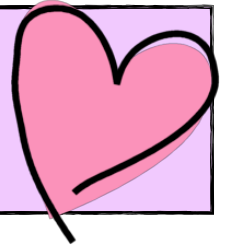


# OSLS PRESCHOOL

## 2017 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you” Issiah 43:2.

### IMPORTANT DATES

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE  
& TOURS: 2/3 & 2/10

Chancy and Bruce Meeting:  
2/13 @ 7pm

Preschool Parent Night:  
Potluck at 5pm  
Teacher Panel at 5:45pm  
Chancy & Bruce 7pm

*\*Kindergarten Rooms Open for Tours\**

Priority Re-Enrollment: **CLOSES:**  
2/17

2017/2018 Open Enrollment  
begins 2/17

Valentine's Day Class Party:  
2/13 & 2/14

OSLS Preschool **CLOSED:**  
2/20-2/24

*\*President's Day Holiday  
Observance & Parent Teacher  
Conferences\**

## Love is your purpose

I know we've all had the "ah-ha" moment...that moment when the light bulb comes on and you realize-that's right, that's my purpose. THAT'S why I am here, that's why I'm feeling this way. Some of you may be in the phase of your ah-ha moment, looking at the world around you and trying to decide where to use your time and your efforts. YOU my friend, ARE CALLED TO LOVE! This ah-ha moment may come in the midst of conquering the laundry pile or tackling the tower of dishes from the day before, YOU ARE CALLED TO LOVE! The Webster's Dictionary for Love is "an intense feeling of deep affection". This way of looking at love is often described by psychologists as parent like. As we all know our children have a certain type of love hold on us that only we can attest to. When we are taking our short order meal requests or playing housekeeper, we may feel this is the only thing our family 'needs' from us, but what they truly whole heartily need is our deep love. The ability to lovingly pray for them. To love on them when it's hard. To love on them when it's fun! To love on them so they are inspired to love others. Our calling to love others is number one priority, and it can be done at any ah-ha moment of our day!

May you all be inspired this month to continue to love others so it becomes contagious to your little ones and those around you-YOU ARE CALLED TO LOVE! Ah-ha!

Blessings to you and your family,

Katherine L. Yeakel OSLS Preschool Director

*Fruit of the Spirit for the Month  
of February: Goodness*

"But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23



Chapel Offering for February  
will be given to:  
Second Harvest Food Bank

*Service Project of the month:  
Pennies and Peanut Butter*

*Please help your child bring in  
"Pennies and Peanut Butter" to help  
stock the shelves of the Second  
Harvest Food Bank*

## A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS

Mrs. Hardison: Our theme this month is All Things Nature! We will be exploring the world around us, including rocks and stones, sand and dirt, changes in seasons and weather, and most importantly, what we can do to help the world that God gave to us! Children are naturally curious about the world around them, so it is a pleasure to provide activities that challenge their critical thinking skills, and to guide them in their explorations and discoveries. February also brings us Valentine's Day! To help celebrate, each child is asked to bring in valentines on Mon. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> or Tues. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. There are 14 students in our MWF program, and 18 students in our T-TH program. Please have your child's name on the **inside** of the card, and **leave the envelope blank**. Please also remember to bring in a **paper grocery bag with handles**, if you haven't already done so.

Mrs. Yeakel: The month of February is filled with love, love, love! What a fun time to talk about how we can love others and love our neighbors! Room 8 will be writing notes to elderly folks here in town in assisted living care, creating our containers for collecting our pennies, and showing each other how we can be loving friends in and out of the classroom! Please keep an eye out for our sign ups for our Valentines Day party on February 13<sup>th</sup> for things such as goodies, plates, drinks and more! Also, we will be exchanging Valentines notes in class-if you choose to bring notes for the party please make sure there is one for every friend! Also this month keep an eye out for our sight word "IT" and our special letters E, V, & U! Love to you all families and we look forward to loving you all this coming month!

Mrs. Micallef: TK February Theme: Helping Hands

During the month of February we will be learning about community helpers; we will be reading stories and poems about the jobs that people, such as police officers, mail carriers, firefighters, nurses, librarians, and other workers, do to help make our community a better place. We will be exploring the world of work, the responsibilities and tasks that community helpers perform, and the tools that enable the community helpers to successfully fulfill their duties.

Encourage your children to tell you what are class is learning about community helpers; have them name some of the jobs that community helpers perform and to explain what might happen if we did not have these workers. As you go places with your children, discuss the jobs people do in your local community. Encourage your children to note the similarities and differences among these workers. Lastly, discuss with your children your own experiences and ideas about personal responsibility and the variety of ways you contribute to making your community a better place such as through work or volunteer activities. I encourage parents to come in and share their profession with us; this will help enhance the children's learning. Please let me know!

### 500 Kits to Commemorate 500 Years



*To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Our Savior's is joining Lutherans across the United States to be servants of all by making Lutheran World Relief care kits and quilts through October 2017. Our first goal is at least 200 baby care kits during January and February. This will be followed by our usual personal care kits and quilts later in the year.*

***There are many ways to contribute to a care kit, but the Preschool will be collecting Cloth Diapers (Flat fold), Diaper Pins, bath size of gentle soap in original wrappers, long-or short- sleeved gowns or sleepers (sizes 6-24months), hand-knit or crochet baby cap (Sizes infant to 24 months). Or if you prefer, donate funds and we will shop for you! Any amount is welcome. Make checks payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church; Memo: LWR Baby Kits***