



Lemont United Methodist Church Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

February 2014

As I was looking through the new materials for our Confirmation Class, I was struck by the distinction they make between DEVOTION and WORSHIP. They consider Devotion as something done in private. It includes prayer, reflection, and solitude. On the other hand, Worship is something done publicly, like we do at church. While I've done both, I've never considered them in quite this manner...but it makes sense. When I look at both the private and public aspects of communing with God, I realize that both are necessary. The private time of Devotion is important for truly forging a personal relationship with Christ. And communal worship allows us to sing, praise God together, publicly confess our sins, discover the prayer needs of others, and learn more about God. Plus, sometimes it's just more fun and impactful to do it together! Jesus told us, "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." ~Matthew 18:20

Prayer Connect
 This month's theme is **Heart of Worship**
 (John 4:23)



Dear Lord,
 I pray my children learn to worship you in spirit and truth; that they are the kind of worshippers you seek.
 Amen

Often you will hear people say, "I don't need to go to church; I can worship anywhere!" But can we really? Even if we actually take the time to do devotions, when we miss our Sunday gatherings, we are missing out on the Christian fellowship and all of the other benefits of worshipping together. In our busy society, there are bound to be periodic conflicts on Sunday mornings. However, I personally feel lost if I miss several weeks in a row...and even if I'm not in the mood to go, I do get something out of every church service I attend. This is a "habit" that was ingrained in me as a child. On Sundays, we went to church. While I might not have understood the importance of that as a child, I definitely reap the benefits as an adult. So here's a belated thank-you to my parents for instilling this "habit."

And thank you for bringing your children to Sunday School and church whenever you can. It means more to them than you may realize. Yes, they are learning about Jesus, but they are also learning how to worship God and forming a "habit" that may last a lifetime. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,
 Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ **02/02** = "Souper Bowl" Sunday collection (We ask each person to donate at least \$1 to the Open Pantry. The children will be taking this collection at the 10:45 service)

February Open Pantry Need:

Breakfast Cereals



GROW



Winter 2013-2014				
Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Unit 2: The Life of Jesus				
Bible Point: My faith in God grows as I grow				
Key Verse: "Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people" ~ Luke 2:52				
	2/02	4	<i>Jesus in the Synagogue</i>	Luke 4:14-30
Unit 3: Jesus' Ministry				
Bible Point: I know that God sent Jesus to teach me how to live				
Key Verse: "We know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you." ~ John 3:2				
	2/09	1	<i>Jesus Calls Fishermen</i>	Luke 5:1-11
	2/16	2	<i>Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-law</i>	Matthew 8:14-17
	2/23	3	<i>Jesus Teaches the Beatitudes</i>	Matthew 5:3-12
Spring 2014				
Unit 1: The Way to Jerusalem				
Bible Point: I praise God for Jesus				
Key Verse: "As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen" ~Luke 19:37				
	3/02	1	<i>Jesus and the Children</i>	Luke 18:15-17
	3/09	2	<i>A Man Born Blind</i>	Luke 18:35-43
	3/16	3	<i>Zacchaeus</i>	Luke 19:1-10
	3/23	4	<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Luke 22:7-23, 33-34

(Note: Jr. High continues to watch and discuss "The Bible" miniseries as well as complete some of the Confirmation lessons from the "Credo" series.

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

Breakfast Club dates: 2/09/14, 2/23/14, 3/09/14, 3/23/14, (3wk break), 4/13/14, 4/27/14, 5/11/15



Thought for the Month

"Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a multitude of sins."

~1 Peter 4:8

