

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

February 2, 2025

St. Paul Lutheran Church
10792 North 210 East • Seymour, IN 47274
The Reverend Stephen Wood, Pastor

OUR MISSION: Walking in Faith – Sowing Christ’s Love

**TODAY’S WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Leaders:
Pastor Steve Wood

Organist: Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Karen Dringenburg

Communion Assistant:
Leon Seitz (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Linda Guinn (10:15)

Lectors:
Mandy Otte (8:00)
Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolytes:
Abe Engelau (8:00)
Deacon (10:15)

Projectors:
Susie Schnitker (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Camera:
Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:
Ruth Ann Hendrix

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.). It is referred to as “Borchers” since Rev. Henry Borchers, who served our congregation from 1857-1881, advised and influenced a small group of pioneer settlers that wanted to establish a congregation in the area. This year we celebrate 173 years of life and ministry. We look forward to many more years of growth and change as we seek continually to be faithful to God’s call to mission.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at the 8:00 a.m. services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and at the 10:15 a.m. service on the 1st and the 3rd Sundays of the month. Christians who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation are invited to receive Holy Communion.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

STAFF

- The Reverend Stephen Wood.....Pastor
- Trish Tangman.....Care Team Director
- Jamie Baker.....Youth & Family Ministries
and Technology Director
- Maddie Whiteside.....Youth & Family Ministries
- Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director
- Michelle Wood.....Secretary
- Jennifer Duncan & Mandy Otte.....Custodians

We gather today as God’s beloved children to worship our Heavenly Father. We praise his holy name, we listen eagerly for his words of comfort, hope, and challenge to us, and we offer ourselves to him in dedicated service. May you be blessed as you worship here today.

This week: February 2-7

Sunday 2nd	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School —Hymns
	10:15 am	Communion
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Mon. 3rd	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket making
	8:00 pm	Dartball at Zion
Tues. 4th	NO KIDS BELLS	
Wed. 5th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket making
Thurs. 6th	8:30 am	Devotions
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 7th	9:00 am	Preschool

Next week: February 9-15

Sunday 9th	Deadline for College Care Packages	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School —Hymns
	10:15 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Luther League meeting and Super Bowl Party
Mon. 10th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket making
	8:00 pm	Dartball at home (Dudleytown D)
Tues. 11th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 12th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket making
	6:00 pm	Doors open
	6:30 pm	Youth Night
Thurs. 13th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Friday 14th	9:00 am	Preschool
	5:45 pm	Students arrive
	6:30 pm	Valentine's Dinner
Sat. 15th	9:00 am	Christmas Decoration Swap & Giveaway

HEARING ASSISTANCE—We have headphones available for those in need of assistance with hearing. They are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS—We have gluten-free communion wafers available. Indicate to the pastor when you come up for communion if you need these.

FOOD PANTRY—The food pantry item being collected in February is soup. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors. Items are given to Anchor House and Provisions.

TURNING POINT—In February, we are collecting dish soap for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

LOST EARRING??? An earring was found in the kitchen. It's in the church office.

Adult Sunday School — Hymns

Join us as we focus upon the history of hymns, what the hymns mean, and scriptural background within the hymns. The goal of this study is to help everyone to understand these words that we sing in greater depth in order that this might enhance our worship.

Annual Congregation Meeting

TODAY
after the 10:15 worship service

Valentine Dinner Tickets

Friday, February 14 at 6:30 pm

Ticket are available at the Welcome Center:
\$10 single, \$20 couple, \$25 couple with kids

Jr. High students and parents, please sign up to help at the Welcome Center

College Care Packages

Deadline is February 9

It's time to send our first care packages to our college students! Please add snacks, notes, etc. Our students love to receive them!

Devotion Service

Thursday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Come join us at Borchers Breakfast Club afterwards.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

DEADLINE TO RETURN FORMS IS February 16

Classes begin March 9. The class will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:00 AM). If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Steve.

Luther League Meeting & Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m.

