



The Spirit

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

June 2019

FROM THE PASTOR



This month we will celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. The Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Because Pentecost marks the beginning of the church we sometimes refer to it as the birthday of the church.

There is something very specific about the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early followers of Jesus. The Holy Spirit didn't seek out Jesus' followers and individually come to them. The Holy Spirit descended on followers of Jesus as they were **gathered** together in Jerusalem. This gathering became the first Christian church and new believers in Jesus were baptized as they joined this church. In this fellowship of believers they shared life together, focusing on teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. They shared their belongings so that no one was hungry or needy. Scripture indicates, "the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

The Holy Spirit was given to a **gathering** of believers – a **gathering!** This speaks to us in terms of our time together as a faith community. The first church was not formed by folks staying home, but believers coming together as a faith community. This fact stresses the importance of the place of the church in the world and the importance of gathering together as a worshipping community sent out into the world to do God's work. The community of God's people is central.

As we celebrate Pentecost it provides for us an opportunity to examine the dedication to our faith community and the importance of worship to fill us with the Holy Spirit as a gathered people of God just as in the first gathering of Christians. It is a time to renew our commitment to live as an essential member of the body of Christ, using our gifts to build the church and share the love and justice of Christ with the world. Regular, weekly worship is a necessary part of being the church in the world today.

Pentecost is a time to renew our worship life filled with the Holy Spirit so we might generate excitement for the ministry of Christ. This will take weekly worship, not monthly or occasional worship or as we fell like going worship, to support one another and receive spiritual nourishment through word and sacrament so we are able to commit to fulfilling our crucial and vital role in the ministry of God's people in the world. See you at worship!!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bernhardt



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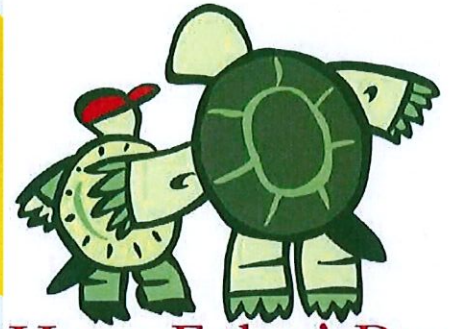
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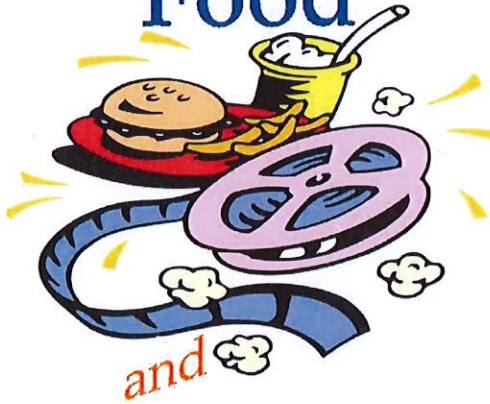
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Happy Father's Day

Soul Food



and Cinema

When: Saturday, June 22, 6 pm

Where: Pastor's home, 4927 Piacenzia Ave., Vineland

Movie: The Imitation Game

Dinner: Please bring a dish to share either for dinner or for dessert. Email pastor what you are bringing.

All are welcome to this fun fellowship event!

July 7th through September 1

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

12:00 Neighborhood Worship

September 8th schedule returns to 11:00 am traditional worship and 12:45 pm neighborhood worship

Summer
Worship
Schedule



Have you remembered your church in your will?

Graduation recognition will be held on June 23rd during our 11 am worship service.

If you have graduated or someone in your family has graduated, please provide us with the graduation information including place of graduation and future plans. A reception will be held in honor of graduates following the 11 am worship service.



Emily Hasenpat



Lainey Fisher



Juliette Kelley



Recent Baptisms

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!



The Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Olive Garden this month on **Wednesday, June 19th, at 12 pm**. Please let Linda Branin know if you are attending so she may make the appropriate reservations.



If you have a loved one who is approaching a time in their life when they may need Hospice care, please consider Bayada at Inspira Hospice. Pastor Bernhardt serves as their local chaplain.

Joint Worship ~ July 28

We will worship in Bridgeton with Christ Lutheran at 11 am and then gather for our annual bbq at the Georgetown Swim Club. Bring your favorite dish or dessert! This is always a good opportunity for fellowship with our friends at Christ Lutheran.

Lancaster Trip

On November 16 a trip to the American Music Theatre is being organized by Christ Lutheran. Tickets are \$90 for adults and \$76 for children ages 4-12. We will gather at the Walmart in Bridgeton about 10:30 am, stop for lunch in Lancaster and then see the show. Reservations are being accepted.

Looking Ahead . . .

June 2nd, Baptism—Savannah Elizabeth Drake

June 9th, Pentecost—Baptism—Lacey Renee Fralick

June 23rd—Graduation Sunday

July 1-3, 9-12;30 pm Mini Bible Camp

July 28th—Joint Worship/BBQ with Christ Bridgeton

September 15th—Annual Neighborhood BBQ

November 16 - Lunch and Christmas show in Lancaster

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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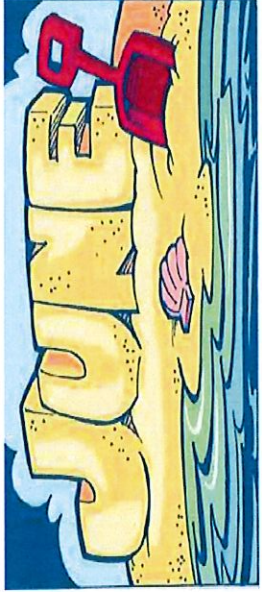
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2 11AM Worship with Communion Baptism—Savannah Drake 12:45pm Neighborhood Worship	3	4	5	6 1:30pm Chair Yoga	7	8
9 11AM Worship with Communion Baptism—Lacey Fralick 12:45pm Neighborhood Worship	10	11 7 pm Congregation Council	12	13 1:30 pm Chair Yoga 5:30 pm Bible Study	14 	15 10:00 am Adopt a Block
16 FATHER'S DAY 11AM Worship with Communion 12:45pm Neighborhood Worship	17	18	19 12 Noon Ladies Luncheon	20 1:30pm Chair Yoga 5:30 pm Bible Study	21 	22
23 11AM Worship with Communion Graduate Recognition and Reception 12:45 pm Neighborhood Worship	24	25	26	27 1:30 pm Chair Yoga	28	29
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Shaelynn Bowen	June 2
Brian Kutner	June 3
Anna Saul	June 8
Allen Wodlinger	June 9
Nathaniel Garrett	June 10
William Bitting	June 13
Polly Yondura	June 21
Debbie Ziennker	June 25
Rachel Ricci	June 28
Katelyn Branin	
Pamela Byrum	
Brandon Kiley	
Julie Ricci	June 30



Daniel & Donna Barrett	June 5
Charles & Nicole Wettstein	June 7
James & Rose Martine	June 30



Our Prayer List For June

Family of Joan Frantz
 John Betz
 Friends and family of Sean Walker
 Family of Lee Myers
 Kathy Peter
 Orville P. Ziennker
 Kenneth Clements
 Baby girl Poppy
 John Schneider
 Judy Bisquinno
 Tania Wright
 Debbie Griffith

Members of the Armed Forces called to keep our country safe.

Our prayer list is being regenerated. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request form that is inserted in the Sunday bulletin. They are collected during worship and names placed on our prayer list.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

June 2 – Linda Branin
 June 9 – Doris Bowen
 June 16 – Linda Branin
 June 23 – Brian Barr