

Second Sunday of Advent



Welcome to
Lauvers Mennonite Church

*“Our mission is to seek the lost and nourish the found
through the work of Jesus Christ.”*

December 10, 2017

WELCOME to our visitors today! Please join us in worshipping the Lord, and in experiencing His love, grace, truth and presence. God bless you, in this service and in the coming days!

Greeters: George Martin Family

Sunday School: *Jesus Teaches*, Mark 4:1-9

Worship Service

Nursery: Sydney/Lindsey/Grace

Worship Leader: Nevin Glick

Worship in Song: Cody's group

Offering

Message: Elvin Ranck, 'Joy' Isaiah 35

Last Sunday

Attendance: 117

Offering: \$3,533.00

Next Sunday

Greeters: Andrew & Maria Ranck

Message: Eric Brubaker

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

December 24 – Elvin Ranck

December 31 – Mike Clark

January 7 – Nevin Glick

Announcements

1. The elder team is inviting everyone to participate in a **two week fast beginning January 7 through January 21.** Until then, pray about what God may be asking you to do without, so you can focus more on him these two weeks. As in the past, we will end the fast on January 21 with a special meal planned by the elder team.
2. Remember to come to our congregational meeting this Wednesday, **December 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**
3. **Youth** – Christmas party at Jordan’s house at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th.
4. We would like to express our appreciation for all the encouraging words, wonderful meal, and gift for a smoker grill. It was a blessing to be able to serve you for ten years and we wish God’s blessing on each of you as you continue forward in the way He has called you.
God Bless You, Glenn, Rhonda and family
5. Christmas caroling is next Sunday evening, December 17.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER.

6. **Candle light service – Friday evening, December 22, at 7 p.m.** Come and enjoy music, a program presented by our children’s Sunday school, and the candle lighting.

The Greatest Gift of All

**Now, when the tree, festooned with light
Stands proudly in the snow,
Let not my eyes be blinded
To a simple candle’s glow.**

**On city streets where shoppers throng
And many sounds confuse,
Oh, may my ears not fail to catch
The angels’ wondrous news.**

**Amid beribboned boxes,
Decked with bow and ball,
I pray my heart may not forget
The greatest gift of all.**

-Author unknown

Happy Birthday to: Linford Ranck today
Donovan Ranck today
Dontae Martin today
Gina Martin on December 13

Upcoming Events

- ~Dec. 13 – **Congregational Meeting** (advanced from January 2018), 7 p.m.
- ~Dec. 16 – Youth Christmas party at Jordan's, 7 p.m.
- ~Dec. 17 – Christmas Caroling, see sign-up sheet for times
- ~Dec. 22 – Candelight Service, 7 p.m.

Nothing Much

In 1925 the *New York World* celebrated Abraham Lincoln's birthday with a cartoon which has become something of a classic. Two Kentucky farmers are pictured, talking over a picket fence. One asks, "Anything new happen lately?"

The othe responds, "Nothing much. A new baby was born over at Tom Lincoln's place, but nothing much ever happens around here."

Do you think there were folks who said the same thing in Bethlehem the night Jesus was born? Can you picture them, standing on the corner, just outside the inn? "Anything new happen around here?"

"Naw, just a baby born down in the stable. Nothing much ever happens around here."





Power House of Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Praise God for:

- *Lloyd Gingrich is home from the hospital.
- *David Martin's former hired man professing to know Christ.

Pray for:

- *Council meeting Tuesday evening.
- *Congregational meeting Wednesday evening.
- *The message of Christmas to touch hearts for Christ.
- *JMS Jamaica missions trip – those going and the funds needed.
- *Shawn Ranck doing ministry in Asia with the Edge program.
- *Full-time pastor for Lauvers.
- *Our time of fasting as a congregation starting in January.

Thought: God's care for us eases my mind.

Andrew Ranck is serving in the prayer room this morning.

Please give any praises or prayer requests to Marilyn Swartz by calling 463-3466 or via email at dmswartz77@gmail.com by Thursday evening.