

Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

November 2015

With Thanksgiving just a few days away, it's time to pause and count our blessings. Fortunately, I have more blessing than I have fingers and toes to count them...starting right here at Sunday School. When Mary stepped away from our Sunday School program, so many people stepped in to fill her shoes. I can not thank you all enough—from the teachers who independently plan their lessons, open the church, take collection, and lovingly conduct their classes, to the Stoods & Cheehys who run the pancake breakfasts, to Linda Kennedy who has been coming up with the Kidz Korner ideas each month, and of course Jodi Stood and all of the volunteers that make Vacation Bible School a success. Plus I am pleased to announce that Jane Woytek has offered to take over this newsletter! They say it takes a village to raise a child; I say it takes a church! To all of you who help raise our children in God's loving direction, THANK YOU!

Prayer Connect

*This month's theme is
Gratitude
(Ephesians 5:20)*



Dear Lord,
Help my children live lives
that are overflowing with
thankfulness; giving thanks
to you! Amen

An attitude of gratitude is so important in raising a happy child. Studies show that thankful people are happier people. This is what God wants for us; 1 Thessalonians 5:18 encourages us to "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Here are some tips I've found to help us raise thankful children:

- **Help them Understand Gratefulness**—point out things for which you are grateful on a regular basis; read books that encourage thankfulness
- **Model Gratefulness**—say thank you to your children; thank others in front of them; say thank you to people who serve and do things for you as well
- **Encourage Gratitude**—say family prayers regularly; at dinnertime, have each person share what you are thankful for; make sure they say "thank you" to others; role play being thankful with them
- **Set Expectations**—explain up front what is expected (we're just looking at the store; the gifts are for others at a party; you need to go to each person and say thank you)
- **Help them Appreciate Thoughtfulness**—help your children understand that gifts are an expression of love and that (not the material item) is the true present
- **Acknowledge Blessings**—expose your children to people from all walks of life and help them understand that not everyone has what they have
- **Help Others**—get your children involved in projects to help those less fortunate, join in community projects or create your own; make it a habit!

Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,
Karin Peraino

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ 11/29 = Advent Calendars
- ✓ 12/06 = No SS; combined church service
- ✓ 12/06 = Church decorating
- ✓ 12/13 = SS Pancake Breakfast at 9:30am
- ✓ 12/20, 12/27, 1/03 = No SS; xmas break

Deep Blue



With Deep Blue, children will come to know the Bible as THEIR book and find ways to let the Bible speak to them today! Deep Blue incorporates Bible stories, science activities, arts and crafts, storytelling, and active games into a lived-faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today!

One Room Sunday School Schedule 2015-2016 (Deep Blue Curriculum)

Teacher	Helper	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Fall 2015					
Unit 3: BLESSINGS AND BIRTHRIGHTS					
Bible Point: God blesses us.					
Key Verse: "The Lord bless you and keep you." ~ Numbers 6:24					
		11/01	9	Jacob & Esau	Genesis 25:19-28
		11/08	10	The Birthright	Genesis 25:29-34
		11/15	11	The Blessing	Genesis 27:1-46
		11/22	12	Jacob's Ladder	Genesis 28:10-22
Winter 2015-16					
Unit 1: AWAY IN A MANGER					
Bible Point: Jesus is God's gift to all people					
Key Verse:					
"This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." ~ Luke 2:12					
		11/29*	1	Gabriel's Message	Luke 1:26-38
		12/13	3	Jesus is Born	Luke 2:1-7

Jr. High alternates dates with Confirmation Class and reinforces the lessons. On Confirmation days, 6th graders are welcome to join either the One-Room Sunday School or the Confirmation class.

HS Breakfast Club Dates: 11/22, 1/10, 1/24, 2/07, 2/21, 3/13, 4/17, 5/01, 5/15



Thought for the Month

"This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

~Psalm 118:24

Kidz Korner



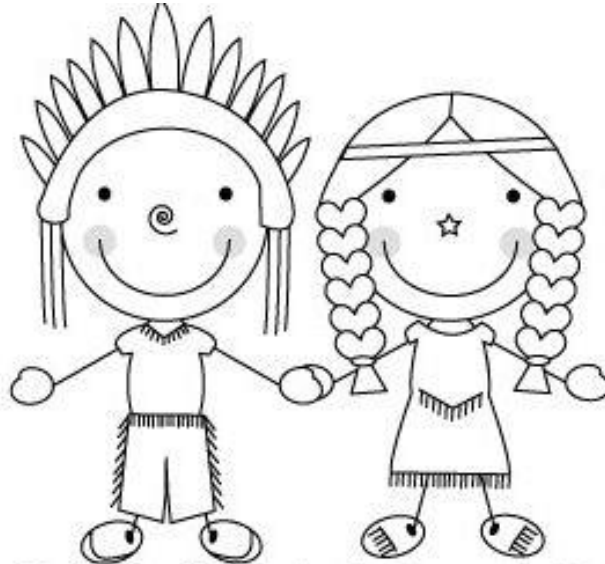
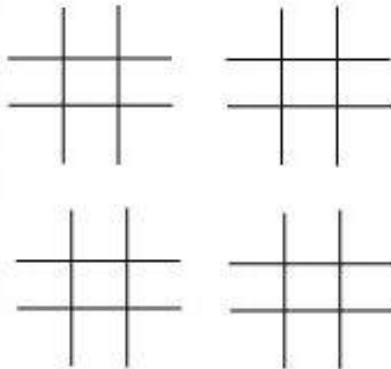
Happy November and December Birthdays
to our Sunday School friends!

Sydney Nelson, 11/05, Nina Risatti 11/17, Olivia Nelson 11/23,
Molly Stood 12/01, Megan Cheehy 12/12, Gabriella Vasquez 12/26

After a rough start in the new world, the Pilgrims held a Thanksgiving feast to thank God for a good harvest, their survival, and their new Indian friends. Their celebration lasted three days! Our lives are much easier and we have much more to be thankful for. Perhaps our gratitude should last a lifetime!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Play Tic Tac Toe with a friend



Circle the words
Native American
John Smith
Pocahontas
Pilgrim
Columbus
Cornucopia
Turkey
Harvest
Santa Maria
pumpkin
cake
Pie
ham
Nina

corn
Pinta
Peas
butter

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