



Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

December 2012

This time of year is so fun and festive, but with all of the commercialism, it can be struggle for Christians to keep Christ in Christ-mas. How can we stay true to the meaning of the season? Here are some thoughts adapted from Rick Warren's book, The Purpose of Christmas.

- Christmas is about CELEBRATION! What are we celebrating is important. Don't let your celebrations become more about time off work/school, the food, or even friends & family. If you keep Jesus and his birth as your focus, you won't lose the meaning of Christmas.
- Christmas is about SALVATION! We often say that Easter is the most important holiday of the Christian faith, but if it weren't for Christmas, we wouldn't have Easter. During this holiday season, make sure that you are right with God and take time to remember and thank Him for sending Jesus...as our Savior!
- Christmas is about RECONCILIATION! In Luke 2:14 we hear, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Take this passage to heart and make your own peace with others. Remember, God wants us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

As Luke 2:10-11 says, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." This is truly good news; let's celebrate!

Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

## Prayer Connect

*This month's theme is Jesus' Calling (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. Amen

### Mark your Calendar

12/09 = Pick up Advent Calendars at Sunday School  
12/16 = Pancake Breakfast  
9:30am: Bibles to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

December Open Pantry Need:

**Pancake Mix & Syrup**



# GROW



Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
<b>Winter 2012-13 for Grades K-5</b>				
<b>Unit 1: Peaceable Kingdom</b>				
<b>Bible Point: God's son came into the world as a child to offer me peace</b>				
Key Verse: "And a little child will lead them" ~Isaiah 11:6				
	12/02	3	Mary & Joseph	Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24
	12/09	4	Birth/Shepherds	Luke 2:1-20
	12/16	5	The Wise Men	Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Unit 2: Living in the Kingdom</b>				
<b>Bible Point: Jesus teaches how God wants me to live</b>				
Key Verse: "Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it is in heaven" ~Matthew 6:10				
	1/13	6	John Baptizes Jesus	Matthew 3;1-6, 13-17
	1/20	7	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:5-13
	1/27	8	Birds of the Air	Matthew 6:25-34
	2/03	9	The Golden Rule	Mathew 7:12

## Fall 2012 for Jr. High

Teacher	Date	Session	Topic	Bible Story	Scripture
Erik	12/02	12	<b>Choosing our Actions</b>	Divided Kingdom	1 Kings 12:1-33
Karin	12/09	4	<b>Celebrating</b>	Jesus is Born	Luke 2:1-20
Dave	12/16	5	<b>Honoring our Savior</b>	Wise Men	Matthew 2:1-12

(Note: The HS Breakfast Club will hold discussions based on Talksheets.)



## Thought for the Month

"When a man's ways please the Lord,  
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."

~Proverbs 16:7

# Kidz Korner



Happy Birthday to our Sunday School friends:  
Molly Stood 12/1



Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of  
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

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Joseph  
Bethlehem  
Mary  
Jesus

Manger  
Nativity  
Inn  
Rejoice

Shepherd  
Wise men