



# The Spirit

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 301 N. Third Street Millville, New Jersey

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FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



## Winter Greetings!

What an odd winter we are starting out with! The temperatures seem to go up and down and the dampness never seems to lift!

In times like these we can often find ourselves a little "down." I encourage you to read the book of Philippians to bring a little sunshine into your life. Our bible study group has been studying this very short letter of Paul's to the people at Philippi and it is a read that will uplift you. The Philippian people took Paul to his happy place as they offered support and genuine Christian love for him during his imprisonment. In return Paul offers to them words of encouragement, hope and the joy of living as God's holy people in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

As we seek to live faithfully together as God's beloved children it is good to remember the words of Paul and focus on the joy and thankfulness that abounds as we support one another and embrace our neighbors. We serve as Christ in the world for others providing a witness to the power of the Gospel message of the grace of God active in our lives!

This month we celebrate a Candlemas on February 3 with a blessing of our Candles. On the secular calendar we celebrate Valentine's Day! Remember to send your sweetheart or someone special in your life a message of love on this day. Focusing on Paul's writings again, perhaps a reading of 1Corinthians 13:4-8a,13 would be helpful.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bernhardt

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*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

- Philippians 4:4-7

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## Scholarship Fund

Attention all those who are seeking to further their education! St. Paul's has a scholarship fund established through a generous donor. The following guidelines apply per the scholarship bilaws:

1. Active and participating member of St. Paul's for a minimum of two years. **Active** is defined as **attendance at worship at least once per month** and **actively sharing in ministry opportunities** that are offered at St. Paul's.
  2. A major must be declared in **criminal justice, education, ministry (religious studies), business, or health care.**
  3. Proof of matriculation in an accredited institution of post high school higher learning.
  4. Transcript from high school attesting to a "C" cumulative average or better and a student in good standing.
  5. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor who is not related to applicant.
  6. Deadline for submission of application will be May 1st.
- Please see Pastor Bernhardt if you meet these requirements and an interview will be arranged.

2018 Giving Statements are available on our information table in the over flow area of the sanctuary. Please pick up!

### Did you know . . .

We have several ministry teams that are open to all! If you are interested in any of the following or want to find out more about how you might be able to offer your time and talents please contact Pastor Bernhardt. We would like to start planning some more fellowship activities, and ways to enhance our worship with more lay involvement.

**Christian Education/Youth & Family Ministry Team**

**Outreach / Evangelism & Fellowship/ Hospitality Ministry Team**

**Social Ministry Team**

**Property Ministry Team**

**Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team**

All are welcome to be a part of any of these teams!

## Neighborhood Worship Sundays 12:45 pm

We continue to welcome our neighborhood friends for an informal time of worship following our 11:00 am worship. Healthy food is offered after we gather for song, story, and Holy Communion. This group of friends loves to hear stories of how God is active in our lives. Would you like to share your story with them? They are a very friendly audience numbering an average of about 15. Let Pastor Bernhardt know if you would like to share. We could also use some healthy food to add to the food that we get from the Gateway Organization and through our grant funding. Come and experience this informal worship some time!

We would like to send out our newsletter electronically to those who have an email. If your newsletter was mailed and you have an email please contact us!



**This Open House** will be hosted here at St. Paul's in an ongoing effort to involve the neighborhood residents in contributing to neighborhood improvements and informing them of current plans for neighborhood development. You are invited to be a part of this gathering and see what plans are being made and make suggestions as well. St. Paul's is located smack in the middle of Center City Millville. As a part of our outreach to the neighborhood we can help make a difference in the lives of those who live next to us! Come out and meet the neighbors and see how the Millville Neighborhood Alliance and Holly City Development Center are working together to improve Center City Millville.

Love is  
**PATIENT,**

Love is  
**KIND.**

## Congregational Meeting Highlights . . .

- All reports and the 2019 spending plan was approved.
- Nicholas Bernhardt, Brian Ferus and Louisa Oliver were elected to serve on Congregation Council.
- Jim Garrison, Debbie Zienker, Mary Lou Campbell and Gretchen Bruner were elected to serve on the 2020 nominating committee
- In 2018 there were 4 members received, 3 funerals, and 4 weddings.
- We celebrated the completions of many building projects.
- Approval of gathering information concerning the house on Mulberry St. directly next to the church to see if purchase and demolition might be possible.

**Many thanks to those who made the delicious lunch which was served at our meeting!**



# Pot Pie Dinner!

**Saturday,  
March 9th**

**Take Out 2:30—3:30 pm  
Sit Down Dinner 4:00 pm  
Tickets: \$10.00**

*All proceeds benefit Help and Hope Ministries!  
Come Support our local food bank.*



**Our new children's area in our sanctuary!**

## Ladies' Luncheon

On Wednesday, February 20th our ladies will get together for lunch. They will gather at 12 pm for this time of fellowship and a meal. Contact Linda Branin for more information.(856-825-2238). All ladies are welcome as well as friends.



## Looking Ahead . . .

**Ash Wednesday—March 6th—worship 7:00 p.m.**

**Pot Pie Dinner—March, 9, 4:00 pm**

**Baptism—March 10th, 11:00 am**

**Mid—Week Lenten Services begin—March 13th**

All are Welcome! Invite a friend!

## Worship Times

Traditional Worship  
Sunday Morning  
11:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Worship  
followed by  
food distribution  
12:45 p.m.

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