

Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

September 2014

Now that my youngest child has started college, I'm left wondering how we got to this point. How can she possibly be starting college when it seems like just yesterday she was starting kindergarten? I realize that it's a cliché, but the time did seem to go by quickly. Although I already miss having my children around, the hardest thing for me is not being there when things don't go well for them. I can lend a sympathetic ear or offer some sage advice, but I can no longer kiss a boo-boo or give a reassuring hug to help make things all-better. Truly, they are now in God's hands.

As I thought about that, I realized that they always have been in God's hands. While God gave me the job of caretaker for my children, they've always been His and He has always looked out for them. That thought is reassuring to me and it has been a source of comfort and confidence for them as well. I feel very blessed that my children truly know God's love. I believe that Sunday School, vacation Bible School, and church have helped them discover it.

Indeed, there are many ways that Children's Ministry can benefit children*:

- It gives children a caring peer group
- It promotes their eternal happiness
- It helps them make sense out of life
- It is their best chance to accept Christ since children are more receptive to the Gospel
- It provides them with teachers who can be a Christian mentor & role model
- It can counter-balance negative world influences
- It can help them avoid sins. When people understand how Christ sacrificed for us, they are more likely to try to live a righteous life
- It can help them learn to love and serve others
- It's fun! We use age-appropriate lessons and games that get them involved.

So bring your kids to Sunday School so that they can experience all of these benefits and truly know God's love! And give them a big hug because life goes by quickly and they'll never be this age again. Happy Parenting! See you at Rally Day.

Yours in Christ,
Karín Peraino

Prayer Connect

This month's
theme is **Love**
(Ephesians 5:2)



Dear Lord,
Help my children learn
to live a life of love,
through the Spirit who
dwells in them.

Amen

Mark Your Calendar

✓ 09/14 = RALLY DAY

Balloon Extravaganza!

* source: <http://ministry-to-children.com>

GROW



This year we will be switching to a One-Room Sunday School format for grades P-5. This new format should allow for more activities, more interaction, and more flexibility...think of it as one big happy family! We continue to use the *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!* curriculum, which incorporates stories, activities, crafts, media and games into a full experience to nourish the children's faith. You can learn more about it at www.growproclaimserve.com.

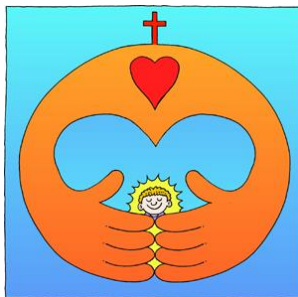
One Room Sunday School Schedule 2013-2014 (GROW Curriculum)

Teacher	Helper	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Fall 2014					
Rally Day 9/14 – Balloon Extravaganza...let God's love lift you up!					
Unit 1: In the Beginning					
Bible Point: I am part of God's creation.					
Key Verse: "Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations." ~ Psalm 104:24					
		9/21	1	Creation	Genesis 1:1-25
		9/28	2	In God's Image	Genesis 1:26-2:4
		10/05	3	Noah	Genesis 6-8
		10/12	4	A Time for Everything	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Unit 2: Beginning of God's People					
Bible Point: I am part of God's people					
Key Verse: "Know that the Lord is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture." ~ Psalm 100:3					
		10/19	5	Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 12:1-9
		10/26	9	Joseph & his Brothers	Genesis 37

(Note: Jr. High & HS Breakfast Club will hold discussions based on various religious materials.)

Possible Breakfast Club Dates for 2014-2015:

9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/16, 12/07, 1/11, 1/25, 2/08, 2/22, 3/08, 3/22, 4/19, 5/03, 5/17



Thought for the Month

"I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me."

~Proverbs 8:17

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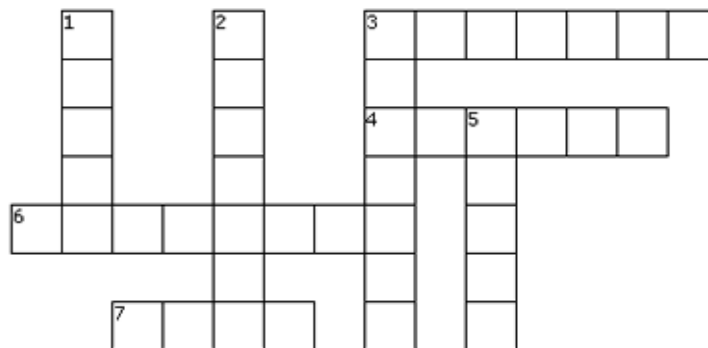
Happy Summer & September Birthdays
to our Sunday School friends!



Adam Anderson 6/02, Maddie Woytek 7/07,
Mihash Cheehy 7/11, Sarah Cliff 7/22,
Jason Kehr 8/05, Nathan Villacres 8/10, Jacob O'Neil 8/20
Audrey Anderson 9/05, Zach Miglio 9/16, Riley Brosseau 9/28

Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

little	touch	kingdom	arms
children	truth	belongs	blessed