

# Deepening Our Wells

## Living Into Our Faith

### Bible Verse of the Week: Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

This Biblical quote emphasizes that faith serves as the foundation of our hopes and beliefs, even when we can not directly perceive or see the things we hope for.

To have deep faith means to have a deep conviction or belief that there are realities beyond what we can see – beyond our circumstances, abilities, and fears.

In order for us to deepen our wells of faith, we must first be willing to deepen our understanding of God in our lives.

- Deepening our understanding means being humble and allowing God to teach us about ourselves, about God, and about how to help other people.
- Bible study, worship services, prayer, and participation in church activities help us

to broaden our knowledge and understanding of God.

- Serving God and others develops our experiences and reinforces our actions.



What opportunities for learning and growth have enriched your faith?

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Esperanza continually offers the community opportunities to deepen our wells of faith in a number of ways.

The foundation of our faith is God's Word. The congregation gifts Bibles to individuals at their baptism and to members of the community at the Easter Parade Booth. The church continues to deepen our faith through Sunday Worship Services, Sunday School, Women's Bible Study, and Thursday Matters. Members are encouraged to learn from each other and share their faith through a wide variety of sponsored teams and share their time and talents singing in the choir, crocheting and knitting prayer shawls, working with Habitat for Humanity, and beautifying the campus with the Green Team. Esperanza also sponsors social events such as Oktoberfest, Potlucks, Friendship Dinners, and Progressive Dinners.

Our faith is deepened by showing up, participating, and financially supporting Esperanza's ministries.

Your increased financial support of Esperanza allows us to continue to live into God's faithfulness by offering more opportunities to deepen our faith and connect as a community. Examples of investments being considered in this area that will require expenditures above the 2024 level include the following:

- Placing greater emphasis on our music ministry both inside and outside worship by expanding the roles and responsibilities for our choir director position.
- Developing new opportunities for our youth to live their faith.

Your financial gifts will ensure that these and other meaningful ministries are possible.



### Church Trivia

Did you know in the United States the average church attendee participates in 8-12 church sponsored events a year? How many do you attend?