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## **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES**

The members of St. Peter's Lutheran offer congratulations to all of our graduates: Dr. Rebecca Cannizzaro (Physical Therapy), Devyn Leigh Schneider (BA in Communications) and Bernhard Streit (Downingtown High School). We know that you were not given the usual graduation ceremonies. Just know that we are very proud of you and of all of our graduates completing every level of education. Congratulations also to another graduate (not a member of St. Peter's but of my family), Alicia McGowan Wesemann (BS in Human Resources).



- Pastor Wesemann

## **OUR NEW SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR ... FOR NOW**

Our Fellowship Hour has looked a little different since May 3. On that day, we had 20 people tune in and enjoy seeing and hearing from each other. Some people called in by phone and others connected by their computers. John Young took a picture of the screen for us. Sadly, a couple of people on Zoom fellowship had already left as it was near the end of Fellowship Hour. We had a larger group on April 26. We plan to hold these each Sunday. Please call Pastor for information about how to participate.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Everybody seems to be asking the same two questions, "When are we going to start back to worship in church?" and "How can we do this safely?" Greater minds than mine throughout the church are working to answer these two questions. My thought is that whenever and however we do this, we should err on the side of caution. In our congregation, we have a number of members who could be vulnerable to Covid-19. I do not want anyone getting sick because of our impatience and careless preparations. It looks like the government may release guidelines sometime this month, but Church Council will decide for our congregation when we will meet in person once it is again a possibility.

There are some issues that will need to be worked out. We will need to figure out how to seat people in church, allowing for social distancing as well as family seating, and how to seat our choir. Several churches are considering dividing the congregation so that one group will come one week and another group the next. Other churches are considering having multiple services each Sunday. Obviously, more discussions are needed.

We will also need to work out proper cleaning methods so that the church is properly sanitized after each service, however we decide to worship. We will most likely continue to ask everyone to wear gloves and masks until it is considered safe to not do so. It is my understanding that singing has a high potential of spreading the virus. Will we worship without singing or will we sing through our masks quietly? How will we give out Holy Communion? One church that I heard about is planning on setting up a long table with Communion all set out, to be picked up when the pastor directs the people, one at a time, to come forward to receive the sacrament. It is not just about the possibility of hand touching, but also coming within a close proximity to each other. I look forward to the day when we will reopen the church and we can worship together in one place. Be patient, so no one among us becomes a patient.

Also, fellowship events may take a little longer to come back to normal activity. Allowing for six feet of space between people in Fellowship Hall would restrict attendance to maybe 20 or 22 people. Nor have I figured out how people are to eat and drink while wearing masks. We will get through this and establish a new kind of normal, but we will need to think things through. Your ideas are so welcome. Please write your ideas down and email or send them to me or to a Council member. Until we are back together in person, stay safe and please do not hesitate to call or email me.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Wedding to Be Blessed:

Alexandra K. Opsal & Luke Magolda 6-13-20

### Weddings Scheduled:

Christine Bealer & Tyler Land 9-12-20

Charlotte Jordan & Michel Marron 10-10-20

### Scattering Garden Funeral:

Esther Altmann To be scheduled



*Please pray not only for your loved ones but also for the entire congregation, its leaders and those listed below as they cope with life's challenges.*

Loving and caring God,

We know that you are with us in the times when we are struggling, sick on either an emotional or physical level and in our hour of need when we no longer believe in ourselves. Help us to recognize the depth of your love during those times so we do not feel alone. Open our hearts to feel the enormity of your presence, to feel your deep and unconditional love and to recognize your guidance. We ask that you might ease our burdens as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Dorothy Abrahamsen  
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 Midge Bates  
 Stephanie Bilash  
 Al & Marilyn Burk  
 Peggy Burnley  
 Anthony Casperite  
 Elizabeth Casperite  
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 (Ethan, Martrese, Eric &  
 Julianna)  
 Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers  
 Floyd Segner  
 Gary Segner  
 Amanda Smith  
 Walter Supplee  
 Mary Lou Tate  
 Bernd Warner  
 Fred Wesemann  
 Rita Wesler  
 Jo Ann Willenbrock  
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Please keep the church informed about the continued need for prayer of those listed on the prayer list. You can submit names for the prayer list to the office. To initiate the prayer chain for immediate prayer needs, contact:

**Pastor Wesemann**  
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**Marilyn Burk**  
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## ***IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...***

This may seem like the wrong time to do this, but I want to thank the Lord our God for giving us the resources needed to manage and excel in this pandemic. I believe that God has provided us with all the wisdom, technology and physical resources that we need to cure Covid-19. I believe that governments, scientists and everyday people, including us, have gotten in the way of a speedy resolution to this pandemic.



