

## “Dose of Wisdom”

### Mark 9:2–9

2And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” 8And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

9And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the month of February. It is the month where there is a switch over from the season of Epiphany to the season of Lent. It is a time of listening to the words and seeing the actions of Jesus move over into the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We peak at the time of the Transfiguration of Jesus where Jesus is glorified in front of the disciples Peter, James, and John so they can have a glimpse of who Jesus is and what Jesus is about to undergo. It is a time where Peter speaks first then thinks second. **“Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”** Peter got to see Jesus with Moses and Elijah! How awesome this would have been to see two greats that Peter would have known about from the Scriptures. He would have known about them from listening to Jesus preach and teach on the Old Testament. This was a great time and he wanted to stay in the moment. But God had other plans. God spoke from heaven and told Peter, James, and John to listen to Jesus. What did Jesus say to Peter, James, and John? He told them not to tell anyone what they had seen...until...the Son of Man had risen from the dead. He knew that if the disciples told about what happened at the mountain it would ruin Jesus’ plan to go to the cross to suffer, die, and rise again for the people. They were not to say anything until after Jesus had risen from the dead. So naturally this Sunday of Transfiguration is the last Sunday before Lent, before Ash Wednesday. Transfiguration Sunday is a day for all disciples to listen to the voice of God saying, “Listen to Jesus.” We do well to “Listen to Jesus”. We take in His every Word of Life for the forgiveness of our sins. We live in peace on earth because of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name and through Jesus’ Word. We walk with Jesus through the valley of the shadow of death. We witness the beatings, suffering, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins. That is what this month of February is about this year.

*Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Dose*

## MIDWEEK OF LENT 1

## HE ONLY HAS EYES FOR YOU

## Isaiah 43:1–7

## THEME VERSE

“You are valuable in My eyes.” (Isaiah 43:4a)

## THEME OF THE DAY

“God is faithful; God will never break His covenant of blood, signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when He was glorified” (*LSB* 435:4). These priceless promises come from the well-known hymn, “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain.” It summarizes the gist of Isaiah 43:1–7. Twenty-five times in these verses the prophet employs the word *you*. God says, “*You* are valuable in My eyes” (v. 4).

## TEXTUAL NOTES

v. 1 Yahweh’s fiery judgment speech (Isaiah 42:18–25) is followed by His gracious “but now.” Up to this point in chapters 40–55, Isaiah announces that Yahweh created the heavenly lights (40:26), the earth’s most distant places (40:28), and the heavens (42:5). Isaiah 41:19–20 announces Yahweh’s new act of creation. Since *bara* (“create”) in 43:1 is participial in form, Yahweh announces that His new creation is occurring *now* in His act of restoring the exiles.

The verb *yatsar* (“form”) creates an inclusion in 43:1–7. It appears in verses 1b and 7b. The admonition “do not fear” comes in verses 1c and 5a. In the middle of this chiasmic structure is Yahweh’s deep love for His people, “Because you are precious in My eyes, [and] honored and I love you” (v. 4). Yahweh’s care is cosmic and universal, to be sure, but to emphasize His exclusive love for *you*, He employs twenty-five second person singular words and suffixes in 43:1–7.

As cosmic Creator and Restorer, Yahweh commands His dearly loved people, “Fear not!” One thing the deportees might fear is Babylon’s rulers, but they are formless nothings (40:23). Paul asserts that in this present age, authorities also oppose themselves to the will of God in Christ Jesus (e.g., Ephesians 3:10; 6:12). But we need not fear. God has destroyed death, our last enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). “Yahweh is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?” (Psalm 27:1).

The expression, “I am calling you by name,” is likened to Exodus 31:1 where Yahweh says, “I am calling by name Bezalel” (cf. 35:30). Other Israelites called by name include Samuel (1 Samuel 3:6, 10), Elijah (1 Kings 19:9, 13), Amos (7:8), and Jeremiah (1:11). Yahweh not only calls each star by name (Isaiah 40:26), but also has a most intimate love for Israel (Deuteronomy 7:7).

v. 2 Yahweh is present with His people in times of hardship. Two examples of His companionship “when you pass through the waters” are the passing through the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21–31; Psalm 66:12) and the crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

*[The following is appropriate for a newsletter article or other announcement of the Lenten series Singing with the Exiles]*

## SINGING WITH THE EXILES

Gathered by the waters of Babylon, Judean exiles wistfully wondered: Is God for real? If so, does He really care about us? What does our future hold? Will this ever change? God's people had watched their world shatter into a million pieces. They were demoralized and disillusioned. Their disaster looked terminal.

