

# **THE RISING S N NEWSLETTER**

## **SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD, REINHOLDS, PA 17569**

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**Eucharist Worship Service 8:000 a.m. & Eucharist Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.**

### **JULY – AUGUST, 2020**

#### **Staff:**

##### **Ministers**

Congregation

##### **Pastor**

The Rev. Kurt Strause

##### **Adm. Assistant**

Judith Sauder

##### **Organist/Choir Director**

Susan Kreitz

##### **Hand Bell Director**

Doug Kulp

##### **Sexton**

John Frantz

##### **Officers of Council**

Lori Gockley, President

David Kupp, Vice Pres.

Jodi Showalter, Sec.

Deb Kohl, Fin. Sec.

Guy Templin, Co-Treas.

Sue Knauer, Co-Treas.

##### **Congregational Council**

Sandy Clouser

Randy Krater

Deb Kohl

Pam Leisey

Mike Mixell

Jan Risser

Ryan Ranck

David Sauder

Tom Showalter

#### **From the Pastor's Desk**

By now you will have received the letter from our church council announcing the resumption of in-person worship. For many months we have been unable to gather together in community in a single place. This doesn't mean we haven't been community together even though we have been separated. We stay in touch with one another, we prepare and send out meals to members of the church, we provide on-line worship and study opportunities. Still, many of us are quite eager to see one another in person and gather in a place that is important to our faith and community life.

We know our gathering won't be the same, however. Because of the presence of this novel virus and the vulnerability of many in our communities our gathering will need to observe the kinds of social distancing and virus mitigation we have grown familiar with over the past couple of months. It will feel a little "weird" when we worship. We won't be able to sit next to our friends, we won't be able to see the smiles on others' faces because we'll be wearing face coverings, we won't be able to shake hands or hug which may be the hardest thing for some.

These restrictions are in place for the sake of our neighbors first and for ourselves second. We adopt them willingly, gratefully, and gracefully out of love. At any one moment we may feel healthy yet none of us really knows if we are infected and possibly contagious.

Martin Luther wrote: "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." He adopts the principle St. Paul puts forward in his letter to the Corinthians that in Christ we are free from the requirements of the law with regards to salvation. This freedom now frees us to obligate ourselves to the needs of our neighbor, not in order to win points in God's eyes for ourselves, but simply because our neighbor is in need.

Come to worship, if you desire and are comfortable doing so. Praise God in prayer and thanksgiving. Receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion as the declaration of Christ's forgiveness. Wear a mask and wash your hands and sit at distance as a visible declaration that you love and honor your neighbor. Christ sets us free; free to love and serve.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kurt Strause



## Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2849 when:

☐ **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the church. In an emergency, call Pastor Strause at 717-475-4377.

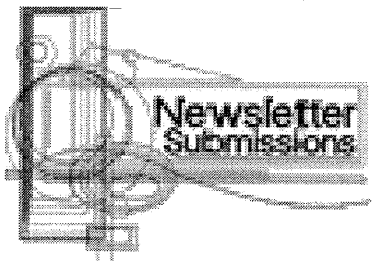
☐ **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident;

☐ **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;**

☐ **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);

☐ **You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;**

☐ **You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee.** In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.



**Saturday August 15, 2020  
for September Newsletter.**



## Committee

Lori Gockley, President	Helping Hands
David Kupp, Vice President	Safety and Security/ Scouts
Sandy Clouser	Welcome
Randy Krater	Property
Pam Leisey	Learning
Mike Mixell	
Ryan Ranck	Youth Ministry
Jan Risser	Love, Inc.
David Sauder	Stewardship/social media
Tom Showalter	
Jodi Showalter, Secretary	Service
Sue Ellen Knauer Co-Treasurer & Personnel & Constitution	
Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer	Finance & Worship
Deb Kohl	Financial Secretary/ Stewardship/social media



Ephrata Area Social Services is experiencing high demand during the pandemic with a decrease in food donations. They are accepting monetary donations to help bridge this gap. Monetary donations can be made out to EASS. Their address is EASS 227 N State St Ephrata. Thank you in advance for your donation to help your neighbor.



