

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

July 20, 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: John Rust

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Karen Dringenburg

Communion Assistant:
Milton Otte (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Gretchen Lawles (10:15)

Lectors:
Amelia Shaw (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

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

Projectors:
Kaelynn Engelau (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:
Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

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 & Sam Plumlee.....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: July 20-26		
Sunday 20th	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Communion
Mon. 21st	NO CHURCH COUNCIL	
Tues. 22nd	11:30 am	Ladies' Lunch at Jackson County Fair
	12:00 pm	Blood Drive (until 6:00)
Wed. 23rd	6:30 pm	Family Pool Night at Brownstown Pool (until 8:30 pm)
Thurs. 24th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi

Next week: July 27-August 2		
Sunday 27th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Quarterly Congregation Meeting
	10:15 am	Worship
Thurs. 31st	Deadline for small phone directory	
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi

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 items being collected in July are oatmeal, cereal and maple syrup. 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 July, we are laundry detergent for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Summer Sunday School

Needed:

Volunteers to lead

Volunteers to supply snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions, talk to Jamie Baker

Thank You, Daycampers!

To Daycampers and Staff -

What a beautiful surprise and honor! Thank you so much for collecting diapers and wipes for our mission. Did you know...over 500 children every month will be impacted by your kind hearts. Thank you for loving Jesus and all His children in Jackson County!

- My best, Jessica Olsen

Diaper Pantry Director

Sweet Cheeks Diaper Pantry

SWAP/GIVEAWAY

Sporting Goods & Entertainment

(books, DVDs, CDs, games)

Check out the items in the fellowship hall!

Leftover items will be taken to donation center tomorrow

Help Intern Beth Move In

Intern Beth's items will arrive on **Saturday, July 26**. Please talk to Pastor Steve if you are able to help with her move in.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 22
1:00 – 6:00 PM
in the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen directly to schedule your donation time. Tell your friends and family about the next blood drive date at St. Paul! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, July 22 at 11:30 a.m.
at the Jackson County Fair

Meet by tree near Sauers food booth

All are welcome for a short devotion, lunch and fellowship. Everyone pays for themselves.

Family Pool Night

July 23 6:30-8:30 p.m.
at Brownstown Pool

All welcome! ***An adult MUST be present with their child their entire time at the pool***

Summer Garden Share

On Sundays in July and August, there will be a table set up outside the front doors. If you have extra produce/vegetables from your garden, feel free to leave it there on Sunday mornings for others to take! Anything remaining after second service will be removed and taken to the Anchor House Food Pantry on Monday morning, by some of our congregation youth.

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

July 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Updating Small Phone Directory

Changes due by July 31

Please give address, email and phone number changes to the church office.

Trip to Hendricks County, Indiana

Wednesday, August 13

The day will begin with a visit to Avon Gardens where we'll have a private tour of the tranquil paths, enjoy the flowers and shop in the garden center. Next we will enjoy lunch at Oasis Diner, one of the only historical diners remaining on US 40. We will round out the day with a guided tour of Hendricks County Historical Museum and imagine life as an inmate of the Old County Jail. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you're interested.

Women's Group Ideas

I've had some people talk to me about possible ideas for new women's groups. If you are looking for something to enrich your spiritual and fellowship life, let me know what you're looking for. Hopefully we can get some new groups together.

—Michelle Wood

CORN NEEDED

We are in need of 40 gallons of freshly frozen corn for the Borchers Supper in November. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you can help.

Borchers Preschool Registration Forms

Registration forms for the 2025-26 school year are available at the Welcome Center.

Contacting College Students

We like to mail care packages to our college students. If your student would like to be a part of this, please supply the church office with their address.

Lutheran World Relief

It's time again to collect items for Lutheran World Relief school kits and personal care kits. Please put items in the Lutheran World Relief box near the kitchen.

School Supplies (for 200 kits):

- 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled)
- 30 cm rulers
- black **OR** blue ball point pens (no gel ink) ink pens
- boxes of 16 **OR** 24-count crayons

Personal Care Kits (for 100 kits):

- bath towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended)
 - bars of soap (4-4 1/2 oz.)
 - metal nail clippers (with **OR** without attached file)
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Fair Displays

August 3

Show off your 4-H projects, Family Arts entries, ribbons, 10 year displays or anything else fair related in the fellowship hall between services. Borchers is blessed with amazing talent; thank you for sharing it with us!

