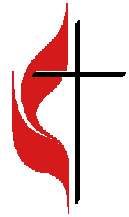




Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

October 2011

I have a very good friend that is having problems with her children and her marriage. As she struggles to make sense of what is happening in her life, she said to me, "I really wish that our family had joined a church when my children were younger." Of course I told her that it's not too late, but I did wonder if her family situation might be different if God were a bigger part of their lives. Many studies have shown the benefits of regular Sunday School & church attendance. Here are a few*:

- increases life expectancy by 8 years
- significantly reduces a child's use and risk from alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- dramatically lowers their risk of suicide; helps them overcome depression 70% faster
- improves their attitude at school and increases their school participation
- reduces their risk for rebelliousness & dramatically reduces risk of committing crime
- improves odds for a "very happy" life
- provides a life-long moral compass
- improves odds that your children will lead an active church life in their adults years

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is **Kindheartedness** (Ephesians 4:32)



Dear Lord,
Help my children to be kind and compassionate to each other. Teach them how to forgive others just as in Christ you forgave them.

Amen

And these benefits are even stronger if a child begins active church participation before 12 years old. Obviously we at LUMC believe in these benefits. We have adopted a new curriculum this year: Rock Solid. (Check it out at www.iamrocksolid.com) Our goal is to help children come to a better understanding of God/Jesus and to build a strong faith foundation that will serve them throughout their lives.

Unfortunately, we've noticed that Sunday School attendance has been down lately. We miss those of you haven't been there! Although we all lead very busy lives, we encourage you to make it a priority to bring your children to Sunday School and then to attend church with them. God admonishes us to "Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy." Turns out, there are very good reasons to do just that! Hope to see you soon. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,
Karín Peraíno & Mary Rohrer

*Source: <http://www.sundaysoftware.com/stats.htm>

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ Trick or Treat for UNICEF boxes will be coming home soon. Please have your children collect for this worthy cause.

Rock Solid

Classes K-6 are using the Rock Solid curriculum. Check it out on www.iamrocksolid.com.

Fall 2011

Date	Bible Story	Bible Point	Scripture	Key Verses
9/18	Isaac is born	God calls us to trust and be patient	Genesis 18: 1-5	"Trust the Lord"
9/25	Isaac & Rebekah	When we follow God's call, we are blessed	Genesis 24	"God will never forget his promises" "Teach me to do what pleases you, because you are my God."
10/02	Jacob & Esau	We are children of God, each unique & special	Genesis 25: 19-28	"Children are a blessing, a gift from the Lord" "I give thanks that I was marvelously set apart."
10/09	Jacob cheats his brother	God wants us to be fair & treat others kindly	Genesis 25: 27-34	"Doing what is right and fair pleases the Lord"
10/16	Jacob's ladder	God wants us to be honest & trustworthy.	Genesis 27 & 28	"Obey me and don't cheat anyone"
10/23	Jacob & Rachel	God is with us	Genesis 28 & 29	"I am with you; I will protect you"
10/30	Esau forgives Jacob	God forgives us; we should forgive others	Genesis 31:3	"Forgive one another"
11/06	Joseph	God loves us no matter what	Genesis 37:1-36	"Though they trip up, they won't be thrown down, because the LORD holds their hand."
11/13	Joseph in Egypt	God is with us	Genesis 39-41	"The Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love."
11/20	Joseph shows love	God helps us do the right thing	Genesis 42-45	"It was not you who sent me here, but God"
11/27	Jesus is coming	Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send	Isaiah 9	"A child has been born for us"

(Note: The Jr. High Class and HS Breakfast Club hold discussions based on Talksheets.)

Thought for the Month

"Wherever two or more are gathered together in my name,
I am there with them."

~Matthew 18:19