JOAN LEED 7/1  
250 GALEN HALL ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

CLARICE HAWS 7/8  
GARDEN at STEVENS, Rm 104,  
400 LANCASTER AVE.  
STEVENS, PA 19578

PAT MCQUATE 7/9  
423 SPRUCE STREET  
DENVER, PA 17517

JOAN REDDIG 7/10  
21 STONE CREEK CT.  
EPHRATA, PA 17522

HOWARD REAM 7/10  
230 EDGEMONT LANE  
NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073

ANNA HERSHEY 7/15  
46 STONY RUN VILLAGE  
DENVER, PA 17517

MARION BERGMAN 7/26  
17 RAY DRIVE  
DENVER, PA 17517

LINDA REAM 8/3  
230 EDGEMONT LANE  
NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073

LINDA BEARD 8/4  
753 SOUTH FOURTH ST.  
DENVER, PA 17517

RONALD BINGEMAN 8/4  
580 GOCKLEY ROAD  
STEVENS, PA 17578

LOUETTA FRANCK 8/8  
8 EDIE DRIVE  
DENVER, PA 17517

JANICE KELLY 8/12  
104 BURROWS STREET  
SINKING SPRING, PA 19608

BEATRICE GRESS 8/16  
155 S. BLAINSPORT ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

DOTTIE GOOD 8/20  
P. O. BOX 101  
BOWMANSVILLE, PA 17507

IRENE MYERS 8/20  
1845 FURNACE HILL ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

GARY REDDIG 8/17  
21 STONE CREEK CT.  
EPHRATA, PA 17522

ALVERTA SHOWALTER 8/26  
400 LANCASTER AVE. RM. 111  
STEVENS, PA 17578

ELIZABETH BRUBAKER 8/28  
104 MECHANIC STREET  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

BARBARA WERNER 8/28  
88 E. MAIN STREET  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

SUSAN FICHTNER 8/31  
48 COOPER WAY  
DENVER, PA 17517



LARRY HAGY 8/1  
500 BLUE LAKE ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

JOHN NICHOLAS 8/2  
570 BLUE LAKE ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517



Thank you for the delicious food! I look forward to your delivery!  
God Bless you,  
Anna Rose Schannauer

Thank you to everyone for all the birthday wishes I received.  
Joan Long

Dear "Friends Feeding Friends":

Thank you for the meals that you have left on our door step these last four months. Everything has been very good. We have enjoyed waiting to find out what goodies will be delivered to us each Tuesday. You bring an extra bit of sunshine to our day.

You have given freely of your TIME and TALENTS to provide a variety of good things for us to eat.

On behalf of all of us that you have been providing with a Tuesday treat,

WE THANK YOU,  
John and Barb Nicholas

Thank you to "Friends Feeding Friends":

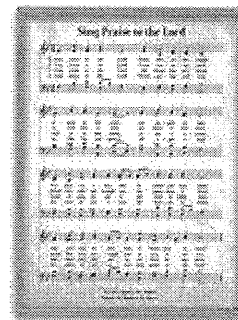
Swamp Lutheran Church, Kim and Katie, Kountry Korner, Reinholds VFW, Fruitastic, Goods Chips and many others.

Sue Kittler

Thank you Pastor Strause and Judy for keeping our church alive along with the other volunteers for our church service by video. Also, thank you to the volunteers who made the lovely dinners and delivered them to my home.

Greetings to everyone and thanks again. See you in church.

Love,  
Audrey Lewandowski



**HYMN SING**  
**Thursday, June 25,**  
**6:30 pm**

There will be a Face Book and Zoom live stream Hymn Sing! The hymn sing will be live streamed from Mellinger's Lutheran

Church with me at the organ console and hosted by Pastor Sandy Gideon, St. Paul's, Adamstown. There are two ways to sing along, Face Book or through Zoom. You choose. The lyrics will be on the screen. You do not need a hymn book. I promise you will be singing some of your favorite songs!

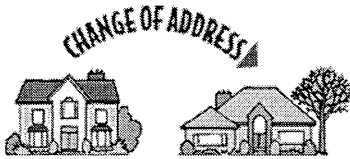
**How to access:**

**Face Book: St. Paul's Lutheran, Adamstown**

**ZOOM** –just go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and hit join meeting and enter the ID below. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO MAKE AN ACCOUNT.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8980574398?pwd=K01yMWgYVHZlYFBNaXZzc3NpYUhhJUT09>



