

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

July 23, 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: Neil Glick Family

Sunday School: *A Fresh Start*, John 18:15-18, 25-27 & 21:15-19

Worship Service:

Nursery: Jodie Martin

Worship Leader: Chris Graybill

Worship in Song: Marilyn's group

Offering

Message: Josh Varner, Born Right the First Time, John 3

Last Sunday

Attendance: 112

Offering: \$3,272.50

Next Sunday

Greeters: Nevin Glick Family

Message: Pastor Glenn

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

August 6 – Pastor Glenn

August 13 – Pastor Glenn

August 20 –

August 27 – Pastor Glenn

Announcements

1. The recent **baby bottle boomerang** amounted to \$390.82 and the **children's offerings** amounted to \$177.00 for a total of **\$567.82 sent to Crossroads Pregnancy Center**. Thanks to all who contributed to this. The **children's offering is now going to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** that the kids will be packing.
2. **Youth – July 22-29** – Louisiana Trip.
3. See **Yasir's latest letter & pictures** on the bulletin board.

Happy Anniversary to: **Jay & Barb Nissley on July 24**

No matter how a man's past has been, his future is spotless.
–John Rice

Misunderstood, But True

Mary Ann O'Roark, of the magazine *Guideposts*, tells how as a child she kept hearing in church the words, "God loveth a cheerful giver." She thought, however, those who uttered the text were saying, "God loveth a cheerful liver."

As an adult she realized, "God does love a cheerful live-r."

A fish seller stopped daily at Mark Twain's house, only to be sent away. Finally Mr. Twain was so impressed by the man's persistence, he relented and bought the fish. When his wife prepared it for dinner, they found, to their great disappointment, that the fish was spoiled. Angrily Mr. Twain called for the fish salesman the following day and told him the story. The fish man calmly replied, "Well, it wasn't my fault. I gave you two chances every day this week to buy that fish, and if you were foolish enough to wait until it spoiled, don't blame me."

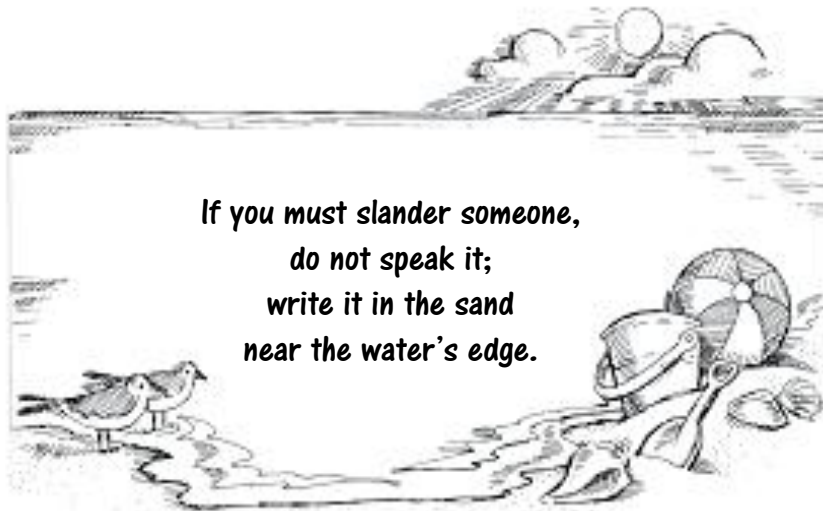
What opportunities are spoiling around you?

Upcoming Events:

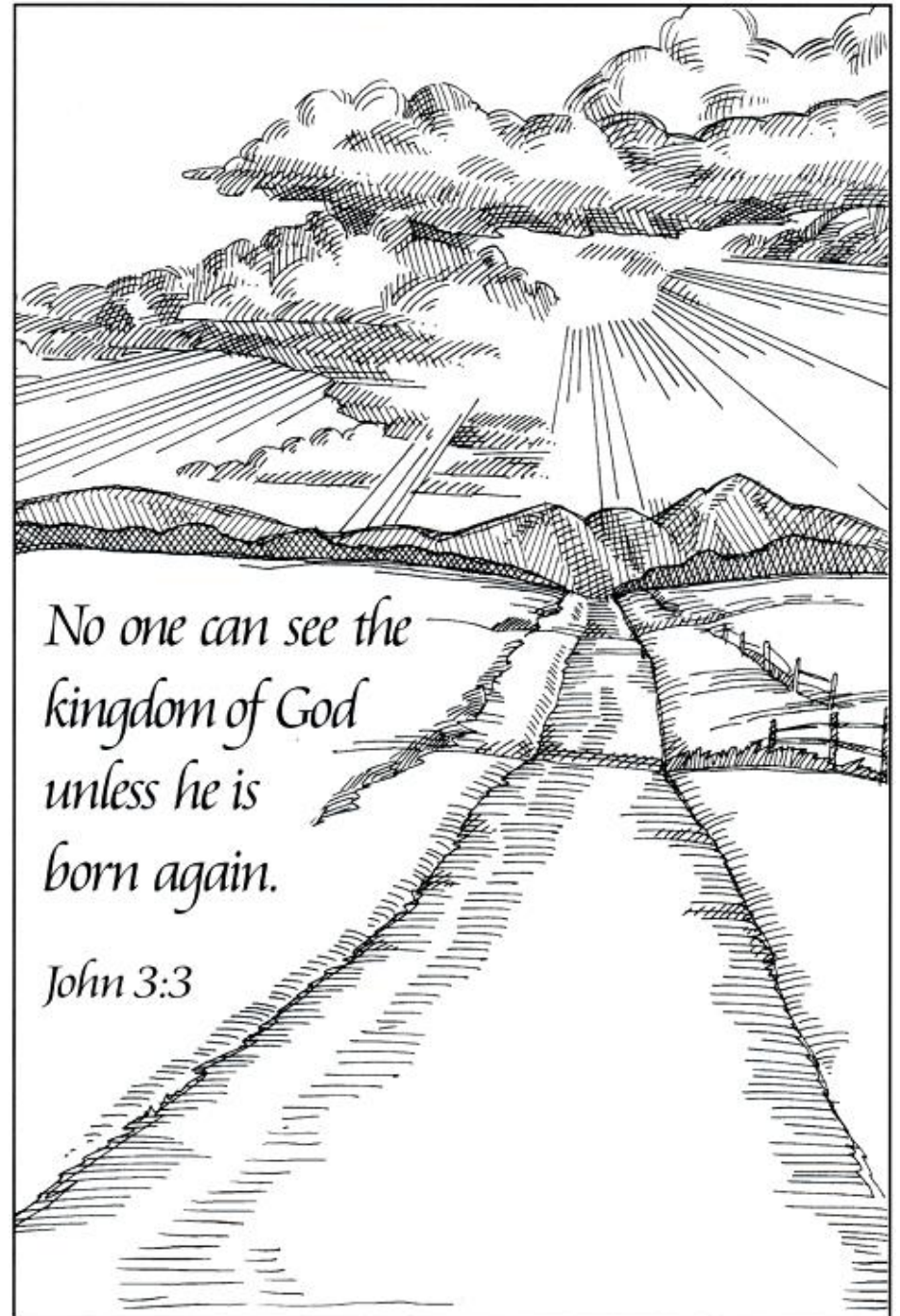
- ~July 22-29 – Youth service trip to Louisiana
- ~Aug. 6 – Singing at Locust Grove, 2 p.m.
- ~Sept. 5 – Singing at Richfield Senior Living, 7 p.m.

In studying history, you probably heard of Napoleon's battle at Waterloo. But did you hear how the news reached England in the days before telegrams, telephones & social media? At the time, news was relayed by semaphores, a system of visual signals. In Great Britain people were waiting for the news, as Wellington was facing Napoleon. The first news of the battle reached Winchester from a ship that sent its message to a man on the top of the Winchester Cathedral. He deciphered two words, 'Wellington defeated.' At this point, heavy fog moved in and obliterated the signals. The man passed the message on to the next station & the news continued on its way to London. Discouragement was rampant. But several hours later, the fog moved out and the message was sent again, this time with four words, 'Wellington defeated the enemy.' Gloom changed to celebration.

Have you heard what God wants to say to you today, or has it been 'fogged out' by your work or other distractions around you? Check in any time with Him to hear His words for you!



*If you must slander someone,
do not speak it;
write it in the sand
near the water's edge.*



*No one can see the
kingdom of God
unless he is
born again.*

John 3:3



Power House of Prayer

*Turn us again to yourself, O God. Make your face shine down upon us.
Only then will we be saved. Psalm 80:3 (NLT)*

Praise God for:

- *Our church council and the time they give to the church.
- *Brett and Chelsea's engagement!
- *God's protection over Barb and her co-workers last week at work.

Pray for:

- *The youth and leaders serving in La. this week.
- *Church council processing names for possible lead pastor candidates.
- *Healing for Marilyn's sprained ankle.
- *Jones family who had a house fire this week.
- *Continual rain for everyone.

Our next monthly prayer night will be Wednesday, August 2. We will be focusing on praying for children returning to school.

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 by Thursday evening.