Do you feel this way? Does it look as though your current problems are more than you can bear? Do you find yourself asking: Why did this happen? Why did God allow it? Is there any order in the world? Will God really deliver on what He said?

Isaiah answers these questions in chapters 40–55 of his book. He announces that just when Israel's history seemed closed and controlled by hopeless Babylonian imperial policy, to the shock and surprise of everyone the Lord will stir up a king named Cyrus and a new exodus will explode in the desert! A Servant will be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. And barren Zion will be given so many children that, like the old woman in the shoe, she won't know what to do! Standing behind these marvelous promises is God's almighty Word. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). The exiles are going home!

**That's why we are "Singing with the Exiles" as they are restored to their home.**

This Lent, Isaiah 40–55 will shape us as we . . .

*Meditate* upon daily devotions based upon these chapters;  
*Study* texts from Isaiah in Sunday morning adult Bible class; and  
*Listen* to the following sermons:

Ash Wednesday: "God Has a Word for That" (Isaiah 41:14–16)  
 Lent 1: "He Only Has Eyes for You" (Isaiah 43:1–7)  
 Lent 2: "Marked" (Isaiah 44:1–5)  
 Lent 3: "Breaking Down the Gates" (Isaiah 45:1–8)  
 Lent 4: "Get Out!" (Isaiah 48:17–22)  
 Lent 5: "One Little Word Can Fell Him" (Isaiah 49:1–6)  
 Holy Thursday: "He Prepares a Table" (Isaiah 49:7–13)  
 Good Friday: "All" (Isaiah 52:13–53:12)  
 Easter Vigil: "Nothing" (Isaiah 54:1–8)  
 Easter Sunday: "We Are Going Home" (Isaiah 55:6–13)

Plan now to sing with the exiles as we learn from Isaiah to walk the Lenten way to the cross and to the empty tomb. God promises to turn our weeping into joy and our present pain into an endless Alleluia!



# Ash Wednesday

**Please be sure to join us on Wednesday, February 18th for Ash Wednesday, as we begin our Lenten Journey. Services will be held at 11 am and at 6:00 pm each Wednesday evening until March 25th. A lunch will be served at noon. If you or a group would like to prepare a meal, please contact the office. The meals don't have to be anything fancy or large.**

## CONVENTION

SOW Your HEART in the Heartland!! Be sure and learn all about the planning and preparation of the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines from June 25-28 by reading the Host Committee Convention Newsletter Bountiful Blessings, or the winter edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Invite and encourage family and friends to enjoy the planned events, sights and sounds of Des Moines. Pray for continued blessings upon the efforts of all involved in the preparation of this national event. Have you considered signing up for the Convention Choir? The Music Chairman is Julia Dlouhy. Be a contributing voice, make a joyful noise and be blessed.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).



## LENTEN MEALS

We would like to try and get together a group of people who would like to cook some soup and make some light sandwiches for a meal following the services at 11 am during Lent. Adding a light meal would add to the fellowship aspect of our services. Please let the office know if you would like to be one of those who puts together some sort of meal.



Feb 18	11:00 & 6:00	Ash Wednesday/ Holy Communion
Feb 25	11:00 & 6:00	Midweek Service
Mar 04	11:00 & 6:00	Midweek Service
Mar 11	11:00 & 6:00	Midweek Service
Mar 18	11:00 & 6:00	Midweek Service
Mar 25	11:00 & 6:00	Midweek Service
Mar 29	10:00	Palm Sunday/ Confirmation
Apr 02	11:00 & 6:00	Maunday Thursday/ HC
Apr 03	11:00 & 6:00	Good Friday

## L.W.M.L.

### EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting on Wednesday Feb 4th at 7 pm at the home of Diane Witt.

### FRIENDS ARE

TRUTHFUL  
CARING  
RELIABLE  
HELPFUL  
POLITE  
INTERESTING  
ALWAYS THERE



# Friendship Sunday --- February 15, 2015

## WE WANT YOU TO INVITE SOMEONE!

You may not have done this before – but this year we want you to! Consider a neighbor, a friend, a relative, someone with whom you work, or see occasionally. They could be new to the area or someone who has been around for years. God wants you to invite them. The front entry of our church with its stain glass windows were designed to make people look, wonder, and want to come in – but the doors alone cannot do this. **WE'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP**; the Holy Spirit will help. Offer to pick them up if there is any way you could work this out.