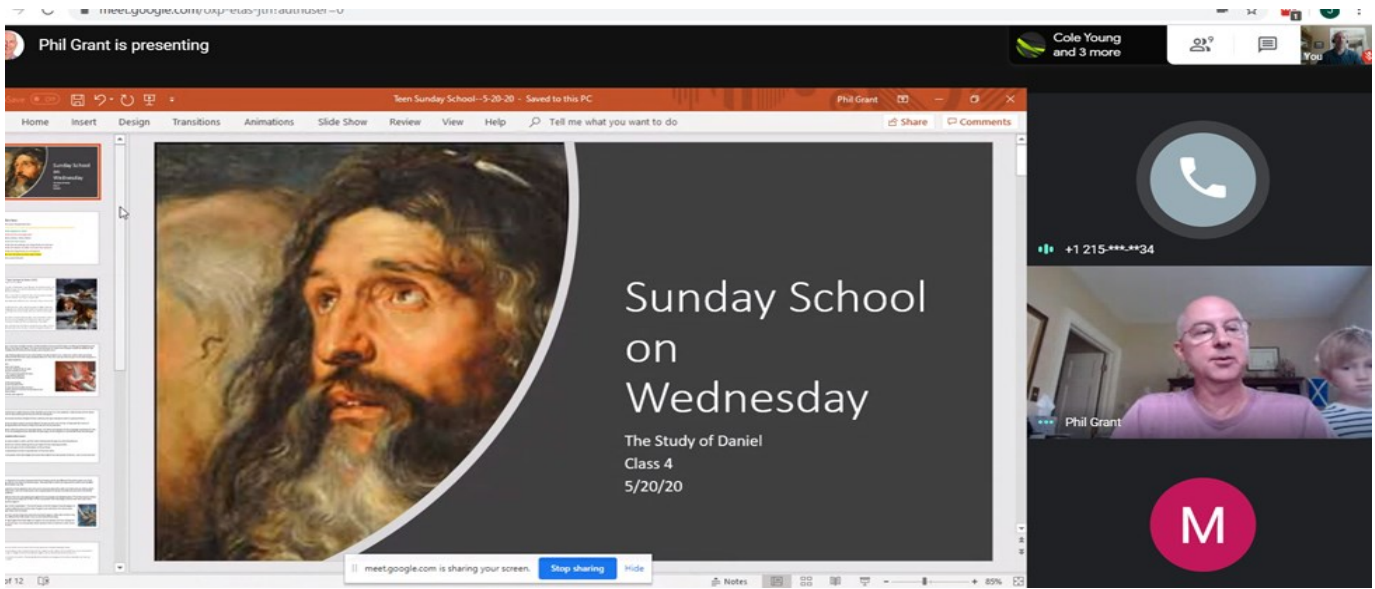
Our governments have dedicated much of our resources away from medical research and human care; our scientists have devoted much of our available resources to the wealth of pharmaceutical companies and their leadership. We, as everyday people, have supported or allowed these actions and taken a self-need approach to science and medicine.

At this point, you are probable thinking I've lost my way. I thank Jesus for helping me, and hopefully helping you, to see beyond the world's greed and hunger for power, and to look for ways to help and love our neighbors, especially the sick and weak. I thank God for teaching us new ways to minister, to worship and to live during this pandemic. I thank God for giving us this time so that we may pray and build our relationship with Jesus and our families. Sometimes it seems like we need a world crisis in order to try new ways of doing things and to think outside the box. Holy Spirit, thank you for showing us such new ways. My prayer of thanksgiving is short:

***Gracious Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thank you for your presence in our lives. Thank you for leading us through the valley of the shadow of death. Thank you for showing us love and empowering us to help others. Thank you! Amen!***

## ST. PETER'S WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY

Everything is 'virtual' these days. Virtual, "not quite real" or "almost real" are today's definition. But when I think of our weekly Sunday School, I like the Medieval Latin definition: "possessing certain virtues." Our teens have not missed a beat with Sunday School and we might have even picked it up a bit. Over our last four sessions, Anna, Ethan, Rodger, Nathanael, Kira, and Cole have continued our Bible study, where we all take turns reading verses of the chapter and then discuss God's message to us. We finished up the Book of Esther and now are studying Daniel, both stories of how young women and men have overcome adversity while keeping their faith in God. Although it's not the same as seeing our friends in person, it's a great way for our Teens to connect.



