



PALM

SUNDAY

Welcome to  
**Lauvers Mennonite Church**

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

**March 25, 2018**

**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:** Chris Graybill Family

Sunday School: *Our Peace*, Judges 6:11-16, 22-24

Worship Service

Nursery: Sydney/Faith

Worship Leader: Elvin Ranck

Worship in Song: Marilyn Martin's group

Offering

Message: Gary Krabill

Last Sunday

Attendance: 100

Offering: \$2,105.00

Next Sunday

Greeters: Emma Graybill

Message: Elvin Ranck

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

April 8 – Matt Funk

April 15 – Bradley Hartzler, Belleville

April 22 – Elvin Ranck

## Announcements

1. We look forward to sharing supper/communion together Friday night, meeting at 6:30. Please spend time reflecting on these words of Jesus in preparation of our time Friday evening. **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”**
2. Also, please **meditate on these accountability and encouragement questions** before the communion service on Friday evening. **1)** Is it still your desire to grow daily in God’s grace and in obedience to Jesus Christ? **2)** Are you willing to give and receive both correction and encouragement in the fellowship of the Lauvers congregation? **3)** Are you willing to live in love, forgiveness, and peace with all fellow believers and even with your enemies as much as this is possible?
3. **Join us next Sunday morning** at 8:00 for an exciting time of celebrating our Lord’s resurrection. Then do breakfast with us at 9:00, worship our victorious King at 10:00.
4. Oops! Update the update – **Jordan King’s** email is: [Jorddd6@gmail.com](mailto:Jorddd6@gmail.com) rather than [JordddG@gmail.com](mailto:JordddG@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday to: Karen Zimmerman on March 31

Happy Anniversary to: Nelson & Marilyn Martin on March 30

### *A Springtime Hymn of Promise*

*In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise;  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there’s a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*



*-Natalie Sleeth, #614 in Hymnal, a Worship Book*



## Upcoming Events



- ~Mar. 30 – Soup Meal & Communion service, 6:30 PM
- ~Apr. 1 – Easter Sunrise Service, 8 AM, breakfast, 9 AM
- ~May 9 – Congregational Meeting, 7 PM



The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to clearly understand the cost of trying to overthrow the government. Crucifixion, public death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death, and all would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

So Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill, close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was not guilty, but his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's Jerusalem representative, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar." John 19:12. Pilate caved to the clamor and sent Jesus to be crucified. But those who wanted to kill Jesus did not know that *God* had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do – the assassination of the Holy.

After the resurrection Peter explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed . . . But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it . . . This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses . . . Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" Acts 2:23-24, 32, 36. This is what Easter is all about!

### Our Church Council

#### Elders:

Eric Brubaker – 717-363-7014  
Mike Clark – 717-348-3347  
Nevin Glick – 717-320-2612  
Elvin Ranck – 717-363-1077

#### Deacons:

Neil Glick – 717-513-2717  
David Martin – 717-363-7081  
Delbert Swartz – 717-363-6844



## Power House of Prayer

*Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him while he is near.  
Isaiah 55:6 (NLT)*

### **Praise God for:**

- \*Beauty of the snow this week!
- \*Marlin's good report from cancer doctor recently.

### **Pray for:**

- \*Complete healing for Sue Harlon's foot and strength for Sue and Rick caring for their granddaughters.
- \*Shirley Goodling's sister, Esther, back in the hospital.
- \*Youth at a cabin retreat this weekend.
- \*Heimbach family on their new venture of dairy farming.
- \*Amy Hackenberger dealing with discouragement.
- \*Maria as she begins her new job with North Star Initiative.
- \*The EJ campus and teachers.
- \*Shawn Ranck serving in Asia.
- \*Lloyd and Orpha with their health issues.
- \*New administration at JMS.
- \*Glenn and Rhonda and family preparing to move this week.
- \*Full-time pastor for Lauvers.

### **When we call out to God, he hears!**

### **Heidi Glick 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](mailto:dmswartz77@gmail.com) by Thursday evening.