
Love is what we do

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Penny Creek Ward

Hello friend,

Can I say right up front that I love you? I know those are strong words, so I shouldn't throw them around lightly.

But it's true.

I mean, if we claim to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ (we are the Church of Jesus Christ after all) and He was the epitome of love - we even call it 'the Pure Love of Christ' then what are we doing if we don't truly love each other?

So, yes, I do love you. But just because I say it, doesn't mean I'm perfect at it. I'm human after all. I think saying it helps me be better at it. It helps me commit to it. I become accountable to myself, as I make my actions congruent with my words.

And let me say that I love our youth too. I just returned from Young Women Camp this week and Young Men Camp the week before and I am so impressed with our wonderful youth. They have strong testimonies and are learning so much. I wish you all could have joined them. Our stake leaders (including youth) organized such amazing experiences that had a huge impact on these youth, if they allowed it to.

We are trying to prepare them for life, to do hard things, and learn from the experience. And they did. Many of them did things they had never done before. Difficult things, whether it was emotional, social, or physical. And they learned that they can overcome any obstacle that might be holding them back, because they have a Heavenly Father who loves them and a Savior brother who also loves them immensely and will help them in their struggles.

You know, that's true for you too.

If you're not a youth, then you're experiencing the real world of obstacles, difficult challenges, and hard things. And that's okay. We're all youth to our Heavenly Father, because we're adolescent in our eternal lives. And He has provided a way to receive divine help, no matter how difficult our trial.

Our Savior "descended below all things, in that he comprehended all things..." (D&C 88:6) So He knows what you're going through, how you feel, and is ready to lift you up. Just ask. He loves you.

We have fantastic youth in this ward. They've had some amazing experiences this summer. Ask them about it. Learn from them. Love them. They have been sent to earth at this time to bless Heavenly Father's children.

And that means you have too.

Love is the way.

With love,
Bishop Williams

P.S.

- August 25th, 9:00am-2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive at Stake Center. Sign up to donate blood here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org> . Enter 'LDSEverett' in the upper right corner. You can also sign up to volunteer.

Masks are required. Contact Sheila States at sheila.states@gmail.com for more info.

- August 28th, 3:00pm at Stake Center - The Self Reliance Devotional, where the 12 week Self Reliance Groups will be kicked off.

Single Adult Activities

- Sun Aug 21, 7p to 8:30p

Fireside: How can we better serve the Lord and others as Single Adults

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Dessert to follow

- Ensign Ranch Labor Day Campout

Fri, Sep 2, 2p to Mon, Sep 5, 2p

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