



Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

January 2015

My son once asked, "Why should I go to church if I don't get anything out of it?" As a parent, you may have already been faced with that question yourself...or it may be coming. How would you answer?

I told my son that it's not always about you. Why do you go to a wake/funeral? Why do you go to a little girl's dance recital or a little boy's t-ball game? Sometimes you do things for another person. It's not always about what you will get out of it, but sometimes about what your presence will give to someone else. As I look back over my year, in fact over my whole life, I feel truly blessed. I think the least I can do is go to church to worship God and say "Thank You!"

In addition, I can honestly say that I get something out of every service that I attend. My son's question reminded me of the story of two old men who were sitting on a park bench one Sunday afternoon talking about church. One man lamented, "I've heard over 3000 sermons in my lifetime and I can't remember any of them. What's the point?" The other man just nodded and smiled, "Well, I've eaten over 3000 Sunday dinners in my lifetime," he responded, "and I can't remember very many of them either...but I'm sure glad I didn't miss any!" Just like a meal provides nourishment for our bodies, church provides nourishment for our souls. Whether it's the sermon, the Children's Message, the music, or the fellowship, I do get something out of each service that I attend. I'm glad that my family attends church together.

My now college-aged son recently remarked that he enjoys coming back to our church where people truly care about him. Thank you for making our church such a welcoming place. I hope to see you and your family there on Sunday. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,  
Karin Peraino



### Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ 1/18 = No Sunday School (MLK weekend)
- ✓ 2/01 = "Souper Bowl" collection at 10:45am service

### Prayer Connect

This month's theme is **Honesty** (Psalm 25:21)



Dear Lord,  
May my children lead a life of integrity and honesty and may that be their protection.

Amen

# GROW



You can learn more about our curriculum at [www.growproclaimserve.com](http://www.growproclaimserve.com).

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

Teacher	Helper	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
<b>Winter 2014-15</b>					
<b>Unit 2: Touched by Jesus</b>					
<b>Bible Point: Jesus Loves Me!</b>					
Key Verse: "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." ~ 1 John 4:9					
		1/11	5	<i>Jarius' Daughter</i>	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43
		1/25	6	<i>The Woman at the Well</i>	John 4:1-42
		2/01	7	<i>The Ten Leapers</i>	Luke 17:11-19
		2/08	8	<i>Mary &amp; Martha</i>	Luke 10:38-42
<b>Unit 3: Miracles</b>					
<b>Bible Point: Jesus can do Great Things</b>					
Key Verse: In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." ~ John 5:17					
		2/22	9	<i>The Wedding at Cana</i>	John 2:1-12

(Note: Jr. High will be watching and discussing the "Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch;. HS Breakfast Club holds discussions based on various religious materials.)

**Breakfast Club Dates:** 1/11, 1/25, 2/08, 2/22, 3/08, 3/22, 4/19, 5/03, 5/17

## Thoughts for the Month



happy  
new year!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come!"

~2 Corinthians 5:17

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

~Philippians 4:13

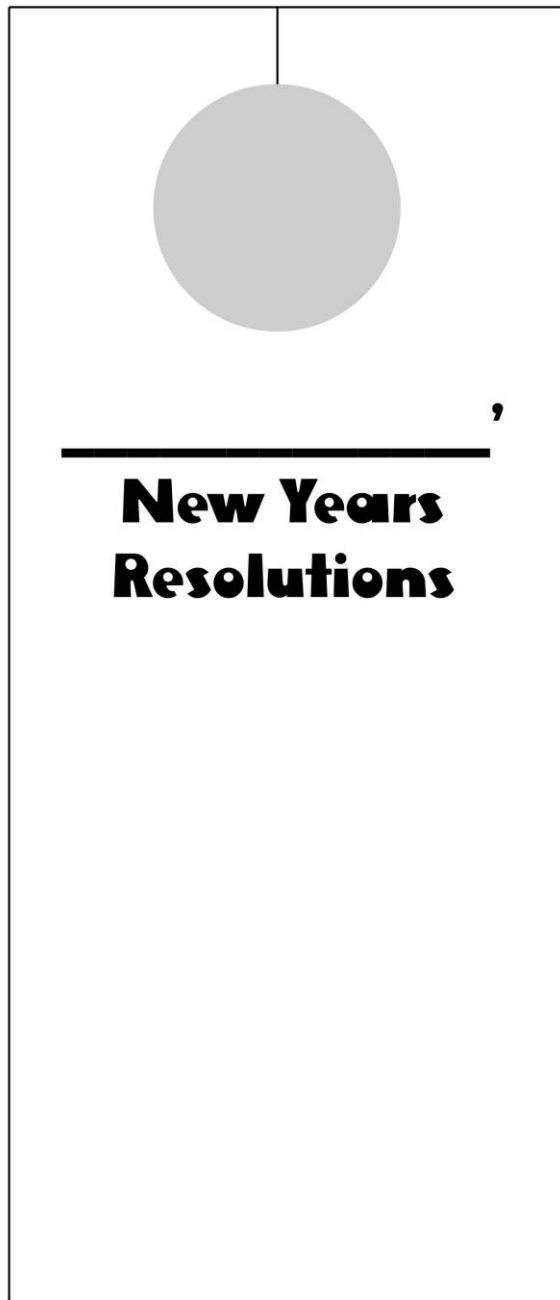
# Kidz Korner










Happy January Birthdays  
to our Sunday School friends!  
Abby Cliff 1/02; Zoe Jackson 1/06



Want to try making New Year's Resolutions?  
Here's a door hanger that you can make to serve as a daily reminder.



	I will learn more about God.
	I will help my family with _____
	I will invite someone to my church.
	I will give some of my money to _____
	I will tell a friend about Jesus.
	I will learn _____ new Bible verses.
	I will pray for others.
I will.....	

*With God all things are possible  
~Matthew 19:26b*

## **Did You Know?**

The practice of making New Year's Resolutions is thought to date back to the ancient Babylonians, long before Christ was even born. They made promises to earn favor of the gods and start the year off right. The bible doesn't say anything about making New Year's resolutions, but it does give us lots of ideas if we want to make them...

- Love God
- Love your neighbor
- Keep the Sabbath
- Honor Mom & Dad
- Pray for wisdom
- Rely on God
- Give God glory
- Don't be vain
- Don't be discouraged
- Don't be jealous
- Help others

...and many more!

Try just making one or two resolutions though or it will be too hard to keep them. Good luck!

