3:00pm Girl Scouts (CR)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- John & Beth Fisher

Lector- Paul Beeks

Communion Assistants- Rocky & Chris Armfield

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Assisting Minister- Michelle Tinsley

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela, KC & Christine Quah

Counters-Jim Gisselquist, Tom Vega



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 867

Song of the Day: # 482

Offertory: # 186

Communion Hymn: # 820

Sending Song: # 716

We live stream our worship services.