



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Susan Crawford, Rejoicing Spirits Ministry Coordinator  
610-363-8127 (home), [rejoicingspirits@stpaulslionville.org](mailto:rejoicingspirits@stpaulslionville.org)

## **St. Paul's Lionville Hosts Monthly Worship Service to Meet Special Needs of the Developmentally Disabled**

EXTON, PA, September 1, 2003 – The community is invited to a new, monthly worship service designed especially for those with developmental disabilities. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 104 S. Village Avenue, Lionville, is hosting the first Rejoicing Spirits monthly worship service on **Sunday, October 5 at 4 pm.**

The goal is to reach out and encourage people with developmental disabilities to become part of a faith community. To better serve those with special needs, the service is aimed to capture the attention and interest of these individuals, along with their caregivers, families, and other supportive members in the community. The environment is accepting and welcoming to *all* Children of God.

Susan Crawford, Rejoicing Spirits Ministry Coordinator, says, "There are so many reasons for local residents to join in this faith experience. There will be lots of music and joyous singing; brief, meaningful messages. The facility is wheelchair accessible and FM receivers are provided for the hearing impaired. No one needs to feel as an outsider, all faiths are welcome to this love-filled community."

Including all individuals into one community is based from a meaningful biblical verse, "So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other." A priority to everyone involved in this endeavor is to overlook each other's differences and instead value all people as one body. The service is a great example of overcoming prejudice and instead creating unity.

The Rejoicing Spirits worship service is held the first Sunday of each month at 4 pm. For more information, contact Susan Crawford at [rejoicingspirits@stpaulslionville.org](mailto:rejoicingspirits@stpaulslionville.org), or the church office at 610-363-6264, or visit [www.stpaulslionville.org](http://www.stpaulslionville.org). St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a Christian-based community of believers located in Lionville, Pennsylvania near Routes 100 and 113. The church was established in 1838 in a renovated historic c. 1813 Chester County barn. The facility was expanded with a contemporary sanctuary in 1979.