



## NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2023

From  
the  
Pastor's  
Heart

**1 John 4:16 says, "So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in us."**

**God**

**perpetually send us a valentine! He loves us!  
Always! Forever!**

**On Valentine's Day, February 14, we take time to send greetings of love to those that are important to us. It is a day that we focus on "love giving." We certainly don't want to avoid giving this message to our significant other.**

**Perhaps we have learned that it is important to not only say "I love you!" but to demonstrate this in giving flowers, or chocolate, or going out to eat. As a kid in grade school, I remember we had valentine boxes and classmates could drop a simple valentine into each other's box. It was always fascinating to read a brief comment from my friends.**

**The ability to love comes from God because this is God's nature. Our ability to love also emanates from God who lives within us. And as God continually loves, we too don't simply demonstrate love once a year but continually as our life unfolds. Yes, we have special people in our life that need expression of our love more often and more fully.**

**As your present pastor, it is my privilege to say "I love you!" At this moment in time, you are my responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. You, too, need to know that you are loved. It is my joy to love you!**

**Pastor Ron Gerl, Interim Pastor**

