

## Preschool News By Dee Jalas



Preschoolers collected stuffed animals this year instead of having a Christmas gift exchange. The 13 students collected over 50 stuffed animals to give to children who were in the hospital or riding in the ambulance. The stuffed animals were presented to the hospital on Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> when both classes combined to take a field trip to the Deshler clinic. Nurse Deb gave us an amazing tour, taking weights, blood pressures, temperatures, looking in ears, and allowing students to listen to their own heartbeat. Thanks to the Deshler clinic and Nurse Deb for the wonderful field trip!



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## Youth of Peace – February 2017 by Kristi Duensing

Happy Hearts Day! I just love how Valentine's Day gives us the opportunity to share happiness, and have fun with our friends and family, speaking words that radiate God's love, and are delighted by making them feel loved, content, and appreciated on Valentine's Day. And then I think of our Heavenly Father, and how wonderful life in heaven must be. Can you just imagine? We are especially chosen by Him. Isn't that grand! I know there are times on earth when life is not so sweet, but as long as we keep our eyes and hearts upward, Jesus is just a blink away. He wants us to live a content life, full of thoughts of His glory, and His radiant face. Kind words, and expressing acts of love to others, around Valentine's Day, is even more fun when we think of all that Jesus has done for us to begin with! So, have fun on Valentine's Day, and please your Heavenly Father too. Take some quiet time just to tell Him how much you love Him.

Thanks for attending our Annual Youth Meal on January 29. The youth are always such a help in the kitchen, and we appreciate all the support from the congregation. The proceeds from this meal will be for our youth mission trip this summer. We are still in the process of deciding which trip we will attend, but we are excited, as we look forward to what God has in store for us this summer. We are seeking a male sponsor, so let me know if you'd like to be a part of a whole lot of fun!

Youth activities: **February 1: Youth night** w/supper at the YOP house. **February 5 is Souper Bowl Sunday**, so we will be at the back of the church with our pots, donating money to the Blue Valley Food Pantry. How blessed we are, to not worry about having nothing to eat. **February 19 is Movie Night** Blessings! Kristi Duensing, Youth Director