Come, join us and bring a friend or two! You'll learn some things which may surprise you and all those who come will not go away hungry.

**FRIENDSHIP ABLAZE! MEANS BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS:** Perhaps there is an acquaintance in your life who needs you to build a stronger friendship with him/her. Maybe it is your mechanic, your hair dresser, a neighbor, or a person at work. You are someone who can share the greatest Friend any of us will ever have. Now is the time to intentionally build that friendship. Spend time with that person. Remember birthdays, anniversaries. Share your times of joy and celebration with that person. Seek ways to help and encourage your friendship. This is how we set our friendships *Ablaze!*



A free-will offering lunch will be provided on Sunday February 15th following our worship service. This will be sponsored by Spencer Owen who is raising funds for a mission trip to Hatti this summer and also a learning trip to the Holy Land in June. On the menu will be Hot Beef dinner with potatoes & vegetable.



We would like to welcome into baptized membership Landon John Kraus, son of Shane & Amanda Kraus. Landon was baptized here at Zion on January 11th. Serving as sponsors were Cara Kraus and Casey Bruch. We pray God's blessings upon Landon and his family.



Work Hard,  
Do Your Best,  
Keep Your Word,  
Never Get Too Big For Your Britches,  
Trust In God  
And Never Forget a Friend

# L. Y.F. NOTES



## Sub Sandwich Sales

They LYF has been taking Sub Sandwich orders for Super bowl Sunday. They will be making the sandwiches on Saturday, January 31st at 9 am. The sandwiches will be available for pick up or delivery. There will be some additional sandwiches made for those who did not place an order or who wish to purchase additional sandwiches. Remember they are great frozen for later use in addition to being served for Super bowl Sunday. Sandwiches are made with Roast Beef, Ham, turkey and 2 types of cheese, They are selling for \$3.00 each. Thank you for your support. It is appreciated.

Winter has settled into the Sunday School. Even though it is cold outside we have a lot of warm hearts inside due to the Good News of Jesus Christ being shared by our teachers and students.



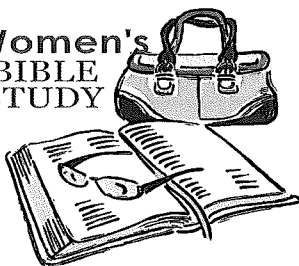
February is Friendship Sunday month! We are working on a new song we will be presenting on February 8th along with observing Friendship Sunday on the 15th with special activities for the morning of tying blankets.

Thank-you to everyone that helped with the Christmas Program, The children did an awesome job! We were worried some days but the kids and staff pulled it all together. Special thanks to the parents for making sure the kids were there

Our January offerings will be donated to Romaine & Darleen Wenck of Lidderdale, who lost their home to a fire in December.

The December offerings and donations went to filling items needed by New Opportunities and 3 foster families. We thank everyone for their generous donations as we were able to fill all of the items on our board.

Women's  
BIBLE  
STUDY



**Our Women's Bible Study will meet on February 9th and February 23rd at 6:30 pm. All women are invited to attend. Each lesson stands alone, so come if and when you can.**

## Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.  
Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.  
Give up worry — trust God to provide.  
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.  
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.  
Give up hatred — return good for evil.  
Give up anger — be more patient.  
Give up pettiness — become mature.  
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.  
Give up gossiping — control your tongue.  
Give up sin — turn to virtue.  
Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown

## Mealtime as a family

Amid busy and varied schedules, many families find a way to sit down together for dinner regularly. Family-health advocates describe the benefits: an increased sense of unity, children sharing news and feeling listened to, and the physical perks of a planned, seated meal.

In Scripture, many great encounters between people and God happen around meals. Abraham and Sarah prepare a meal for three guests who turn out to be angels (Genesis 18). God instructs the Hebrew slaves to eat a special meal together before their delivery from Egypt (Exodus 12); every year since, Jews have celebrated the Passover feast. Elijah is strengthened with food served by an angel (1 Kings 19). Jesus shares meals not only with religious leaders but with “sinners” (e.g., Matthew 9). Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples before his death has become one of the church’s sacraments and a “foretaste” of the heavenly banquet to come.

When Christian families eat together, it’s a holy time in God’s presence, just as when the church shares Holy Communion — a true fellowship dinner!