Please put these changes in your new  
Pictorial directory

TAYLOR KIDWELL  
15B BITTENDORF WAY  
REINHOLDS, PA 1759

MR. JAMES STEPHEN MILLER  
1121 CEDAR CREST DRIVE  
LEBANON, PA 17046-8233

MR. JOSHUA MILLER  
1121 CEDAR CREST DRIVE  
LEBANON, PA 17046-8233

MIKE MIXELL  
93 BURNING TREE LANE  
READING, PA 19607

EMILY MIXELL  
541N MEADE TERRACE  
SHILLINGTON, PA 19607

DANIEL MCQUATE  
6005 TARRIN RD.  
WILMINGTON, NC 28409-0006

## We're Hiring!

The Ephrata/Cocalico Meals on Wheels Program has a significant, positive impact on the health, well-being and social connectiveness of our homebound seniors. Lead a team of committed volunteers and staff determined to make a difference in the lives of Northern Lancaster County seniors.

View full job description on our website:

<https://www.ephrataareasocialservices.org/meals-on-wheels>

Call Joy Ashley at 717-733-0345 for more information.



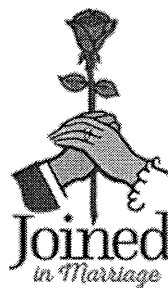
We have lost the feet to one of our wheelchairs that we keep for people who want to borrow them. We cannot find the one

pair of feet. If you know of anyone who might have them, please let us know.



The Family of Jim Beard  
John Nicholas  
Jean Wolf  
Nancy Frantz – Sister of John Frantz  
Jennifer “Moyer” Thomas and Benjamin Thomas  
Michael Crowther  
Ray Fox – Friend of Connie Taylor  
Nolan Weitzel – Son of Andy and Nichole Weitzel  
Doris Kopp  
Jan and Don Risser  
Susan Levan  
Earl and Irene Myers  
Barbara Mizdail  
Ray Showalter  
Jim and Mary Jane Miller  
Charles Moyer  
Dawna Meese – Friend of the Templin’s  
Nancy Kulp  
Elmo Lorah – Friend of Connie Taylor  
Lisa Buckles – Friend of Sue Knauer  
Mary Kring – Aunt of Linda Ream  
Chester Peachy – Neighbor of Sue Kreitz  
Bill Sweigart – Neighbor of Sue Kreitz  
Kyle Lord – Cousin of Kim Houck  
Andy Etman  
Bryand Rincher - Nephew of Connie and Tony Malafarina  
Ivy Erb-Willard – Friend of Kim Houck  
Christina Ayala – Brain Tumor – Friend of Kim Houck  
Sandy Heisey – Sister-in-law of Jenn Weitzel  
Tracey Pajski – Daughter of Andrew Kelly  
Cheryl Black – Friend of the Gockleys  
Tom Schalata – Stepfather of Katie Koehle  
Judith Esterly – Friend of Janice Kelly  
Kristen Ramsey (kidney transplant) Fiancé of Eric Long  
Bryan Miller – Friend of the Reedys

Michael Crowther  
Clarice Haws  
Betty Hornberger  
Charles Moyer  
Henry Rehlich  
Ella Shirk  
Alverta Showalter  
Clyde Showalter  
Mary Ann Weitzel

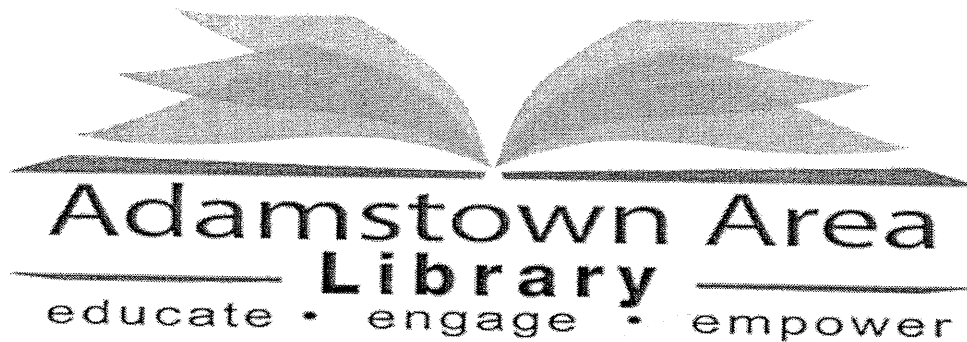


Congratulations to Dakota Moyer and Faith Stoltzfoos upon their marriage on May 30, 2020.