We will have our monthly meeting followed by a Super Bowl Party. Please bring a snack to share. We will use our meeting time to plan Easter Sunrise Service and our upcoming Cornhole Tournament.

Wednesday Youth Night

Wednesday, February 12

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for snacks and fellowship time. We will continue our study of hymn lyrics and worship music. Feel free to bring your instruments! We will also discuss upcoming schedules for the winter and Lent changes.

Christmas Decorations Swap & Giveaway

Saturday, February 15

9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

As you put away your Christmas decorations for the year, think about what you might want to get rid of.

Put those things aside, then bring them to the Christmas decorations swap and giveaway. Bring all you want to get rid of, and see how "one person's trash is another person's treasure"! At noon whatever is left will be gathered up and taken to a donation center.

Sunday School Valentine's Day Party

February 16 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

The Sunday School teachers are hosting a Valentine's Day party. This will be in place of our normal classroom schedule that day. We'll have cookies and punch, games, crafts and surprises. *All ages are welcome to attend! Come join us!!!*

HELP NEEDED: Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Plan to provide snacks for 60.

Suggestions are: fruit, muffins, donuts and prepackaged snacks.

Offering Envelopes for 2025

Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. If there are none with your name, but you would like envelopes please talk to Pastor Steve or Michelle.

Offering Financial Statements for 2024

Statements are available in the narthex.

Tai Chi Class

Every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

This is a meditative form of exercise based on components of ancient martial arts. This takes place for 40 minutes every Thursday morning at 9:30 in the preschool room. Drop-ins are welcome! There's no charge to participate!

Lutheran World Relief Blanket-Making

Monday and Wednesday at 1:00

We will meet from January thru the end of March to make blankets for Lutheran World Relief to send all over the world. Anyone is welcome to come help! No sewing experience required.

BLANKETS TO BE TIED

We're needing people to knot blankets for Lutheran World Relief.

Blankets are located by the Welcome Center. Place in Mission Outreach Closet when finished. Any questions, talk to Olga Otte or Wanda Engela.



Men's Group

Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Come for Bible study and fellowship. *All men are welcome!* Questions? Talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

BOOK BUZZ

February 24 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "*The Burning of Washington*" by Anthony Pitch. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!! Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Church services will be held, unless a travel ban has been issued for Jackson County. Please make your own decision if you want to venture out in inclement weather. WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE! *If there is a travel ban in Jackson County, all church activities will also be cancelled.*

BORCHERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Borchers Breakfast Club will coincide with the Seymour School Corporation's decisions for school closings and delays. If Seymour schools are closed OR delayed, Borchers Breakfast Club will be CANCELLED. Please listen to WZZB 1390 AM or 99.3 FM, or watch for closings on television stations.

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2025**

GOING DEEPER

The purpose of this page is to provide a tool or instrument for your spiritual growth. This page contains a brief synopsis of the readings as well as some questions for your reflection to help you go deeper with the Word. On the back is a day by day listing of scripture readings with possible prayer request. Individuals are listed on their day of birth—so that you might pray for them on their birthday. Also on the back is the prayer list for the congregation. Keep on Growing Spiritually!!

READINGS FOR THE DAY:

Jeremiah 1:4-10: God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God know not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

I Corinthians 13:1-13: Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:21-30: People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophet mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—How do you feel called by God? (Jeremiah 1:4-10)
- 2—How do you live out the greater gift of love in your daily life? (I Corinthians 13:1-13)
- 3—What are some of the challenging teachings of Jesus? (Luke 4:21-30)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and love: and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: I CORINTHIANS 13:13

¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 2/2

II Samuel 16:1-23

Luke 19:1-48

✦ Connor Shaw, Everett Newkirk, Pam Taulman

✦ world peace

Monday 2/3

II Samuel 17:1-29

Luke 20:1-47

✦ Mark Rorick, Gary Wente

✦ the Indiana-Kentucky Synod

Tuesday 2/4

II Samuel 18:1-33

Luke 21:1-38

✦ the stewardship ministry of the congregation

Wednesday 2/5

II Samuel 19:1-43

Luke 22:1-38

✦ Red Angel

✦ Mayor Matt Nicholson

Thursday 2/6

II Samuel 20:1-26

Luke 22:39-71

✦ police officers

Friday 2/7

II Samuel 21:1-22

Luke 23:1-56

✦ people grieving loved ones

Saturday 2/8

II Samuel 22:1-51

Luke 24:1-53

✦ Nancy Rotert, Lisa Cosby, Emily Reinbold

✦ Christians in Turkey

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Other Prayer Requests:

Pam Claycamp (falls)

Dena Schafstall

Kermit Paswater (brother of Daryl Paswater)

Patty Rouck (sister-in-law of Merrell Otte)

Megan White (leukemia—friend of Kendra Harris)

Hank Sharp

(sledding accident—friend of Linda & Larry Guinn)

Delbert Rust (hospice—cancer)

Florence Otte

Judy Wheatley (grandmother of Kevin Wheatley)

Scott Detraz (angioplasty—brother of Mandy Otte)

Ron Rapp (broken sholder—father of Nathan Rapp)

Jerry Walls (eye)

Dan Anderson

(back surgery/kidney disease—father of Rich Anderson)

Mary Ellen Herkamp Adams

(surgery—relative of Carmen Herkamp)

Alice Whitcomb Carfagno

(brain cancer— friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix)

Keila de Oliveria (cancer—mother of Jordana Hendrix)

Lizzie Morris (foot surgery)

Monty Reynolds (prostate cancer—friend of Kathy England)

Hallie Crane (leukemia—friend of Heidi Wheatley)

Annie Walton (friend of Carrie Morrison)

Hannah & Jimmy Whitaker

(medical concerns—friends of Kathy England)

Paul Lewis (melanoma-step-dad of Tim England)

Mark Gillespie (cancer-friend of Charlotte Guinn)

Kyra Groves (cancer—friend of Kirstie Newkirk)

Ernie Kleffman (back)

Treva & Danny Edwards

(health issues—relatives of Robert Smith)

Emilie Harmon (heart—friend of Amy Rosenberger)

Michelle Sallee (cancer—friend of Gretchen

Lawles and Linda Guinn)

Debbie Schroer

(kidney cancer-mother of Tracey Engelau)

Carol & Floyd Browning

Doug Stickles

(blood disorder-friend of Donald Schnitker)

Jean Max (pancreatic cancer—sister of Larry Isbell)

Steve Smith (cancer—brother-in-law of Mark Rorick)

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:

Helen Carter; Andy Runge; Gavin Brown (friend of Leah Otte); Robert Noblitt (Chris Kleffman's father)

Prayers for those in Military Service:

Noah Hendrix (nephew of KY Hendrix); Nate Otte (Chris Otte's cousin); Zachary Rieker (grandson of the late Jerry & Pixie Otte); Andrew Yerrell (Roger Douglass' grandson); Seth Douglass; Conner Douglass

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

January 26—8:00 service: 100 10:15 service: 68

Financial Report:

January 26—Spending Plan: \$4,511.00 Other giving: \$555.00 TOTAL: \$5,066.00

{The weekly amount needed to cover expenses in the
2025 Spending Plan is \$7,354.00}

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY 9:

Communion Assistant:

Doug Fish (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)

Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Emily Morris (8:00)

Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Ruth Ann Newkirk

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

Wanda Engelau

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 9:

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

OUR CORE VALUES:

1. **Spirituality** – to worship, grow and develop spiritually as Christians.
2. **Outreach** – to spread the message of God's love and grace by word and action
3. **Service to Others** – to live Christ's message to love one another

You can support the mission of our church by coming to worship, engaging in study, sharing the word, bringing a friend to church, taking part in Care Team initiatives, volunteering at church or in the community and loving one another. We invite you to join us in this journey.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

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Michelle's office hours:

Monday—8:30-2:30

Wednesday—8:30-2:30

Friday—8:30-12:30

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Services are available on YouTube:

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