Daniel's Dream of the Four Beasts

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We started our study of the book of Mark prior to the pandemic. We stopped because I couldn't figure out a way to have the study without meeting in person. When I learned how to meet virtually using the internet and Zoom, I still didn't restart the study because I wanted to have everyone who was a part of it to be able to join.

I later learned that all a person needs is a phone to participate in Zoom meetings, so I will be resuming Adult Bible study on Tuesday, June 16, at 1:30 pm.

I will send out the needed information to those who wish to participate. Please contact me or the Church Office and let us know of your interest.

- Pastor Wesemann

### ROOF REPAIRS FOR PIKELAND WING

There is seldom a good time for major repairs, but strong winds happen and shingles blow away on aging roofs. St. Peter's contracted with a roofer to replace the roof on the Pikeland Wing of the church which was damaged in the latest windstorm. It will cost \$7,802 to repair.

We are asking for your help. If you are able, please direct a portion of your contributions to the Capital Campaign fund. Remember, there is an electronic method of giving now available. You can find that information in the Sunday bulletin, this newsletter and on the church's Facebook page and website. We continue to maintain our small staff and pay our regular bills, but regular donations are down significantly. Your offerings are needed, even when the pandemic keeps us from gathering in the church building and sanctuary. Thank you.

- Pastor Wesemann

## **ST. PETER'S OFFERS NEW GIVING OPTIONS**

There are a number of ways you can give to St. Peter's financially. Until we are physically back in church, you can mail a check to the church at 1239 Clover Mill Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425. Please make it out to St. Peter's **Lutheran**.

You can also utilize your bank's online bill paying program, using your envelope number as your account. Typically, banks will mail a bank check to St. Peter's.

Finally, we have joined the Tithe.ly church giving program which provides secure online giving. You will find the link on St. Peter's website at the top menu line under "Give" as well as on the "Support Our Mission" page, a drop-down under "Welcome".

Tithe.ly's link can also be found on our Facebook page:

<https://www.stpeterschestersprings.org/wordpress/>

You can set up an account with Tithe.ly and make gifts/donations via your bank, credit or debit card. There is a giving app for your mobile device which you can get here:

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If you prefer, you can set up recurring gifts and you will receive an immediate email receipt. Call Doris Sterner with any questions or problems you encounter with Tithe.ly.

- Doris Sterner

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## **STEWARDSHIP NOTE**

The practice of stewardship invites us to look in three different directions: DOWN, IN, and OUT. We begin by looking at how God has come DOWN to us. We then look IN to discover all that God has entrusted to our care. We end by looking OUT to understand the needs of our neighbors. While these three actions may not always happen in this order, the practice of stewardship always invites all three.

- Doris Sterner



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## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

In May, 2020, we received \$84 from Thrivent for a total of \$2,397 for the year. Thank you to Doug Beck and Bob Patton for designating their Thrivent Choice dollars for St. Peter's this month.

Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. Your designations to St. Peter's through Thrivent are very much appreciated. When you go to the Thrivent website, St. Peter's is listed as "St. Peter". If you have a hard time finding it, Al Burk or John Young are willing to help. Thanks again for your support.

