



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>

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra
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This Sunday

Potluck Breakfast @ 8:45am
*Followed by our **RESCHEDULED***
*Sunday **SERVE***
Worship @ 10:30am

Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm
Third Anniversary Celebration

Join the livestream:

www.soudertonbic.org/stream
www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

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

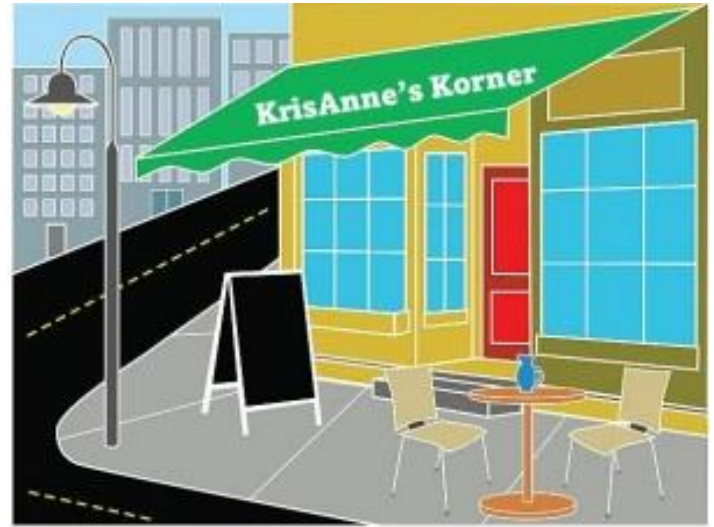
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Did you ever accidentally put salt in your coffee or tea instead of sugar? Or sugar in your soup instead of salt? That's a great way to ruin an entire cup or bowl of something that should have been delicious. Have you ever tried to make your way around a room without light? You might be ok if you're in a familiar place, but in unfamiliar territory, walking around in the dark can lead to disaster. At the same time, too much light can also make it impossible to see well. Think of someone driving toward you with their headlights on bright. Yikes!

When Jesus tells his disciples that they are salt and light, I think he had in mind not only that salt and light are good and useful; but also that they need to be used properly and well. Too much salt or salt in the wrong place is not good. It can actually be ruinous. Light when someone is trying to sleep is hurtful not helpful. Light shining too brightly or in the wrong direction is not good. It can even be blinding.

Salt and light are great analogies for us to ponder, but let's not become so focused on the interesting layers of meaning here, that we miss Jesus' warnings. Yes, salt brings out the wonderful flavors of the food it touches, and it preserves food as well. Yes, light illuminates both beauty and flaws as it shines on things. It can be a beacon and an attraction. And yes, we should strive to be these things wherever we go!

But let's be careful to check ourselves in the process. Jesus warns us about losing our saltiness. He also cautions us to shine our light before people for the Father's glory, not our own. I see some "loud and proud" Christians who claim they are being a light, yet their attitudes, words and actions seem to bring



attention to themselves more than God. They aren't preserving the good or bringing out the good in the people around them. Instead the overflow from their hearts is judgment and condemnation.

Since salt and light can be either good or dangerous, let's take the opportunity this week to ask Jesus if we are shining our light and using our saltiness in ways that please and glorify Him. And may we be ready to make a change if He asks that of us.

Communion – Feb 9th

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:
Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or
KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,
or your deacon.

MDS Relief for CA Wildfires

We promised more information on Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in CA and here it is! MDS is monitoring the disaster in CA and will offer support where needed. If you would like to donate to MDS the link is provided below:

[Donate Here](#)

Read more about MDS involvement at: <https://mds.org/story/california-wildfires-mds-focuses-on-long-term-hope/>



Additional links are below to donate:

Red Cross: Click [here](#) to donate.

Salvation Army: Click [here](#) to learn more

World Central Kitchen: Click [here](#) to learn more.

California Fire Foundation Wildfire & Disaster Relief Fund: Click [here](#) to learn more.

[Penridge RamPacks Fundraiser](#)

Dine N' Donate @ Perkasie Pizza & Pasta
Early Valentine's Dinner 4-8pm Tue Feb 11
10% of every purchase benefits RamPacks

Our *Next* Potluck Breakfast

*This Sunday – Jan 26th starting at 8:45am followed by our **rescheduled** Sunday Serve during the Sunday School hour!*

Zimbabwe Missions Trip

Joe Corbi Fundraiser

See one of the folks below to order your gourmet pizza, cookie, pie, assorted snack and support our missions trip!

Jonathan, Maribel, Marie Alleman, TJ Greiser,

Adilate, Ndodana, Immaculate, Thelma, Mercy Moyo, Tham, Miselani, Candice, Callie Ndlovu, Steve, Georgia Myers, Jon, KrisAnne, Heidi, Ben Swartley, Christine Zucal



Sunday School Class

Winter Adult Class –



**Practicing the Way Learning to follow after Jesus (Access the RightNow Media QR code below for free videos)*

Scan the QR code to create your free account and start browsing.

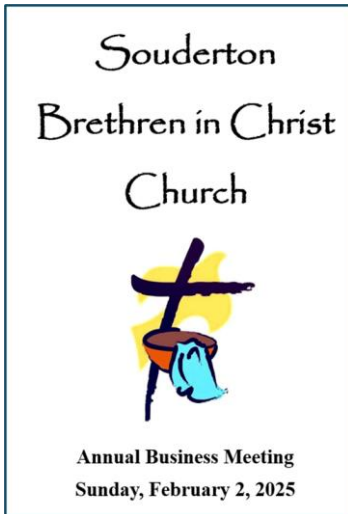


**The Study of Romans led by Dan Zagorski continues*

Announcements

Annual Business Mtg February 2nd

Lunch after Worship followed by the Business Meeting.



Packets will be available next Sunday, Jan 19th!

Mark your calendars!
Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Sign up for the Sermon on the Mount Memorization Contest*

Children age 11 and under:

Memorize Matthew 5:1-16

Receive a prize! A snack pack including fruit gushers, chocolate bars and candy

Youth & adults ages 12 and up:

Memorize three passages –

Matthew 5:1-16, 6:19-34, 7:13-28

*Recite the passage to Pastor KrisAnne or Diana on or before March 2, 2025

Small Groups!

Contact a leader if you are interested in joining the following:

Sundays in Souderton @ 6:30pm – Barb Snyder

Saturdays in Hilltown @ 6:30pm – Swartley's

Tuesdays in Lansdale @ 6pm – Moyo's

Calendar:

- **Sun:** 8:45am Potluck breakfast followed by the **rescheduled Sunday SERVE** during Sunday School hour. **No** Sunday School this week!
- **Sun:** 6:30-8pm Souderton Small Group @ Snyder's
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Prayer on Zoom or in Person @ 1pm
- **Wed:** 7:00 pm – Youth Group
- **Thu:** 7pm – Worship Team practice changes to Thursdays, Iglesia Cristiana Bible Study @ 7pm ***note the change of day for both**

Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Feb 2:** Annual Business Mtg following Noon meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for the meal.
- **Feb 5:** D-Group @ 7-8:30pm
- **Feb 9:** Communion
- **Feb 10-Feb 26:** RamPacks Community Wide Food Drive