



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

April 2007

Happy Easter! For Christians, this is the most exciting time of the year...even more than Christmas. However, just like at Christmastime, it is a challenge for parents to maintain a Christian focus to our celebration. Easter is not just about the Easter Bunny, Egg Hunts, and Family dinners. This is the time of year that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and God's promise of everlasting life! Can we keep that focus and still have fun? You bet! In fact, we believe that God wants us to have fun...it is a celebration after all. One way to do both would be to bake yummy Resurrection Rolls with your children. While they are baking, you can talk about the Easter Story. Another way would be to have them join us on Easter Sunday morning. LUMC Sunday School hosts a traditional Egg Hunt for all the children of our Church and Sunday School. (This year our eggs will be color coded to make it easier for the younger children and more challenging for the older children.) In keeping with the spirit of the season, our hunt will have a Christian theme. In addition to treats inside the eggs, there will also be messages about the Miracles that Jesus performed. So bring your children to join us for the egg hunt. Then please take a moment to help your children read and enjoy the messages as well as the treats.

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer



Mark Your Calendar:

4/08/07 - Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am
(No Sunday School today)

4/15/07 - Marriage Class: "Sex Begins in the Kitchen"

4/29/07 - Marriage Class: "Enjoying the Journey"

5/06/07 - VBS Signup begins

Resurrection Rolls



Ingredients

1 can rfg. Crescent roll dough

8 large marshmallows

Melted butter

Cinnamon & sugar mixed together

Directions

1. Give each child one triangle shaped section of the crescent roll. Explain that this represents the tomb.
2. Have them take one marshmallow and explain that this represents the body of Christ.
3. Dip the marshmallow in butter and roll in cinnamon/sugar mixture. This represents the oils and spices the body was anointed with at burial.
4. Lay the marshmallow on the dough and carefully wrap it up to "bury Jesus' body in the tomb." Make sure that all seams are pinched together well. (Otherwise the marshmallow will "ooze" out of the seams.)
5. Bake according to package directions. Cool.
6. Break open the tomb. The body of Christ is no longer there!
7. Enjoy the rolls. Celebrate Jesus' resurrection and God's Love!

THANK YOU!

We raised \$110 for the LUMC Sunday School from our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale!

FaithWeaver

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Using FaithWeaver, teachers will teach as Jesus taught, with a variety of learning experiences and interactive discussions. All grade levels will cover the same lesson, which can make follow-up discussions easy and interesting. Take home pages will be provided to keep you informed and allow you to continue the learning at home. Lessons move chronologically through the bible—Old Testament in the Fall, New Testament in the Winter/Spring.

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- ✦ **Know How to Live Like Christ:** Participants take what they've learned in class and use it to shape decisions about how they live their daily lives.

Although we hope to see every student each week, we realize that schedules sometimes do not allow that. Below is a calendar of upcoming lessons so that you may review them at home with your child if he/she should have to miss.

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	Bible Point Ages 3-5	Bible Point Grades 1-HS
SPRING 2007 (New Testament)					
6) 4/01	Jesus Appears to Mary	John 20:1-18	Romans 10:9	<i>Jesus is Alive!</i>	<i>The good news of Easter is that Jesus is alive</i>
7) 4/15	Apostles Defend Their Faith	Acts 5:12-42	James 1:2-3	<i>Tell others about Jesus</i>	<i>Keep following God, even when it's hard</i>
8) 4/22	Saul Meets Jesus Near Damascus	Acts 9:1-20	2 Corinthians 5:17	<i>Jesus changes our lives</i>	<i>Jesus changes our lives</i>
9) 4/29	Peter Raises Tabitha from the Dead	Acts 9:36-42	James 5:16b	<i>God hears our prayers</i>	<i>God answers when we pray</i>
10) 5/06	An Angel Frees Peter From Jail	Acts 12:1-18	Psalm 91:11	<i>God's angels help us</i>	<i>Angels protect and help God's people</i>
11) 5/13	Lydia is Converted	Acts 16:9-15	2 Timothy 4:2a	<i>Everyone needs Jesus</i>	<i>Be prepared to tell others about Jesus</i>
13) 5/20	Paul Describes Living by God's Spirit	Romans 8:9-17	Galatians 5:22-23a	<i>We can live for God</i>	<i>When we live by God's Spirit, God changes us</i>