

Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

New Beginnings

March/April 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy Spring! I think spring is one of the most beautiful times of the year. To me, spring symbolizes new beginnings and positive change. Each year I am surprised and amazed to see the tips of flowers pushing through the ground and the start of the buds on the trees. It always seems so impossible to me that something so beautiful can come from the cold, hard, drab ground. It is practically a miracle every year.

As we celebrate Easter, and the rise of Jesus from the dead, let us think about the new beginning given to us through Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus died on the cross for us and rose again, just as he said he would, in order to give each of us a new beginning and the offer of eternal life. The challenge is what we do with this gift. Do we take the time to recognize it and make a choice to change? I have to say, it isn't always easy for me to make a change. I sometimes find it difficult to see the positive around me when there is so much whirling about. I know that I need to fully trust in Him to sort it out, but that isn't always easy for me to do. This is certainly one area that could benefit from some change. In this season of new beginnings, I challenge each of us to think about something in our lives that we would like to turnaround or start again. I know I have plenty of options! I hope that we can acknowledge the sacrifice that was made for us and take advantage of the incredible gesture by moving forward in our lives.

For the Lemont United Methodist Church, Spring is also the season of confirmation. Our confirmands have been busy

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is

Hope
(Romans 15:13)



Father,

May the God of hope
grant my children an overflow
of hope and hopefulness by
the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

attending classes and meeting with their parents and mentors. They will soon begin to take field trips to learn about other religions, congregations and cultures, as well. Confirmation is a new beginning for these young people. What they learn from their studies and trips will open a path for them that leads to Christ and a life of faithfulness. It is up to us to help show them the way through attendance, service and kindness to others. It is exciting to see the confirmands learning and making decisions about their futures. They offer such hope and promise for lives filled with Christ's love.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and a season of new beginnings!

Yours in Christ,
Jane Woytek

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ 3/27= No SS – Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00am
- ✓ 4/3 & 4/10=No SS – Spring Break



Thought for the Month

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

~ Jeremiah 29:11

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!

Spring 2016

Unit 2: JESUS LIVES!

Bible Point: Jesus is alive!

Key Verse: I've seen the Lord. ~ John 20:18

		4/17	2	Jesus at Passover	Luke 22:7-20
		4/24	4	Jesus Lives	John 20:1-18

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: 4/10, 4/24, 5/08



Kidz Korner



Happy
March and April Birthdays
to our Sunday School friends!

Christopher Smith 3/26

Erin Cliff 4/3

Antonio Lange 4/13

Ellie Woytek 4/20

Emily Stood 4/28



Spring Time

Word Link Puzzle

Read the clues at the bottom of the page to help link two parts of each word together to make a complete word. Draw a line from the first part of the word to the second part of the word and fill in the blanks on each line.

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| 1. SEA _____ . | • ND |
| 2. WI _____ . | • ERS |
| 3. LEA _____ . | • RTH |
| 4. BI _____ . | • IN |
| 5. WA _____ . | • VES |
| 6. RE _____ . | • NEW |
| 7. RA _____ . | • EDS |
| 8. BUTT _____ . | • ERFly |
| 9. SE _____ . | • RM |
| 10. FLOW _____ . | • SON |

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| 1. There are four of these each year, and spring is one of them | 6. Become new again |
| 2. Gust of air | 7. Water falling from the sky |
| 3. Foliage is made up of these | 8. Insect with brightly colored wings |
| 4. Beginning of something new | 9. Put these in the ground to make plants grow |
| 5. Not too hot; not too cold | 10. Plants that are cultivated or appreciated for their blossoms |

Learn to Draw a Daffodil