- Pastor Wesemann

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## **GENEROUS GIVING**

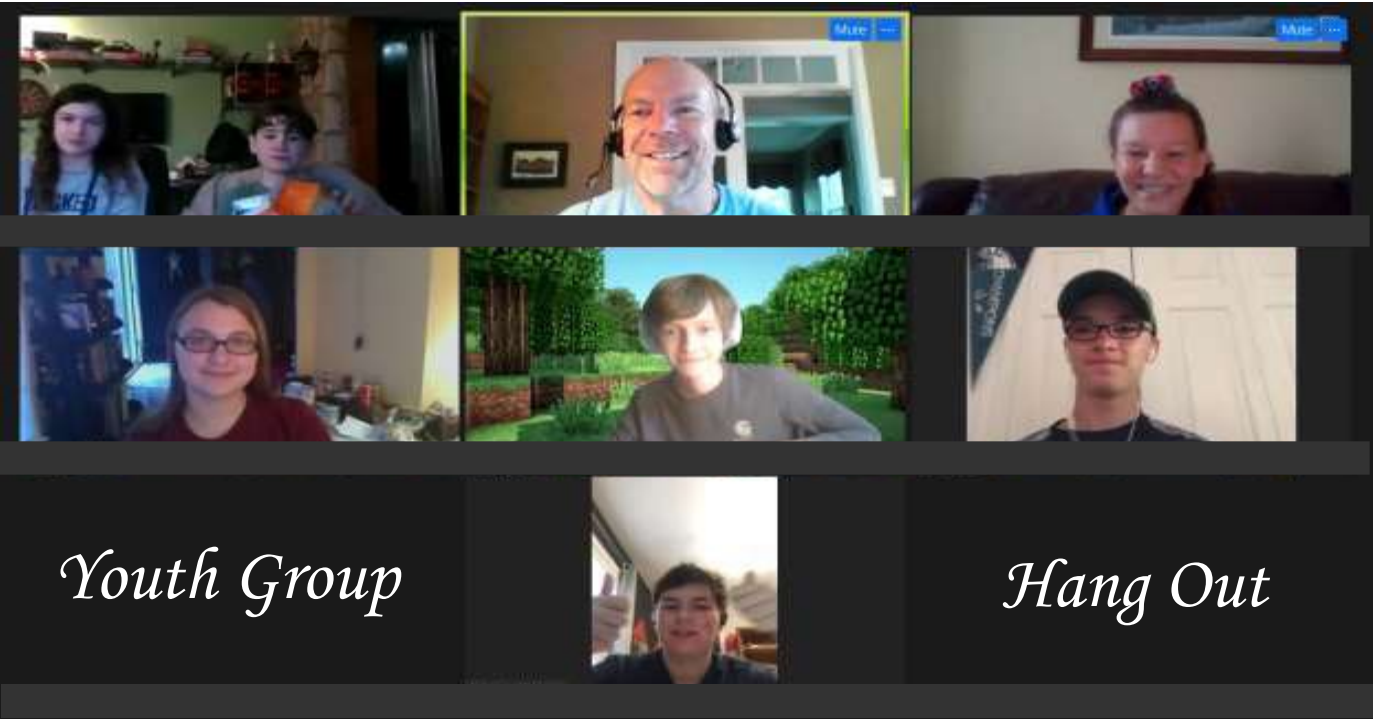
We have received some donations from your stimulus checks. We are using that money to buy Giant gift cards and are giving the gift cards to PACS, allowing PACS to purchase what they need. Please label your contributions as "Stimulus" or "PACS" so we are sure to direct your money properly. Of course, you can list other designees for your donations and we will direct your donations accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity.



- Pastor Wesemann

## ***ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP***

Did you know that Kira Young was once one foot away from a tiger at the Philadelphia Zoo whose name was also Kira? True Fact! *True Fact*, where you try to guess which facts about your fellow youth are true and which are false, is just one of the games that we've enjoyed playing virtually. We've had two, one-hour virtual Youth Group meetings during the quarantine. Our favorite game has been *Scavenger Hunt*, where the leader calls out a common household item and the first youth to race back to the camera with that item wins that round. Other games have included *Charades*, *Trivia*, *Quarantine Would You Rather* and we've even handed out pandemic nicknames. While we've had fun passing a bit of time at home, we can't wait to get back together and enjoy faith building, service projects and fellowship in person.



# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	4	5	6
<b>7 The Holy Trinity</b> 10:00 am Worship - Communion 11:30 am Zoom Fellowship Livestream on Facebook until further notice	8	9 6:00 pm Virtual Executive Committee	10 4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	11	12	13
<b>14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Zoom Fellowship Livestream on Facebook until further notice  <b>Flag Day</b> 	15	16 1:30 pm Virtual Bible Study  6:30 pm Council Meeting in church	17 4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	18	19	20  <b>Summer Begins</b>
<b>21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 am Worship - Communion 11:30 am Zoom Fellowship Livestream on Facebook until further notice  <b>Father's Day</b>	22	23	24 4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	25	26	27
<b>28 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Zoom Fellowship Livestream on Facebook until further notice	29	30	1	2	3	4

## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Blake Foster	Joseph Linderman	Danielle Stromberg
Daniel Frey	Savannah Schreier	Robert Stromberg
Peter Giuntoli	Kevin Shaw	Rita Wesler
Janet Herling	Luanne Skurka	Robert Windolph
Karl Krueger	Emily Stromberg	Camryn Wood

