



## Weekly Connection Newsletter

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Office hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-1pm

### Prayer Gatherings

Each Wednesday in person at the church office and on zoom @ 1:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID: 461 338 2306  
Password: 6b0j8y. The zoom link is -  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4613382306?pwd=NU5Ra25uWmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09>

First Wednesday of each month @ 6:00pm in the prayer room (room 2), in partnership with Iglesia Cristiana.

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra  
Contact: [iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com)

### This Sunday

*NO Sunday School for the Summer  
New Worship Time – 9:30am!*

Join the livestream:

[www.soudertonbic.org/stream](http://www.soudertonbic.org/stream)  
[www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic](https://www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic)

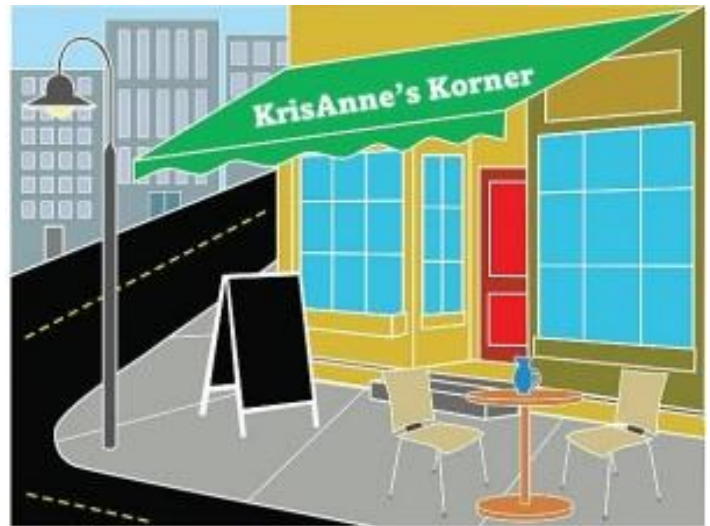
Thank you for your faithful giving!  
Give in person at the offering box, by mail, or at our website.

## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

I had a grandmother who used to say, "Be careful what you pray for!" I think she knew from experience that sometimes God answers our prayers in unexpected and maybe even disruptive ways. We pray for stronger faith and God asks us to step out and take a risk. We pray for more love for the people in our lives, and we find that love often means sacrifice.

In our scripture text this Sunday, two men approach God in prayer. We actually aren't told that they were specifically asking God for anything. Perhaps they were simply listening in silence in His Presence. As they are praying an angel speaks to one of them, and the other receives a strange vision and hears the voice of God. As a result, their lives are completely disrupted! Peter learns that the Gospel isn't just for his people, the Jews, but for everyone, even Roman soldiers (let's not forget that Roman soldiers were the ones who executed Jesus). Cornelius learns that there is much more to honoring God than praying regularly and giving to the poor. There is a living Savior, Jesus, to follow; and the Holy Spirit which will fill and empower him and all who believe.

Something I'm pondering this week is how often - if ever - we expect to be disrupted in prayer. I pray to feel comfort, to be encouraged, to receive reassurance if I've failed. I pray for guidance, yes, and for God to reveal truth to me; but I confess I hardly ever expect for my life to be turned upside down as a result. I'm someone who likes structure and order. I don't actually appreciate disruption. But as I've been reflecting on Cornelius and Peter, and the beautiful ending to this story; I wonder what I've been missing by not being more open to the Holy Spirit's disruption in my life. What if I've been missing out on witnessing the power of the



Gospel to transform lives, because I'm stuck in my routine... because I haven't been open and free and listening for a new direction, a new word from God, a fresh wind of the Spirit taking me into new territory?

If you can identify with me here, let's try something new. Let's be less careful what we pray for this week. Let's tell God that we're open to anything as long as it's His Will, and then see how He disrupts our lives in the best way possible!

## Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:

Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or  
[KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org](mailto:KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org),  
or your deacon,

## Hunger Does Not Take a Vacation!



F.I.S.H. (Perkasie, PA) is collecting donations for SUMMER LUNCHES for KIDS

When school lets out for the summer, families often find they have a hard time keeping food on the table for their active, growing children. Other supplies like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry and dish detergent disappear at a faster rate as well. Contact F.I.S.H. at 215-257-7616

OR at [www.Pennridgefish.org](http://www.Pennridgefish.org)

Now collecting the following items for our summer lunch bags:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned chili
- Canned pasta
- Mac and Cheese
- Ramen
- Juice (bottles or boxes)
- Granola bars
- Applesauce
- Fruit cups
- Pudding and Jello cups
- Fruit snacks
- Raisins
- Cereal
- Mayonnaise
- Instant oatmeal
- Snacks

**Young Adult Bible Study:**  
7pm Monday

## Learn more about the Mission Trip to Zimbabwe in 2025

Sunday, June 30 after Worship (11am)



\*This is informational only to learn more details of the trip. No commitments at this time. Interested? Have questions? Please attend!



## Fun at Freddy Hill June 12<sup>th</sup> Youth Group End of Year Celebration!



Thanks Sean – for ALL your years working with the Youth

# Summer Service Opportunities

Mark your calendars!

## Intergenerational Activities



**THIS Friday, June 21:** E-meal program @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Choose from: 9:30am -11am shift OR 10:30am – 1:15pmshift. OR sign up for both shifts

Sign up via Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054FABAD28A64-49889307-summer>

**Wednesday, July 24:** HIS, Hands in Service (near Calvary Church). 1pm-3pm. Come learn about HIS & Common Good and serve in the warehouse for a couple of hours!



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**Interested in hosting a simple summer gathering for the Youth Group?**

Movie night? Pool party? Other? Let Diana know – email or call!

## Calendar:

- No Sunday School until September
- New Summer Worship time – 9:30am. No Kids Time during worship – so kids stay with parents.
- Worship with Iglesia at 1 pm
- Wed: Prayer on Zoom or in Person at 1:00 pm
- Wed: @ 7:00 pm – Spanish Bible Study with Iglesia Cristiana, Worship Team practice

## Upcoming Events:

- Jun 20: Church Board Mtg @ 7pm
- Jun 21: Volunteer @ eMeal 9:30am shift or 10:30am shift
- Jun 30: Kids Moment during Worship with Jon & Heidi Swartley (9:30am)
- Jun 30: Zambabwe Mission trip info mtg @ 11am
- July 12-15: General Assembly, Sharonville, OH
- Jul 14: Guest Speaker Craig Sider
- July 28: Worship and Picnic in the Park @ Souderton Park