



Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

January 2008

Happy New Year! It's time for New Years Resolutions. I'm a big fan of personal reflection and trying to improve oneself. I've made the typical "work out more," "eat right," and "be more punctual" type of resolutions. I've also made the "yell less," "be kinder to my family," and "give more compliments" type of resolutions. The fact that these are all still areas for improvement underscores that I fail more than I succeed. No matter, I look at New Year's Resolutions not as a one time make-or-break deal, but as an ongoing process of trying to improve myself. I don't need to wait until next year; each time I fail, I can put it behind me and start again to try to improve. I figure that if God can forgive me for the big stuff, I can forgive myself for my many little indiscretions. As I prepared to discuss this topic with my children, it dawned on me that New Year's Resolutions that focus on self-improvement underscore our failures. Kids get enough correction every day in school and at home, do they really need another reminder of how they are failing? So this year, how about helping them focus on what they already do well, and then challenging them to use that to make a difference. Are they good singers? Join the choir! Good readers? Become a liturgist! Good at making friends? Bring someone to Sunday School! Like to cook? Make a dish for the homeless shelter! Like to write? Create an article for the New Wine! Have lots of questions? Research and share the answers (someone else might wonder the same thing)! Our children are growing and improving daily, but they already have a lot to offer.

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

## Mark Your Calendars



- ✓ **2/03: "Souper Bowl" Collection for Food Pantry**  
*Sunday School Children will be collecting a \$1 donation from each person to raise funds for the LUMC Food Pantry*
- ✓ **2/10, 8:30&10:45 services: Valentine's Day Bake Sale**  
*Please bring baked goods and buy some goodies for your family!*
- ✓ **2/10, 6-8pm: Pre-Valentine's Day Gathering for Married Couples**  
*Come join us for fun, fellowship, dessert, and a marriage tune-up!*

### Prayer Connect



*This month's theme is **Getting to Know Jesus**; Philippians 3:10a*

Dear Lord,  
I pray that my children will want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

# FaithWeaver

## FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum – Weaving Faith Through Life!

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.

- † **Memorable Bible Lessons:** The experiential lessons connect from church to home, moving Bible lessons beyond church walls and into people’s lives!
- † **Relevant for Today—and Every Day:** Each learner, no matter the age, sees how God’s Word is relevant to their lives, then applies it every day.
- † **Reinforced Bible Learning All Week Long:** The HomeConnect™ section on each student page, everyone studying the same Bible story, and Driving Home the Point take-home pages help make this happen!
- † **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.

<b>Lesson &amp; Date</b>	<b>Bible Story</b>	<i>Scripture</i>	<b>Key Verse</b>	<b><i>Bible Point</i> Ages 3-5</b>	<b><i>Bible Point</i> Grades 1-9</b>
<b>Winter 2007 (mostly New Testament)</b>					
6) 1/06	Joseph Takes His Family to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-23	Nahum 1:7	<i>Jesus is Special</i>	<i>God guides us</i>
7) 1/13	Jesus is Baptized	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:1	<i>Jesus is Special</i>	<i>Jesus is God’s Son</i>
8) 1/20	Peter and Andrew Meet Jesus	John 1:35-42	John 1:12	<i>Jesus is Special</i>	<i>Get to know Jesus</i>
9) 1/27	News about Jesus Spreads	Matthew 4:2-25	Matthew 11:28	<i>Jesus Teaches the Truth</i>	<i>Jesus wants everyone to come to him</i>
10) 2/03	Jesus Gives the Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12	Philippians 4:8	<i>Jesus Teaches the Truth</i>	<i>The right attitudes please God</i>
11) 2/10	Jesus Teaches we are to be Salt & Light	Matthew 5:13-16	Matthew 5:16	<i>Jesus Teaches the Truth</i>	<i>We can help others see Jesus</i>
12) 2/17	Jesus Explains Eternal Life to Nicodemus	John 3:1-17	Jon 3:16	<i>Jesus Changes Our Lives</i>	<i>Jesus gives us eternal life</i>
13) 2/24	Jesus Talks with the Samaritan Woman	John 4:5-42	1 John 5:12	<i>Jesus Changes Our Lives</i>	<i>We can find life in Jesus</i>