### Anniversaries

Andrew & Kathleen Frey  
James & Kathleen Friday  
Clayton & Kayla Riepen



## COMING UP IN JULY

4	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
14	6:00 pm Virtual Executive Committee
21	1:30 pm Virtual Bible Study
	6:30 pm Virtual Council

**All in-person meetings and activities are cancelled until further notice.**

**Worship will be livestreamed until the "all clear" has been received.**

<i>June</i> 2020	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>			
	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>28</i>
<b>Greeters</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>				
<b>Lector</b>				
<b>Cantor</b>				
<b>Communion Assistants</b>				
<b>Acolytes</b>				
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Maholland	Sheffer	Wesemann	Lauer
<b>Bulletins</b>	Herling/Rubino	Supplee	Alan Walter	Schreier
<b>Fellowship</b>				
<b>Altar Team</b>				
<b>Counters</b>	Doris Sterner and Christine Reidy			
<b>Bread/Wine</b>	<b>Bread:</b> Wesemann <b>Wine:</b> Alan Walter			
<b>Paper Goods</b>	Un-sponsored			

*When an opportunity presents itself, remember to always show kindness to someone. You just never know when you will need someone to show you the same.*



*ST. PETER'S MISSION is to fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ. We will be a worship center in the community. We will learn and teach the meaning of God's Word. We will share our Christian Faith with others. And we will support individuals in their time of personal need. As we accomplish these things, we will be faithful Stewards of God's Gifts.*

*OUR VISION is to be a center of activity and a welcoming congregation of worshipers growing in faith, while encouraging community outreach through various ministries.*



## ***NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERN-***



**“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7**

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. **Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about and your community stronger.**

Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can include:

- Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns
- Difficulty sleeping or concentrating
- Worsening of chronic health problems
- Worsening of mental health conditions
- Increased use of [alcohol](#), [tobacco](#) or [other drugs](#)

How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people and the community you live in. People who may respond more strongly to the stress of a crisis include:

- Older people and people with chronic diseases who are [at higher risk for severe illness](#) from COVID-19
- Children and teens
- People who are helping with the response to COVID-19, like doctors, other health care providers and first responders
- People who have mental health conditions including problems with substance use

Taking care of yourself, your friends and your family can help you cope with stress. Helping others cope with their stress can also make your community stronger.

Ways to cope with stress:

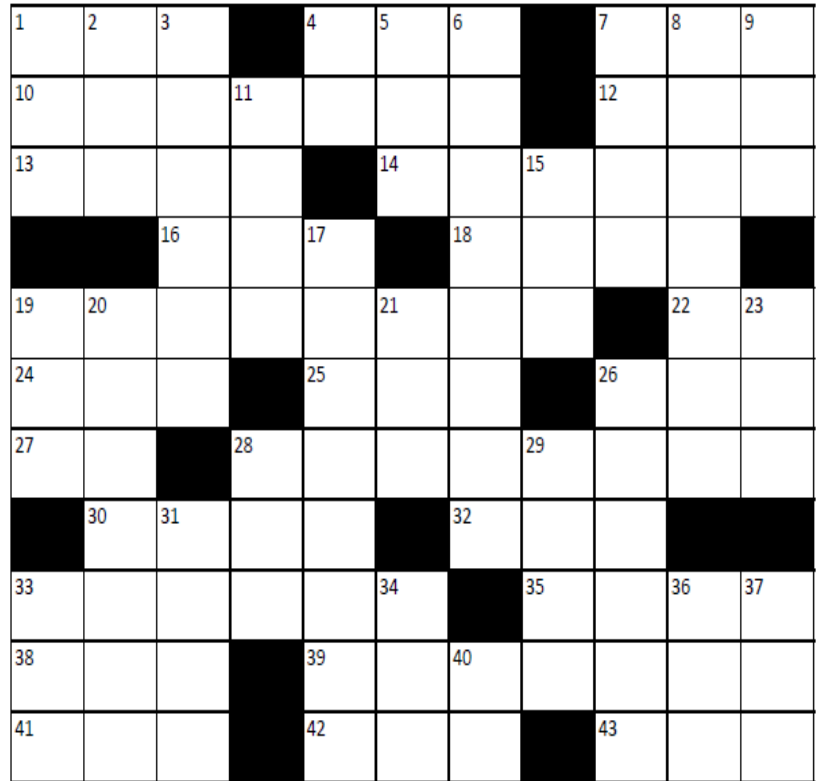
- **Take breaks from watching, reading or listening to news stories**, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- **Take care of your body.**
  - \* Take deep breaths, stretch or [meditate](#)
  - \* [Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals](#)
  - \* [Exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep](#)
  - \* Avoid [alcohol](#) and [drugs](#)
- **Make time to unwind.** Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- **Connect with others.** Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

