

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

**August 20, 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!

Greeter: Emma Graybill

Sunday School: *A Passion to Share the Gospel,*  
2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-21

Worship Service:

Nursery: Jodie Martin

Worship Leader: Nevin Glick

Worship in Song: Eric's group

Offering

Message: Pastor Elvin 'What do You Believe?' Matthew 8:5-13

Last Sunday

Attendance: 124

Offering: \$3,807.00

Next Sunday

Greeters: Merv Graybill Family

Message: Youth – sharing about mission trip to Louisiana

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

September 3 – Pastor Glenn

September 10 – Pastor Glenn

September 17 –

September 24 –

## Announcements

1. Church Council agreed to **replace the church roof** as discussed at the congregational meeting.
2. Next Sunday the **youth will be sharing** their experiences of the trip to Louisiana with Neil closing the time with a Word from the Lord.
3. **You are invited** to the Open House Celebration & Dedication of the new Helipad at the Richfield Fire House next Sunday, August 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a dedication ceremony at 3:00 p.m. Check out all the activities available that day – on the poster on the bulletin board.
4. Lord willing, we are planning **baptism** for Trevor Brubaker, Jordan King and Stephen Ranck on September 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Newswanger's pond. Pray for this time and come prepared to celebrate with these young men as they make a public expression of their desire to follow Christ. Bring lawn chairs.
5. It's that time of year again . . . **Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing!** You can donate almost anything, anytime. Please give your donations to Sydney for the children's packing party on November 5.



Marcus Lehman today  
Kelvin Ranck on August 23  
Kevin Burkholder on August 23  
Tyson Heimbach on August 25  
Ava Hoover on August 25

**If you have no joy in your religion, you have a leak in your  
Christianity.**

-Billy Sunday

### Upcoming Events:

- ~Sept. 3 – Baptism at Newswanger’s pond, 2 p.m.
- ~Sept. 5 – Singing at Richfield Senior Living, 7 p.m.
- ~Sept. 10 – Fellowship meal
- ~Nov. 5 – Children’s **Shoebox packing party**

### A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, if my mind is cluttered with worries too personal to share, problems too frightening to face, concerns too numerous to name, then in this moment of worship, help me to find the peace of Christ that is too wonderful for words.

*A generation ago a woman named Rita Snowden served as a deaconess in New Zealand. She was known for her dedicated prayer life and her some 60 devotional books. She had a daily habit of going into a little church where she offered herself afresh to God. Then she spent time reading the Bible and praying. When asked why she was so faithful in such a devotional practice for so many years, she answered, “I desired never to speak to my parishioners about God before I had spoken to God about them.”*



“... but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.”



## Power House of Prayer

*In Him (Christ) lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
Col. 2:3 (NLT)*

### **Praise God for:**

- \*Good recovery for Doris from surgery.
- \*God's work manifest in times of trial.
- \*Protection over JMS board members during last Saturday's storm.

### **Pray for:**

- \*Continued healing for Janet Ferster recovering from eye surgery.
- \*Returning college students, Tony Gehman and Eric Ranck.
- \*Students and teachers returning to school this week and next.
- \*Audrey Gilbert's family (also Tina Hile) in this time of grief in the passing of her daughter Rita.
- \*Glendora Lauver recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- \*Glenn, Rhonda and family seeking God's direction.
- \*Our congregation in this time of transition.

**Thought to ponder: Prayer impacts the power to walk and not faint.**

**Marilyn Swartz 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.