

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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**13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023**

The prophet Jeremiah speaks to the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering. Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Announcements

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at www.MyEsperanza.org

The office will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

**Mental Health Tips & Tools for 2s, Teens, & Beyond.
Esperanza Leading with Hope Talks.**

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. In His name, Peggy Wagner

Ministry Site Profile: Has been completed and approved by the council. If you would like a copy, please contact the office.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, September 10 at the end of worship. We will have a brief meeting to elect call committee members.

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 or call the office.

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! Trying to be good stewards of the planet, we are trying to reduce our trash during fellowship. Bring your favorite mug with you for coffee hour after service!

Green Team! Next clean up date: September 16th We need your help to keep God's gift, the amazing Esperanza Campus grounds, clean and well maintained! To do so, the Church Council is asking for volunteers to join our GREEN TEAM to help manage our beautiful campus grounds. The green team will be responsible for grass cutting, tree and bush trimming, and broom pushing for the seasonal clean up of the mesquite tree leaves and catkins. We will meet at 6:30am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and spend an hour or 2 in fellowship and clean-up.

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 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023	John 18
Monday, Sept. 4, 2023	John 19
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023	John 20
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023	John 21
Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023	Catch up day
Friday, Sept. 8, 2023	Catch up day
Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023	Acts 1
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023	Acts 2

Kyrene Family Resource Center: While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, dry beans, and rice. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through July 2023, Esperanza has donated 819 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Voices For CASA- On an ongoing basis, we support Voices for CASA with \$10 fast-food gift cards. These 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. If you have any questions about this program or about Voices, please contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

Prayer Shawls- Each week a group of knitters gather on campus to make prayer shawls for our community. These shawls can be found on the rack by the altar. These prayer shawls are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please remember to 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). Let's spread God's comfort and peace into the world.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

NO Funday Sunday School (CR)

Monday, September 4th

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Tuesday, September 5th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Wednesday, September 6th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

Thursday, September 7th

7:00am AA (CR)

11:00 Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

NO Women's Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, September 8th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, September 9th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, September 10th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday School

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Kelly Edwards

Lector- Pam Coste

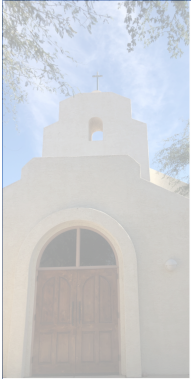
Communion Assistants- Todd & Jayne Peterson

Power Point- Julie Valenzuela

Assisting Minister-

Ushers- Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszynski, Tom Vega

Counters- Shirley Huntley, Larry Hanson



Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.

Gathering Song: # 660

Song of the Day: # 712

Offertory: # 481

Communion Hymn: # 471

Sending Song: # 807

We live stream our worship services.