



# ELC Sunday School Newsletter

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*Emmanuel Lutheran  
Church*

## Kathy's Korner

Dear Teachers and Sunday school staff,  
Jesus says to "love your neighbor as yourself." Be a blessing to others and you will inherit God's blessings. Give and you will receive. This is the simple, yet profound message that Advent prepares us to experience. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." According to a recent Harris Poll teachers are among the top five influences on the lives of children.

**Thank you for serving and for being an influence in the lives of my children and the children in this congregation.** Enjoy "preparing the way of the Lord," being a positive role model (we have Jesus as our example) and keep me informed on how things are going for you. I love to hear your stories.

Also -- Please mark you calendars now for an upcoming workshop/continental breakfast from 10:45-12:00 on January 21st. Let's focus on praying with youth and children and on whatever else you may want to address at the (brief) workshop.

God's Peace,  
~ kathy ~

**CHANGE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE!!!**  
THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE: WE ARE HAVING SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 3RD.  
THE ADVENTure will take place after the late service.  
Questions? Email kathy at  
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## Calendar of Events

- December 3: ADVENTure takes place after the late service (we will have Sunday School today)
- December 24 and 31: No Sunday school
- January 21, 07: Brief Teacher Workshop (see note above)

## Tips 4 Teachers

Ideas for November/December...

✚ Help your students create thank you cards for someone who has given them good advice or has made a difference in their lives. Have kids explain the card specifically what they are thank full for. Ask kids to tell the group about the person they are making the card for and pray with them and thank God together for each person by name.

✚ Present each child with a certificate that says, "I am thankful for you because..." and personalize it with a unique quality each child has. Check out [www.childrensministry.com](http://www.childrensministry.com) and click on web extras for a copy of a certificate.

✚ Encourage your students to come to the ADVENTure on December 3rd after the late service. Make a wreath, eat great food and enjoy being together as God's family.

✚ Put up a Christmas tree in your classroom or on your bulletin board. Have children make an ornament for a friend that they would like to invite to church. Pray with them over all the ornaments after they are attached to your tree. Help them create an invitation for their friend to come to Christmas eve worship.

✚ Countdown to Christmas. Create a paper chain in November with scripture printed on each link. Children tear off a link each day beginning on Dec 1st and read the scripture with their family. This is a great way to count down the days until Jesus birth.

✚ For older youth -- Make something for others in Jesus' name. Call NOVACO, the LAMB CENTER or HUNTERS WOODS FELLOWSHIP HOUSE to see if there is something they can collect or make AND deliver to people. (see me for more ideas!)

## Helpful Websites

- ✚ [www.handsonbible.com](http://www.handsonbible.com) ✚
- ✚ [www.childrensministry.com](http://www.childrensministry.com) ✚
- ✚ [www.familyfun.com](http://www.familyfun.com) ✚