



## 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  
Contact: [iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiacristianasouderton@gmail.com)

### This Sunday

*Sunday School @ 9:30am*

*Worship @ 10:30am*

*Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 1:00pm*

Join the livestream for both Worship services at their scheduled time:

[www.soudertonbic.org/stream](http://www.soudertonbic.org/stream)

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

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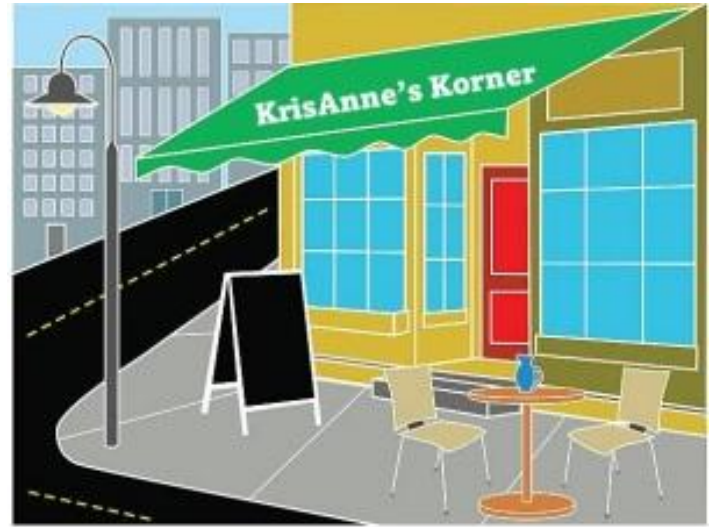
## Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

Twenty-four years ago today, things changed dramatically for America. It's one of those dates that you know exactly where you were when you heard the news. First, it was reported as an accident. A small plane hit the World Trade Center. Then a second plane; this time it was clear it was a jet. This couldn't be a coincidence; this wasn't an accident. Quickly it became clear that we were under attack, that all this destruction and death had been planned and orchestrated. Another plane hit the Pentagon. Another crashed in Pennsylvania. As we learned the full extent of the violence, and who it was that was behind it all, our fear and outrage grew.

Political and spiritual leaders began to respond. More than ever before - in my lifetime at least - the rhetoric turned to "us versus them." The nation rallied around the victims' families and united against a common enemy. We vowed to avenge the deaths; we promised to get justice. No doubt, this was a completely natural human response to tragic circumstances.

Twenty-four years later, we still seem defined by "us versus them" .... but now we turn it against one another. Two months ago, democratic Minnesota state representative Melissa Hortman was assassinated, along with her husband. Just yesterday, conservative leader Charlie Kirk was also assassinated. We find so many reasons to demonize each other, make enemies out of each other, and divide into smaller and smaller groups of people who think like us, talk like us, believe and behave just like us. The fact that our disagreements are now leading to more and more political violence is deeply disturbing and frightening.

This Sunday, we will talk about Jesus' invitation to the very first disciples. He begins with Jewish fishermen - these men probably had an immediate bond over shared values, traditions and work experiences. Fairly quickly, however, Jesus adds to their number with some questionable choices - a tax collector, a zealot. Natural enemies. Anyone could see this would not go well.



Only a fool would gather disciples from such antagonistic groups. Why try? Because God's Kingdom is open to anyone who would hear and respond to Jesus. Anyone. No exceptions. No exclusions. At this moment, so filled with pain, grief and anger; may we remember the One we follow above all others. May His voice and His invitation ring louder in our ears than any politician or preacher, pundit or podcast host. "Follow me," Jesus says... to everyone. Will we join with all the others - even those society would call our enemies - and say yes?

## 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.

## 2nd Meeting with the Architect **This Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

The second “listening session” will be THIS Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to gather input from the congregation on possible building improvements. If you were unable to attend the first session, please attend this one.



### **Everence Member Appreciation** *free admission to Apple Butter Frolic* **Saturday, Oct 4, 10am – 4pm**

To celebrate the 500-year anniversary of Anabaptism, Everence has partnered with the Mennonite Heritage Center to offer complimentary admission for registered families who use Everence services and/or products. Enjoy the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Apple Butter Frolic; stop by the Everence table for a free gift too!



RSVP by Monday, Sept. 29, at [everence.com/souderton](http://everence.com/souderton) or call 215-703-0111.  
The frolic is a rain or shine event.



### **Volunteers Needed**

For the annual SPORTS & MUSIC FEST!  
September 20 & 21, 2025 at 741 N. County Line Road, Souderton, PA (across from Jesse’s BBQ)  
Go to [sweatshirtofhope.org](http://sweatshirtofhope.org) for volunteer information.

## Bridge of Hope Concert at Calvary Church

**FEATURING: KATY NICHOLE**  
Fri, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Calvary Church, Souderton, PA  
All proceeds benefit **Bridge of HOPE**

All Ages

**TICKETS: \$30**

(save \$5 if purchased before Sept. 19!)



## THIS Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Sunday School Classes for ALL ages

Nursery available downstairs

Elementary School (K-Grade 5)

Middle School (Grades 6-9) taught by Mike Folkerts

Adult Classes:

1) Romans taught by Dan Z.

2) Hebrews study in the Youth Room

## Announcements

### **Job Posting - SBIC Director of Youth & Multicultural Ministry!**

Check out the requirements in the link below: <https://bicus.org/career/part-time-director-of-youth-multicultural-ministries/>

Please forward to anyone you feel is qualified for this position.

### **2025 Perkasio**

#### **CROP Walk for Hunger**

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Begins at 12:30pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave. Perkasio

Two routes featured (5-mile and "Golden Mile")

Visit [crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa](http://crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa) or contact Nancy Buckner [nbuckner@comcast.net](mailto:nbuckner@comcast.net)

### **ESL Classes at SBIC**

Beginning September 29th, SBIC will host English classes in partnership with volunteers from Deep Run East Mennonite Church on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm.

If you are interested in assisting the teachers or helping with childcare, please let Pastor KrisAnne know.

### **Silverdale Community Day**



**Sept 20 from noon to 5pm**

Al Reese Park, 100 W. Park Ave. Silverdale.

Rain date Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

## **Calendar:**

- **This Sunday, Sep 14:** After the 10:30am worship time, meet with the Architect and CB reps in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 11:45am.
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm
- **Wed:** Ladies Precept @ 9:15am on the study of Hebrews.  
**RamPacks** packing resumes @ 10am  
**Prayer on Zoom** or in Person @ 1pm

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Sep 20, 21:** Sweatshirt of Hope
- **Sep 29:** ESL Classes @7pm – 8:30pm at SBIC start.
- **Sep 24:** Youth Group @7-8:30pm
- **Oct 12:** Perkasio Crop Walk