

Welcome to  
**Lauvers Mennonite Church**

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

Pastor: Glenn Lauver 436-9051

**March 26, 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: Nelson Martin Family

Sunday School: *God's Merciful Love*, Joel 2:12-13, 18-19, 28-32

Worship Service:

Nursery: Jodie Martin

Worship Leader: Eric Brubaker

Worship in Song: Marilyn's group

Offering

Message: Pastor Glenn, "Introducing Others" John 1:35-42

Last Sunday

Attendance: 107

Offering: \$3,460; Salt and Light program offering \$274

Next Sunday

Greeters: Cody Martin Family

Message: Pastor Elvin

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

April 9 – Pastor Glenn

April 16 – Pastor Elvin

April 23 – Mike Clark

April 30 – Pastor Glenn

*Happy Anniversary to: Nelson & Marilyn Martin on*

**March 30**

## Announcements

1. Our next **monthly prayer night is Wednesday evening, April 5, at 7 p.m.** Our focus will be on praying for the persecuted church around the world. Many Christians die daily because of their faith in Jesus. There will also be a time to share testimonies and personal/church concerns. Childcare will be provided for children under 12.
2. **Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.** – 'Mandated Reporter' Training here at the church. This informal 30 minute overview of our responsibilities under PA's *Child Protective Services Law* is open to all who attend here at Lauvers. If you currently serve here at Lauvers in any capacity involving contact with children (or plan to do so in the future), please be sure to attend! We will also review the clearances that each of us needs to file here at LMC, and how to obtain them.
3. **Thank you** for the beautiful cards, notes and gifts you gave us for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Fifty years of marriage is worth celebrating. May God bless all your marriages. You're on your way to your 50<sup>th</sup>. God has been faithful.  
Sincerely, Bill & Lois Graybill
4. Shawn Ranck has left for his service trip. The Stewardship Committee recommends **we give \$1,200 for his support.** There will be a ballot vote this morning.
5. Some Christian colleges offer matching church scholarship for students who receive support through their home church. The Stewardship Committee is considering setting up an account for our college students. Until this provision is in place, the Stewardship Committee is recommending we **provide opportunity for those interested to give through the church** toward Maria's education which would be matched up to \$500/term by Lancaster Bible College. The ballot this morning will also reflect a vote for this.
6. A **New Believers class** will be offered starting the beginning of May. The class will be meeting during the Sunday school hour and learning 'how to grow in the Christian life and faith.' Baptism will follow at the end of August or beginning of September for those who wish to be baptized. If you desire to be part of this class, please talk to Pastor Glenn.

7. Mary has asked that we find someone to take **her treasurer responsibilities**. The Church Council asked Delbert to take the lead in finding a replacement. If you feel called to serve as treasurer, please **talk to Delbert about the details**. Mary would welcome this transition to take place by mid-May.
8. **Friday, April 7, 7 p.m. Silver Threads** will meet at the Lost Creek Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall for an evening of outdoor wonders. Linda Geissinger will share pictures she has captured of outdoor wonders, both locally and from several trips she and Ray have taken. Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments at the first meeting of Silver Threads for 2017. If you have questions, contact Virginia Saner or Linda Geissinger.
9. **Youth:** Ethnic food & movie night April 7 at Mike and Trisha's house at 6:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events:

- ~Mar. 4-Apr. 15 – Men's Prayer breakfasts at Port Royal, Saturdays at 7 a.m.
- ~Apr. 7 – Youth, ethnic food & movie night at Mike & Trisha's, 6:30 p.m.
- ~Apr. 7 – Silver Threads at Lost Creek, 7 p.m.
- ~Apr. 8 – Stewardship University, at Lancaster
- ~Apr. 14 – Love feast & communion, Good Friday evening
- ~Apr. 16 – Sunrise service 8 a.m., breakfast 9 a.m., worship 10 a.m.
- ~June 9-11 – Church retreat at Christian Retreat Center

