

Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

November/December 2009

It's holiday time! This is truly my favorite time of the year, but if I'm honest, I'd have to admit that sometimes it's so stressful that I'm not sure it's all worth it. This is a time that should bring my family and me closer to God, but I've found that sometimes our preparations and celebrations pull us away from Him. With all of the focus on food, decorations, parties, and presents, it is easy to lose sight of exactly why we are celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. Don't get me wrong; I love all of that stuff! But I have also found that they are much more meaningful if they include God. If you feel the same way, you might appreciate these tips to help keep your holiday celebrations in perspective:

- **Put your spiritual wellness first.** Reset your priorities and make sure that you are spending enough time on your relationship with God during this busy time.
- **Take mini-breaks.** Through the hustle and bustle of the holidays, time seems to fly by. Set a few minutes aside each day to enjoy some solitude. You will find God in the quiet.
- **Evaluate activities.** Make a list of the tasks you do around the holidays and cut out those that don't add value. When faced with a choice, ask yourself which activities reflect the true spirit of the holidays.
- **Help others.** For many reasons, this is not a happy time for everyone. Reach out to those that need a hand, a donation, or just some good cheer. Acting as Jesus taught us is one of the best ways to feel the holiday spirit.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! Enjoy the holidays!

Yours in Christ,

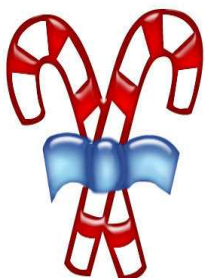
Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Thank You!

We raised \$132 from our
Halloween Bake Sale

Notes

- ✓ "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" boxes are due
- ✓ LUMC Youth Groups are collecting quarters to help "Feed My Starving Children." Find a Jr. or Sr. High student to make a donation before 12/11/09
- ✓ Pancake breakfast for all Sunday School children will be held on 12/20/09 at 9:30am (instead of SS Opening)
- ✓ Winter break is coming. Classes will not be held on 12/26/09 or 1/03/10



Prayer Connect

*This month's theme is
Jesus; Isaiah 9:6*



Dear Lord,
Thank you for giving my children your son Jesus, a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. I pray that they come to know him in all of those ways.

Meet Our Newest Teachers

We are happy to welcome two additional teachers to our staff:

† **Preschool/Kindergarten: Amy Tardio**

† **3rd – 5th grade: Erik Anderson**



FaithWeaver

FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum – Weaving Faith Through Life!

Following is a calendar of upcoming lessons so that you may follow along with your child and review them at home should he/she have to miss a week of Sunday School.

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	<i>Bible Point</i> Ages 3-5	<i>Bible Point</i> Grades 1-9
Fall 2009 (Old Testament)					
9) 11/01	Balaam's Donkey Talks	Numbers 22:1-38	Psalm 66:5	<i>Pay attention to God</i>	<i>God does amazing things to show his power</i>
10) 11/08	Joshua Becomes Leader of Israel	Joshua 1;1-11	Joshua 1:9	<i>God helps us</i>	<i>God helps us accomplish his plans</i>
11) 11/15	Joshua Sends Spies to Jericho	Joshua 2:1-24	Hebrews 11:6	<i>Believe in God</i>	<i>We can have faith that God will do big things in our lives</i>
12) 11/22	The Israelites Cross the Jordan River	Joshua 3:1-4:24	1 Chronicles 16:8	<i>Remember to Thank God</i>	<i>Remember what God has done</i>
13) 11/29	God Gives Victory Over Jericho	Joshua 6:1-27	1Peter 5:6-7	<i>God is Powerful</i>	<i>God's power works for good in our lives</i>
Winter 2009/2010 (mostly New Testament)					
2) 12/06	Zech. prophecies about Jesus	Luke 1:68-79	John 3:17	<i>We need Jesus</i>	<i>The world needs Jesus</i>
3) 12/13	John Prepares People for Jesus' Coming	Luke 3:7-18	1 John 1:9	<i>We need to get ready for Jesus</i>	<i>Repenting prepares us for Jesus</i>
4) 12/20	The Son of God is Born!	Luke 1:26-45; 2:1-20	Isaiah 9:6	<i>Jesus was born</i>	<i>Christians celebrate Jesus' Birth</i>
6) 1/10	The Word Became Flesh	John 1:1-18	John 1:12	<i>We are God's children</i>	<i>People who know Jesus are God's children</i>
7) 1/17	Satan Tempts Jesus	Luke 4:1-13	Hebrews 2:18	<i>God helps us do what's right</i>	<i>With Jesus' help we can resist temptation</i>
8) 1/24	Jesus Performs His First Miracle	John 2:1-11	John 20:31	<i>Jesus can do miracles</i>	<i>Jesus did miracles to show us He is God</i>
9) 1/31	Jesus Teaches in a Synagogue	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 19:10	<i>Jesus helps us</i>	<i>Jesus came for all people</i>