July 20,
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:

Genesis 18:1-10: The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

Colossians 1:15-28: This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is 'Christ in you.' Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

Luke 10:38-42: During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— How would you have responded to the Lord's visit if you were Abraham or Sarah? (Genesis 18:1-10)
- 2—What do you think 'Christ in you' means? (Colossians 1:15-28)
- 3—What are the distractions that you face in your life today? (Luke 10:38-42)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else.
Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: COLOSSIANS 1:27

²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 7/20

Job 14:1-22
 II Peter 2:1-22
 ✦ world peace

Monday 7/21

Job 15:1-35
 II Peter 3:1-18
 ✦ Olga Otte
 ✦ Heifer International

Tuesday 7/22

Job 16:1-22
 I John 1:1-10
 ✦ Lutheran World Hunger

Wednesday 7/23

Job 17:1-16
 I John 2:1-29
 ✦ Dean Dringenburg, Ryder Seay
 ✦ economic development in the area

Thursday 7/24

Job 18:1-21
 I John 3:1-24
 ✦ Larry Guinn, Amelia Shaw, Karen Davis
 ✦ Jackson County Fair

Friday 7/25

Job 19:1-29
 I John 4:1-21
 ✦ Jessica Otte, John Harris Jr.
 ✦ the new intern, Beth Sheedy

Saturday 7/26

Job 20:1-29
 I John 5:1-21
 ✦ Christians in Congo

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Mark Rorick (*heart surgery*)
 Dustin Jones (*broken neck—relative of Molly Claycamp*)
 Jetlyn Walls (*infant-heart surgery—niece of Shelby McCorny*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of David Sukay (*Amy Rotert's uncle*)
 Paul Otte (*heart*)
 Dot Goodwin (*fall*)
 Dan Anderson (*surgery*)
 Charlie Fox (*father of Ben Fox*)
 Pastor John Wanamaker (*cancer*)
 Bob Butcher (*health issues—friend of Susie Alstatt*)
 Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)
 Doris Otte (*pneumonia*)
 Gary Mellencamp (*heart*)
 Pete Engellau
 Ed Engellau (*cancer*)
 Betty Cox (*heart—friend of Sharon Carpenter*)
 Courtney Hardebeck (*illness—friend of Cassie Fox*)
 Lisa McGaha (*cancer—friend of Amy Rosenberger*)
 Steve Starr (*health issues*)
 John Schafstall (*heart*)
 Jan Otte (*foot surgery*)
 Pegi Bricker (*spinal surgery—friend of Kendra Harris*)
 Ainsleigh Knight (*accident—friend of Kathy England*)
 Kermit Paswater (*brother of Daryl Paswater*)
 Megan White (*leukemia—friend of Kendra Harris*)
 Keila de Oliveria (*mother of Jordana Hendrix*)
 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*)
 Michelle Sallee (*cancer—friend of Gretchen Lawles and Linda Guinn*)
 Debbie Schroer (*kidney cancer-mother of Tracey Engellau*)
 Carol & Floyd Browning
 Doug Stickles (*blood disorder-friend of Donald Schnitker*)
 Steve Smith (*cancer—brother-in-law of Mark Rorick*)

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch, Paul Newkirk

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*); Andrew Yerrell (*Roger Douglass' grandson*); Seth Douglass; Conner Douglass

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

July 13— 8:00 service: 74 10:15 service: 52

Financial Report:

July 13— available next week

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 27:

Communion Assistant:
NEED VOLUNTEER

Communion Prep:
Wanda Englau (8:00)

Lectors:
Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolytes:
Layne Thompson (8:00)
Deacon (10:15)

Projectors:
Michaela Smith (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Camera:
Tim England

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NEED VOLUNTEER

Sunday School leader:
Need volunteer

Sunday School snacks:
Need volunteer

READINGS FOR JULY 27:

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

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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