## “Teach us to love”

O God, perfect us in love,  
That we may conquer all selfishness and hatred of others;  
Fill our hearts with thy joy,  
And shed abroad in them thy peace which passeth understanding;  
That so those murmurings and disputings  
To which we are too prone may be overcome.  
Make us long-suffering and gentle,  
And thus subdue our hastiness and angry tempers,  
And grant that we may bring forth the blessed fruits of the Spirit,  
To thy praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Rev. Henry Alford (1810-1871)

## JESUS, MY SPECIAL FRIEND

When the troubles of this world crowd my  
mind, I turn to Jesus every time

I tell Him all that in my heart  
So he can do his work of art  
On my thoughts, my fears and doubts  
He dries my tears and drives evil out  
He has never told a secret yet  
An He understands me you can bet

He treats me go gentle and so kind and  
Holds me close to Him at times  
Sometimes I can almost hear him whis-  
per "I love you, please don't cry" He gives  
me strength to carry on  
When I have thought and cried till dawn  
He is the very best kind of friend  
On Him I can always depend

He is never to busy to listen to me and  
He fills my heavy heart with glee  
I hope I can be the kind of friend to Him  
as He has always been to me

*Kay Harrison*



*Jesus*  
*Our True Friend*



*"A friend loves*  
*AT ALL TIMES."*

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

## A Friend in Jesus"

Who could I turn to?  
There's no one, but you,  
My Savior who loves me,  
Guides me each day through.

My Savior, who's there,  
When I need a friend,  
Always ready and able,  
For my problems, to tend.

My Savior, who's there,  
When I'm down sick or crying,  
Even when my life's path,  
Full of knots needs untying.

What could I say?  
Your love shines forever,  
Burning in my heart,  
Lighting any stormy weather.

What back, could I give?  
But just words, I love you  
And what back might I ask,  
Knowing you love me too.

Thank you, my Savior,  
You're my real true friend,  
You gave your life for me,  
And on you I can depend.

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# February

Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Camille Mumm</i>	2 <i>Jeremy Ewoldt</i>	3 <i>Spencer Owen Denise Ragaller Kendyl Riesberg Grant Wilken</i>	4 <i>Denny Maasen Marilyn Mumm</i>	5 <i>Cassie Dirks Paulette Von Glan Leonard &amp; Marilee Reetz</i>	6 <i>Al &amp; Sandy Hunter</i>	7 <i>Hannah Kraus Roger Lee Nolan Vetter</i>
8	9 <i>Donna Schurke</i>	10 <i>Dane Dirks Mary Lou Kraus</i>	11 <i>Denny Maasen Marilyn Mumm</i>	12	13 <i>Al &amp; Sandy Hunter</i>	14 <i>Shayna Himmers Trama Vetter Dawn Winey Jacob Witrock Roger &amp; Joyce Lee</i>
15 <i>Dylan Vetter Jim &amp; Patty Vetter</i>	16 <i>Calix Goetz Emilie Hanson Ryan Middleton</i>	17 <i>Brandon Himmers Lilly Julin Lacey Middleton Ann Whitaker</i>	18 <i>Wyatt Ragaller</i>	19 <i>Tyler Middleton Emily Witt</i>	20 <i>Jane Haggge</i>	21
22 <i>Mary Erpps Brian Hausman</i>	23	24 <i>Janice Wilken</i>	25 <i>Doug Kuhl Tony Mumm Gavin Thiedeman</i>	26	27	28 <i>Wilbert Ehlers Emmalee Julin Emily Weller Randy &amp; Mary Bruhn</i>

# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	2	3	4 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Cir	5	6	7 6:00 DW/HC
8 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	9	10	11 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Midweek	12	13	14
15 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC Friendship Sunday 11:00 Lunch provided by Spencer Owen	16 1:00 Sewing	17	18 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Ash Wed/HC 4:00 Midweek 6:00 Ash Wed/HC	19	20	21
22 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Church Council	23	24	25 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Lenten Ser 4:00 Midweek 6:00 Lenten Service	26	27	28

### USHERS

Dwight Ehlers Brad Himmers  
 Steve McCollough Jake Kraus  
 Greg Gronau Dale Lenz

