



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

November 2013



Happy Thanksgiving! I always look forward to seeing the beautiful decorations of this season, including the colorful overflowing cornucopia. This horn of plenty, is meant to remind us of all our blessings. And truly we in this country are blessed. Unicef once published a poster that claims, "If you have food on your table, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world." What an eye-opener. I have all of that and more...much more! In fact, I have so much more that sometimes I find myself overwhelmed with my abundance. Recently while away from home, I needed my father to find something on my desk. It took him half an hour to sort through the stacks of paper on my "desktop filing system." When I returned home, I stumbled across an old article in Guidepost on how to "Clear that Clutter!" Hmmmm, perhaps God is telling me something. If you find yourself in the same boat, here are their tips:

1. Start small. Pick a small area that you can tackle to sort, organize, and clean—a closet, desktop, or drawer. The task will be less overwhelming.
2. Use it or lose it. If you don't use something, it's just taking up space. Give it away to someone who will use it!
3. Sort it. Sort and put away items as soon as you get them to avoid "to do" piles.
4. Get the kids in the game. If you make organization a game, the kids will want to play along. You may be surprised at the amount of responsibility they can handle.
5. Give it away. Your "trash" really may be someone else's "treasure." Donate your lightly used goods to a worthy cause. Check out the Hope & Friendship Foundation right here in Lemont: <http://hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com>.

This Thanksgiving, we can do more than just Thank God for all of our blessings. We can share our abundance with others...simply by clearing our clutter! (Now it's time for me to tackle my messy desk.)

Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is **Serving God**
(Ephesians 2:10)



Dear Lord,
May my children, do the good works which you prepared for them to do.

Amen

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ 11/17, 4-6pm = "Imagine Joy" Praise Concert
- ✓ 11/28 = Thanksgiving
- ✓ 12/01 = Church decorating

November Open Pantry Need:

Breakfast Cereal



GROW



Fall 2013

Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Unit 2: David the King				
Bible Point: God's love is with me all the days of my life				
Key Verse: "I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live" ~Psalm 23:6				
	11/03	9	<i>David's Son Builds the Temple</i>	1 Kings 6; 8
Unit 3: Prophets and Kings				
Bible Point: The Bible teaches me how God wants me to live				
Key Verse: "Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth." ~Psalm 86:11				
	11/10	11	<i>Elijah and the Prophets</i>	1 Kings 18:20-39
	11/17	12	<i>Elisha</i>	2 Kings 4:1-7
	11/24	13	<i>Josiah/Huldah</i>	2 Kings 22:1-23:23

Winter 2013-14

Unit 1: The Birth of Jesus				
Bible Point: I celebrate the birth of Jesus.				
Key Verse: "She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger" ~Luke 2:7				
	12/01	2	<i>A Message to Mary</i>	Luke 1:26-38, 46-47
	12/08	3	<i>A Message to Joseph</i>	Matthew 1:18-25
	12/15	4	<i>Good News!</i>	Luke 2:1-20

(Note: Jr. High is watching and discussing "The Bible" miniseries. This month we review stories about Crossing the Red Sea, Joshua, and Samson.

The HS Breakfast Club holds discussions based on various religious materials.)

Breakfast Club dates: 11/03/13, 11/24/13, 12/08/13, 1/12/14, 2/02/14, 2/23/14, 3/09/14, 3/23/14, 4/13/14, 4/27/14, 5/11/15



Thought for the Month

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
~Philippians 4:19

Kidz Korner



Happy November Birthday to our Sunday School friends!
Sydney Nelson 11/5, Nina Risatti 11/17,
Olivia Nelson 11/23, and Emily Ivancicts 11/30



Did You Know?

Malaria is a disease that makes people very sick, especially children under 5yrs old. Mosquitoes in Africa carry malaria, so when a mosquito bites someone there, they can get malaria. Because they don't have the right treatment, many children die every day from Malaria. They need our help to stop this.

Come to the "Imagine Joy" Praise Concert on November 17th to learn more.

The Buzz About Imagine No Malaria

Let's pretend that for every word you find, you stop a mosquito from biting. See how quickly you can find the words below and save a life. Good Luck!!

F R M S T E N M F Y L B
X A B L T I I O O K S C
S M C Q U F P S F O M L
S X I I T C K Q S J A R
O F K S R A P U G S L N
U S C E S F J I L S A E
T K A H B I A T T T R R
R N K V A W O O N S I D
E C O V E N P N K E A L
A S E V I L G W D R R I
C F S E H Z Y E H V N H
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children
lives
malaria
mission

mosquito
nets
outreach
save
serve
stop