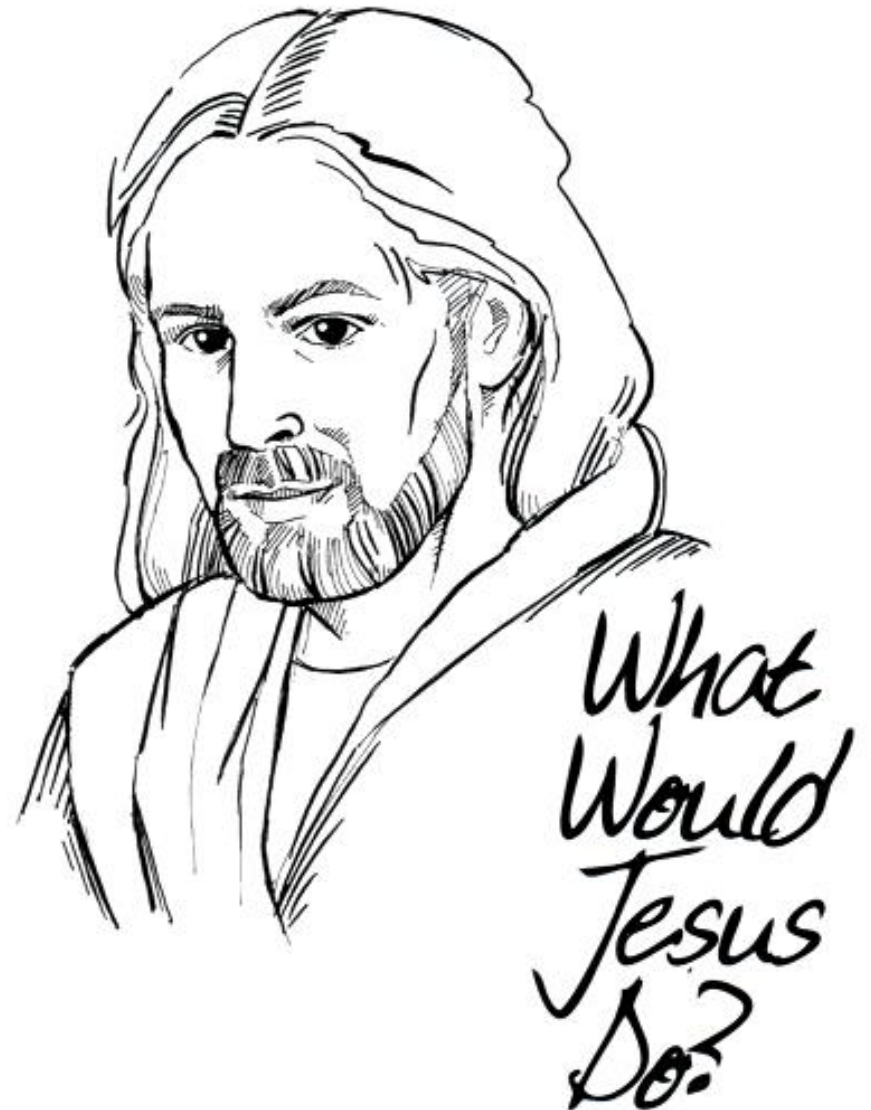
### God's Will and Yours

God's will is not subject to probate. Your will is!  
 God's will is for today. Your will becomes effective after you go to the heavenly mansion.

### The Shortness of a Sermon

Scientists have discovered that sound travels faster in the summer than in the winter. Sound travels through the hot summer air at 1,266 feet a second. In cold air sound travels as slow as 1,066 feet per second. So this means that sermons preached in the summer will naturally be shorter, right?

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## Power House of Prayer

*Oh that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him! Then he will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn, or the coming of rains in the early spring. Hosea 6:3 (NLT)*

### **Praise God for:**

- \*The Jon Sommers family and team prison ministry.
- \* That our praises can make the "Shackles fall off"!
- \*Knee surgery NOT needed for Rich Graybill after all!
- \*Godly marriages!

### **Pray for:**

- \*Church Council meeting Thursday evening.
- \*A heart to daily surrender our lives, hopes, and dreams.
- \*Sharon Hick's family adjusting to life after her mother's passing.
- \*Safety for Shawn & the team on their service trip.
- \*Monica preparing for her trip to Honduras April 7-16.
- \*Tom Moler (Co-worker of Corey H.) who lost his wife last week.

**Note: Our next monthly prayer night is April 5 at 7 pm. Elvin will be leading with a focus on praying for the persecuted church. (see bulletin announcement)**

**Elvin 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](mailto:dmswartz77@gmail.com) by Thursday evening.

**From:** "Jon Byler" <[Jon@globaldisciples.org](mailto:Jon@globaldisciples.org)>

**To:** [lauverschurch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lauverschurch@embarqmail.com)

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 1:14:16 PM

**Subject:** Thanks for your support!

Dear Friends at Lauvers,

Greetings of love in Jesus' name!

I'm often so busy doing lots of 'things' that I don't stop to say "thank you" to you and others who make it possible!

It's been a long time since I was at your church but I appreciate your support of Global. Your gifts allow me to focus my energy on developing materials and connecting with directors like Kamal in the attached story. I met Kamal twice this year, first in Myanmar where he came as a cross-cultural representative from India. It was his first trip outside of his own country! He shared his story with the directors in that nation and they were encouraged with what God has done in his life.

Then, I met him again when I was in New Delhi for the Annual Equipping Event for his region. At that event, he received the "Mentor of the Year Award" which we offer to those who have done an outstanding job of fueling the passion in the next generation of program directors. He is passing on what he has received to others. Kamal will not be able to personally thank you, so I will! Your investments are making a difference and I am so grateful.

It's leaders like Kamal who do so much with so little on the front lines of the Gospel that keep me going. It's a privilege to serve him as a brother in Christ. Sometimes this is face to face, but often it happens quietly as I work on logistics, create lessons that will impact his life, rewrite curriculum that will be more easy to use in oral cultures like his, etc.

I would love to pray for you if you have any areas which I can carry to the Lord in prayer! Just let me know.

God bless you,

Jon