Our condolences to the family of Jim Beard. Jim died Sunday at Well-Span Ephrata. His graveside service was held Saturday, June 20, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Please let us know when we can remove people from the sick and shut-in list.**



## Adamstown Area Library Virtual Events Schedule

**No Stress With Miss Jess – Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM:** Join Miss Jess every weekday for a no-stress craft or activity. Videos will be posted on Facebook at 10:00 AM every morning, along with a list of items you'll need for the next day's activity.

**Adult Nutrition Classes – Mondays at 1:00 PM:** Giant Food Stores nutritionists share simple nutritious recipes, Library staff choose their favorites, and videos are posted on the Library's Facebook page every Monday at 1:00 PM.

**Local Celebrity Storytime – Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM:** We know that some of our youngest patrons really miss storytime, so every Tuesday, local authors (and other celebrities!) will read their books for you. We'll post them to our Facebook page at 1:00 PM.

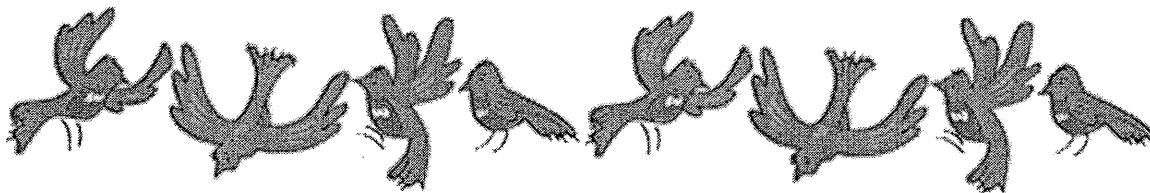
**Wildlife Wednesdays – Every Wednesday at 1:00 PM:** Refreshing Mountain Retreat will be posting Wildlife Wednesdays videos every Wednesday at 1:00 PM, and they'll be sharing them with our patrons on our Facebook page at the same time. Learn about native Pennsylvania wildlife as well as reptiles and amphibians from around the world with this great series.

**Virtual Bedtime Stories (Live!) – Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM:** Tune in to hear Miss Roxanne read some stories and show you an easy craft you can do from home.

**Mini-Chef With Giant Food Stores – Every Thursday at 1:00 PM:** It's never too early to start kids in the kitchen. Join Kilene Knitter, Giant Food Stores Nutritionist, to learn the basic skills and tools needed to create and eat healthy. Check out our Facebook page every Thursday at 1:00 PM and have some fun in the kitchen together!

**Friday Frolic With Hank The French Bulldog – Every Friday at 1:00 PM:** Hank will be taking Miss Jess's suggestion and spending some time outside! We'll post the videos every Friday at 1:00 PM.

**Life Skills Challenge – Saturdays at 2:00 PM:** Life skills are what everyone expects you to know but no one teaches you. To help fill the gap, staff will be demonstrating some of these skills. Check in every Saturday for a video tutorial on things you need to know, like sewing on a button, planting a container garden, and doing your laundry. We'll be posting them on the Facebook event page on Saturdays at 2:00 PM.



High School

Stella Roseboro

College

Cody Leisey

Corinne Sweigart

Danielle Witmer

## Treasurer's Report by Major Group

April of Fiscal Year 2020

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - CHECKING ACC'T

	April Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
REGULAR	18,395.84	100,385.33	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,395.84</b>	<b>100,385.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Group 00	2,163.37	13,511.98	10,768.32	125.48 %
LEARNING	0.00	848.95	750.00	113.19 %
WELCOME	0.00	228.15	1,366.68	16.69 %
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00 %
SERVICE	101.15	1,284.60	316.64	405.70 %
WORSHIP	0.00	2,764.06	2,833.36	97.55 %
PROPERTY	0.00	1,976.98	3,715.00	53.22 %
YOUTH MINISTRY	0.00	0.00	266.68	0.00 %
REIMBURSED EXP.	145.00	925.91	0.00	0.00 %
REBUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
THROUGH STAFF	23,016.30	59,718.52	47,396.32	126.00 %
BENEFITS	3,252.35	13,395.90	16,300.00	82.18 %
ADMINISTRATION	1,986.30	6,300.06	6,950.00	90.65 %
OPERATIONS	4,091.65	15,227.21	17,450.00	87.26 %
INVESTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
RESTORATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>34,756.12</b>	<b>116,182.32</b>	<b>108,163.00</b>	<b>107.41 %</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-16,360.28</b>	<b>-15,796.99</b>	<b>-108,163.00</b>	



## SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## Treasurer's Report by Major Group

May of Fiscal Year 2020

Responsibility: All

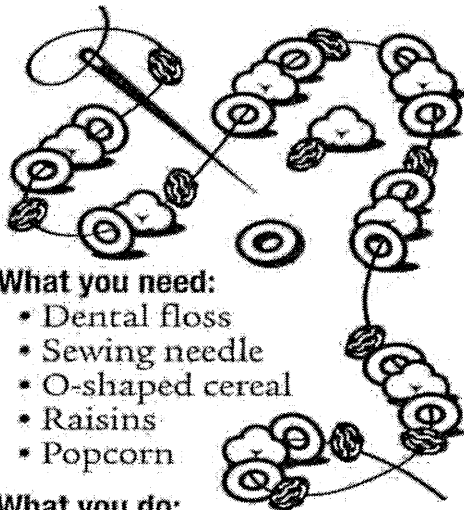
Fund: 01 - CHECKING ACC'T

	May Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
REGULAR	20,639.11	121,025.20	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,639.11</b>	<b>121,025.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Group 00	4,608.37	18,120.35	15,036.65	120.51 %
LEARNING	0.00	848.95	937.50	90.55 %
WELCOME	16.00	244.15	1,558.35	15.67 %
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00 %
SERVICE	0.00	1,284.60	433.30	296.47 %
WORSHIP	226.20	2,990.26	3,229.20	92.60 %
PROPERTY	767.98	2,744.96	4,800.00	57.19 %
YOUTH MINISTRY	0.00	0.00	333.35	0.00 %
REIMBURSED EXP.	0.00	925.91	0.00	0.00 %
REBUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
THROUGH STAFF	12,008.46	71,726.98	59,245.40	121.07 %
BENEFITS	2,953.38	16,349.28	20,375.00	80.24 %
ADMINISTRATION	500.80	6,800.86	8,637.50	78.74 %
OPERATIONS	1,638.82	16,866.03	20,775.00	81.18 %
INVESTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
RESTORATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,720.01</b>	<b>138,902.33</b>	<b>135,411.25</b>	<b>102.58 %</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-2,080.90</b>	<b>-17,877.13</b>	<b>-135,411.25</b>	

# KID'S PAGE

## ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



### What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

### What you do:

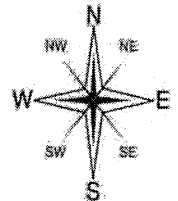
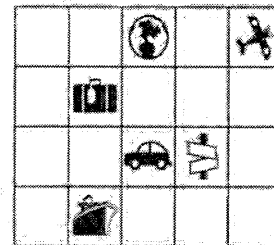
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

## PUZZLE

### Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

*Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.*



### Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

### Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

### Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

### Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

### Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

### Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

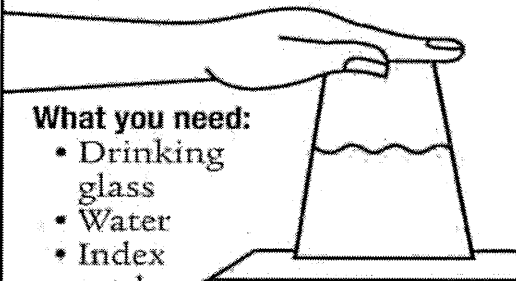
The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng  
both no\_ and for\_vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

# KID'S PAGE

## UNSEEN BUT *active*

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



### What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

### What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.



## WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*



Water changes to \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 9



- op + \_\_\_\_\_ - w \_\_\_\_\_

Calms a \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of \_\_\_\_\_

LUKE 5:1-11



- ch + er \_\_\_\_\_

Walks on \_\_\_\_\_

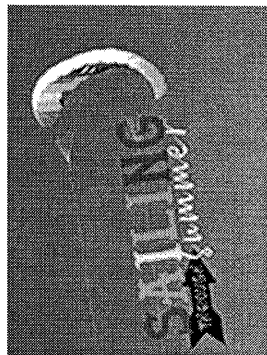
MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

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**July & August**

**Return Service Requested**



But  
**THE LORD**  
is  
**FAITHFUL.**  
HE WILL  
**STRENGTHEN**  
**YOU**  
and  
**GUARD**  
**YOU**  
from the evil one.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3, NRSV

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