### CHANCEL CIRCLE

Paulette Von Glan  
 Marilyn Mueggenberg

### PARISH CIRCLE

Paulette Von Glan  
 Marilyn Mueggenberg

### ACOLYTES

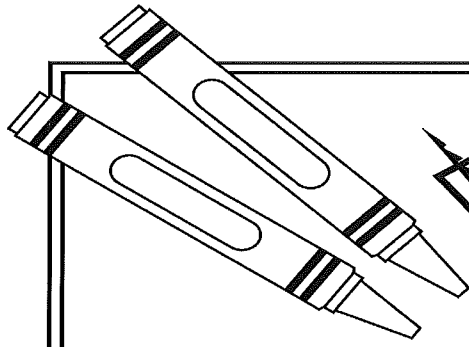
1<sup>st</sup> Henry Segebart & Will Ragaller  
 8<sup>th</sup> Layne Prichard & Kalon Cleveland  
 15<sup>th</sup> Katelyn Himmers & Hunter Klink  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Makayla Himmers & Hannah Kraus

### MIDWEEK SERVERS

4<sup>th</sup>. Henry Segebart  
 11<sup>th</sup>. Kalon Cleveland (2 pm)  
 18<sup>th</sup>  
 25<sup>th</sup>. (2 pm)

If you are able to serve on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, please contact Deb or Pastor



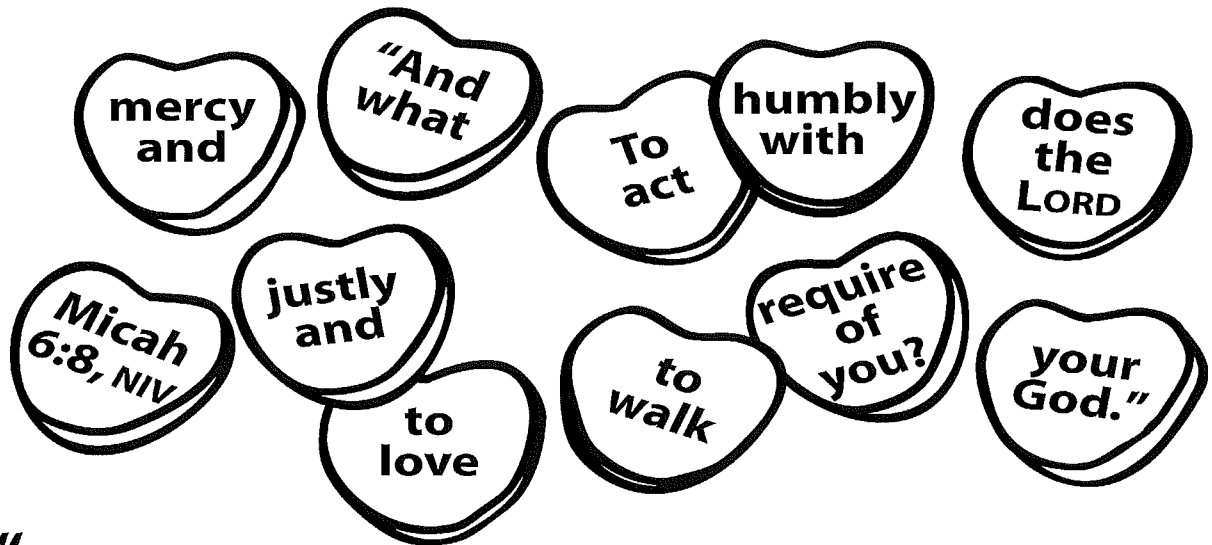


# PUZZLE

## Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

*Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.*



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\_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ 6:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

## The Holy Alphabet

(Whoever came up with this one must have had some Divine guidance!)

**A**lthough things are not perfect  
**B**ecause of trial or pain  
**C**ontinue in thanksgiving  
**D**o not begin to blame  
**E**ven when the times are hard  
**F**ierce winds are bound to blow  
**G**od is forever able  
**H**old on to what you know  
**I**magine life without His love  
**J**oy would cease to be  
**K**eep thanking Him for all the things  
**L**ove imparts to thee  
**M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"  
**N**o weapon that is known  
**O**n earth can yield the power  
**P**raise can do alone  
**Q**uit looking at the future  
**R**edeem the time at hand  
**S**tart every day with worship  
**T**o "thank" is a command  
**U**ntil we see Him coming  
**V**ictorious in the sky  
**W**e'll run the race with gratitude  
**X**alting God most high  
**Y**es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...  
**Z**ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I AM Too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.  
The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

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<i>Friends Who Care</i>	
<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Divine Worship</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>

# *Friendship Sunday*



# *February 15, 2015*