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# Mt. Zion Herald

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

The month of February is a fun month for several reasons, but for me I really enjoy Valentine's Day. It is a day for people to express their love to a sweetheart, family member(s), and friends by giving a card, flowers, candy, a special dinner or some special gift. These are tokens of love. The real expressions of love are consistent throughout the year.

How is your love-giving life? Whenever I look at First Corinthians 13:4-13, I have more than a twinge of guilt. The list of "nots" is bad enough. Then I check to see what I'm doing right, and see how weak I am. Love is patient, kind, rejoices in truth, protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Throughout the year, not just on Valentine's Day, I want to show love - God's way.

As we enter the month of February and Valentine's Day comes take the time to think of things others have done to show love to you. You are loved in many ways. You're loved by God and by people. Time, words of affirmation, acts of service, physical touch, and gifts are languages of love. Children and adults need daily signs of love. Enjoy your family and friends. They are gifts from God!

Jesus demonstrates love at its best. He gave His life for us sinners. We are the ones who rebel against Him, yet He came for us. He died for us. He alone saves us! We can show real love only after we experience the precious, unconditional love of Jesus in our lives.

I am...

In Christ's Service,  
Pastor Allen D. Anderson

## **Tips For Sharing ...**

Although outreach is often about starting new relationships, just as important is developing relationships God has already planted in your life.

This month, catch up with an old friend or family member. Invite him or her to lunch or to meet for coffee. While there, provide your undivided attention. Ask how they're doing. Listen to them answer. Allow them to do the majority of the talking. Make sure they know you're listening by affirming them.

If you have a friend who isn't a talker, ask him or her to go on a walk or hike, play 9-holes of golf or to enjoy a hobby the two of you share. The quality time you spend with them will speak volumes. If they ever do need to talk, they will know they have a friend who cares.

It's amazing how God can use a cup of coffee or a simple walk or a round of golf to nurture a relationship!

## **Thought of the Month**

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."  
Proverbs 19:21

## **Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you that you have purposely and uniquely matched each one of us to our friends and family members. Thank you for creating opportunities to share with them the hope only you bring. Help us be ready to explain the reason for the hope we have with boldness and clarity. Thank you for being ever present, that we will never do it alone. May your name be lifted higher and higher through our words and actions. And, may your Spirit work through us to do your will. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Submitted by Debbie Duggan, Outreach Chairperson

### **Mrs. Walker's Preschool**

**We will have a Valentine Party on February 13th.**

**If you can bring something to the party please let me know.**

**I will need 14 cookies 14 juice boxes, Valentine cups, napkins and plates. The class list for the preschool class is on a separate page. I will leave it in your student's cubby in the classroom.**

**Our themes for the month are Valentines day, the color red the heart shape and healthy teeth. The Bible stories are: The wedding at Cana, John 2. Jesus feeds the 5000, Matt. 14:13-21. Jesus walks on water, Matt. 14:22-36. Lazarus, John 11. No school or child care February 16th in honor of President's day. Thank you for all your help and support.**

### **Mrs. Anderson's Pre Kindergarten**

**February is always a great time of the year for prekindergarten. It is always so exciting to wait for the Groundhog to come out of hibernation and see if he sees his shadow. We sure hope it is a cloudy day so spring comes soon! It is also great fun to make valentines and give them to our special friends and family. February is also the time when the children learn about dental health and a dental assistant visits the classroom.**

### **Kindergarten- Mrs. Wu**

**Recently the kindergarten children were given the following assignment:**

**Although the children loved the fact that they knew such a big word, one parent wasn't thrilled that her child knew what congruent meant and she didn't! May we all take the opportunity to learn from a child! Aren't kids great?!!**

### **Mrs. Sarr's 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Welcome to February! Our class has been busy learning about forces in science and having fun doing different experiments with magnets. They are very anxious to move into our next unit on the planets. We are now in the New Testament learning about the life of Jesus, His disciples, His miracles, and His death and resurrection. Multiplication is coming up for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and trading in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. (We used to call it carrying or borrowing a number.) We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day and attending a play at the Arvada Center. There are so many things to do, but not enough time to do them all!

#### Seasoned Seniors Potluck – February 9

The Seasoned Seniors will meet at 12 noon on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for their potluck lunch. Your hosts will be Oscar & Joan Miller. The program that will be presented is "Exploring the uncommon history of some common things". Please join us for fellowship and fun. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

#### LWML - Remembering Our Young Adults in February

Our Saturday meeting worked so well in December, we are trying it again. Let's meet at Mt. Zion at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 7 for Bible study and a potluck salad luncheon. After lunch, we will prepare Valentine's for our young adults. Please bring your *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Winter 2008 for the Bible study, your mite boxes, and a salad to share. If you need a ride, call Delores (303-443-0204) or Colleen (303-543-1226).

#### Human Care Committee Report

On December 21, Lynn Pflasterer and Larry and Colleen Spahr delivered 15 Christmas gift bags to the mental health residents on Alpine Drive. An employee called to thank us for the gift bags.

#### Lifeline Screening

Mt. Zion will be hosting a Lifeline Screening event on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am until 4pm. Come and take advantage of this great service.

#### Treasurers Report - 12/31/2008

At year end all payroll is current. Accounts Payable includes: Concordia Plan \$5777.65 and various other expense items totaling \$15,384.02. Operating Statements and Balance Sheets are available on request from Doris Harms

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For those of you who enjoy “surfing the internet”, be sure and check out the “New & Improved” Website for our church & school! Go to: [www.mtzionboulder.org](http://www.mtzionboulder.org) and find a wealth of information ! You can access our Church Calendar and Newsletter by clicking on the “About Mt. Zion” button located on the Home Page, get information about upcoming LWML Events, information about the School and much, much more! Be sure and share this Website address with others who may be interested.

***Help Our School Grow:*** Thrivent members are encouraged to increase income to the School or Preschool by 50% by contributing through the Thrivent GivingPlus program.

Individuals age 16 or older who are benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, or who own Thrivent Mutual Funds accounts and/or Thrivent Life Insurance Company products are eligible to participate in the GivingPlus program. Eligible individuals can donate to two different eligible Lutheran organizations of their choice each year and have their donations matched, \$1 for each \$2 contributed.

Mt Zion Elementary School and Preschool are both eligible to receive donations and matched by the Thrivent GivingPlus program. You may make multiple donations during the year and Thrivent will match, \$1 for each \$2 contributed, up to a total contribution of \$600. Maximum Thrivent matching is \$300.

Following are the totals of your gifts and the Thrivent GivingPlus Matching Funds received in December and Calendar and Fiscal (beginning July 1) year to date as of December 31, 2008.

	<u>December</u>	<u>Calendar</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year to Date</u>
School Gifts	\$1,800	\$13,200	\$7,800
School Giving Plus	\$300	\$6,125	\$3,650
Preschool Gifts	\$2,700	\$16,500	\$9,100
Preschool Giving Plus	\$775	\$7,825	\$4,000

Thank you for supporting your Elementary School and Preschool with you gifts!