*- From the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Coronavirus Disease*

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

### ACROSS

1. Who you call for a tow
4. Distress call
7. So far this year
10. Battery type in computers
12. Petroleum
13. Tall (Spanish)
14. Go back to
16. Flawed (abbr.)
18. Used to attract fish
19. Chevy sports car
22. Either's partner
24. Raw mineral
25. Opposite of NNW
26. Tire track in a dirt road
27. Where 19-Down works
28. Log entry in Star Trek
30. Poisonous snakes
32. Take a chair
33. Widen, as a pupil
35. Sarge's dog in Beetle Bailey
38. "\_\_\_ moment" (soon)
39. As a whole
41. Flavor enhancer often used in Chinese restaurants
42. Dog or cat
43. Airport code for Nice, France



### DOWN

1. Pie \_\_\_ mode
2. Be ill
3. What you wear
4. Spanish affirmative
5. Belonging to us
6. Metal refiners
7. Belonging to you
8. Break in football action
9. Distance Learning Exchange (abbr.)
11. Nickname for Harvey
15. Take to court
17. Gas station on the turnpike
19. Police officer
20. Makes a minister
21. Airport security group (abbr.)
23. Numbered highway (abbr.)
26. Basket or chair material
28. Luxury vacation spot
29. Designer Christian
31. Waste from 6-Down
33. Not bright
34. Cain and Abel's mother
36. What you get from a nurse (abbr.)
37. Grand \_\_\_ Opry
40. Movie character who wants to phone home

*Solution to this puzzle can be found in the next issue of The Herald.*

*Solution to the May puzzle below.*

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## PEACE AMIDST THE STORM

I never thought I'd be alive to witness a time such as this, when we would be forced to stand six feet apart, to wear masks in public and to fear for our lives over a new virus. As a history buff, I have researched the Spanish Flu of 1918 and it is eerily similar circumstances that we are experiencing.

One thing that has kept me calm for these past 41 days is my faith in Jesus Christ. I can't tell you I've handled this entire situation gracefully, because I certainly haven't. I've complained about the limited supplies and the restrictions in place, but ultimately, I know deep in my heart that the restrictions are for our own good and not being used as punishment.

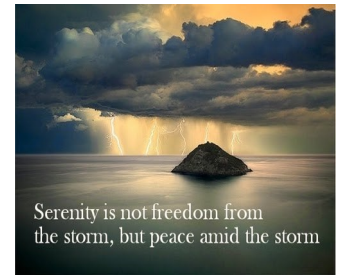
There are ways to combat the feelings of anxiety, anger and discontent that are so common during times of uncertainty, and I made a choice at the beginning to not let the negative energy consume me. I am a warrior for Christ and I continue to be a warrior even amidst my own fears and anxieties.

Here are a few things we could all try doing:

- Write a letter to God. He can see and hear all, so why not? Tell Him everything you are feeling and remember to first thank Him for every new day! You don't have to mail it, of course. I keep mine in an online journal or a paper journal, depending upon my mood that day. I try to do this during or right after breakfast and I follow up with Him at the end of my day. I feel strange without this part of my routine.
- Keep a gratitude journal. Thanking God for the little things helps put the bigger issues into perspective.
- Pray. Find scriptures that mean the most to you and "meditate on them day and night".

- Go for walks if you're feeling well enough to do so! This can be done inside or outside if your situation permits. Leslie Sansone is a great YouTube power walker for people of all physical capabilities. Exercise of the mind and body on a regular basis is an excellent motivation, as long as you remember to stretch first.
- Keep in regular contact with friends and family even via phone call, text or ZOOM chats. It's not good for man to be alone!
- YOUTUBE, NETFLIX, AMAZON PRIME, HULU have a variety of TV shows and movies that are great forms of entertainment.
- SLEEP zzzzz!
- Dance and sing!!!

It's important to not treat the quarantine and social distancing restrictions as punishment. It is a blessing and we need to flatten the curve!



Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm

- Erin Johnson



This is a handicap-accessible facility.