

Lauvers Mennonite Newsletter

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“Seeking the Lost and Nourishing the Found”

Dear friend,

Our church family would like to say sorry for the delay in sending you a newsletter. To update you, we have been in a transition time as a body of believers. Pastor John Gehman and his family have retired from pastoring Lauvers after over 20 years, Pastor Glenn Lauver and family have been called to serve in Michigan and Pastor Elvin Ranck is serving as our Administrative Elder. So, we truly are transitioning as we seek a full-time pastor to shepherd the church in satisfying our mission to seek the lost and nourish the found. Our current Church Council consists of Eric Brubaker, Mike Clark, Neil Glick, Nevin Glick, David Martin, Elvin Ranck and Delbert Swartz.

We started January with a two-week fast ending with a fellowship meal and reflection of God’s leading and direction. Additionally, we were blessed to have Ted Kepner lead us through a six-session class titled “Understanding Salvation.” Ted provided outlines, illustrations and interactive opportunities throughout the six sessions. We were challenged to answer the following questions as we encountered “Understanding Salvation”: **What is Salvation? What changed when I was saved? What is God’s part and what is my part? How do I live in a way that pleases God?** If you are interested in any of the outlines, I am sure we could share them with you upon request.

Looking ahead we anticipate the special time we as Christians can reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. We will remember the agony Jesus faced as he went to the cross on our behalf. HE LOVES YOU! His waning days on earth entailed a triumphal entry, a plotted death, last supper, betrayal and complete submission to God. He faced being forsaken by God and the horror of Hell because he loves each of us so much, enough to cover our sins. All we have to do is seek his salvation to experience the love of God and eternal life. Lauvers Mennonite Church will be having special services in which you are welcome to join. Good Friday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. will be our communion service and soup supper honoring the blood and body of Christ. On Sunday April 1, 8:00 at a.m. we will have a special Easter service followed by a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and a church service at 10:00 a.m. Please feel free to join us.

In Christ,

Mike Clark

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth.” 1 Corinthians 13: 4-6