

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

July 27, 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:
Matt Tangman

Organist: Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Karen Dringenburg

Communion Assistant:
Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Wanda Engelau (8:00)

Lectors:
Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)
Micah Wayt (10:15)

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

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

Camera:
Tim England

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 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

Next week: August 3-9

Sunday 3rd	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Fair Displays
	9:00 am	Reception for Intern Beth
	10:15 am	Communion
	6:00 pm	Mission Trip Recap
Thurs. 7th	8:30 am	Devotions in the sanctuary
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi

Jamie is gone July 26-30

Trish will be gone July 31-August 3

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.

Please Wear Nametags

Please wear a nametag to help Intern Beth learn our names. Remember, she has many names to learn and we only have one.

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

TODAY at 9:00 a.m.

Help brighten someone's day!

In the narthex today, grab a bag of cards and brighten the day for a few folks! All that's needed to send cards to ten individuals is in the bag. All you need to do is address them and sign them.

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.

Updating Small Phone Directory

Changes due by July 31

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

Reception to Welcome Intern Beth

AUGUST 3
between services

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!

Anniversary Committee

Sunday, August 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Mission Trip Recap Meeting

Sunday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Trip participants will meet in the high school room to go over sharing their experiences during future worship. Please bring your "Dust" devotional books to this meeting.

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

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.

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.

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)

Parsonage Groundbreaking

August 10

We're breaking new ground—literally! Join us on **Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 AM** (during Sunday School) for a special **Groundbreaking Ceremony** as we celebrate the start of construction on our new parsonage. This is a moment of thanksgiving, vision, and community as we move forward in faith together.

We invite **everyone—young and old—to bring a shovel**—yes, really! After a brief service of blessing and dedication, all are welcome to take part in turning the first soil. Whether it's a garden spade or a golden ceremonial shovel, your participation will help mark this important milestone in the life of our congregation.

Let's come together in joy and hope for what God is building among us! After the groundbreaking, the 10:15 Service will be held at the picnic shelter and followed by the Sunday School picnic.

Sunday School Kickoff and Picnic

August 10

Students will lead the 10:15 a.m. service at the picnic woods this day before their picnic fun and games! **Please bring a side dish to share.**

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

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| 10:15 a.m. | Service at the Picnic Woods
<i>(Mission Trip Presentation)</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. (approx) | Meal - grilled burgers, hotdogs & pitch-in sides |
| 11:30 a.m. (approx) | Sunday School Games begin |

Regular Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, August 17 at 9 a.m.

OLGA'S 18th ANNUAL LABOR DAY PITCH-IN

August 31

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Olga Otte, 8575 N. Base Rd., Seymour. Meat, drinks and table service provided. Please bring food to share and your lawn chairs.
RSVP by August 24 to Olga

July 27,
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 18:20-32: In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Colossians 2:6-19: The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about 'the empty lure' of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

Luke 11:1-13: In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1— What surprises you about this encounter between Abraham and God? (Genesis 18:20-32)

2—In what ways do you feel others judge you? (Colossians 2:6-19)

3—What about Jesus' teaching on prayer speaks to you? (Luke 11:1-13)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 138:1

¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 7/27

Job 21:1-34

II John 1-13

✦ Kevin Wheatley, Ben Rapp, Eli Fox, Kayla Franke

✦ world peace

Monday 7/28

Job 22:1-30

III John 1-15

✦ Laberta Otte

✦ teachers preparing to return to school

Tuesday 7/29

Job 23:1-17

Jude 1-25

✦ Ben Fox, Sam Hoene

✦ Provisions Food Pantry

Wednesday 7/30

Job 24:1-25

Revelation 1:1-20

✦ the I-K Synod

Thursday 7/31

Job 25:1-6

Revelation 2:1-29

✦ Marc Fountain, Mandy Kleffman

✦ favorable weather

Friday 8/1

Job 26:1-14

Revelation 3:1-22

✦ Lutheran Colleges

Saturday 8/2

Job 27:1-23

Revelation 4:1-11

✦ Owen Newkirk

✦ Christians in Eithopia

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Dustin Jones (*broken neck—relative of Molly Claycamp*)

Jeltyl Walls (*infant-heart surgery—niece of Shelby McCory*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Betty Toxey (*fall—grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

Wanda Zakrzewski (*fall—grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

Mark Rorick (*heart surgery*)

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 Engalau

Ed Engalau (*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 Engalau*)

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 20— 8:00 service: 68 10:15 service: 67

Financial Report:

July 13— Spending Plan: \$2,325.00 Other giving: \$120.00 New parsonage: \$160.00
TOTAL: \$2,605.00

July 20— Spending Plan: \$3,572.13 Other giving: \$100.00 New parsonage: \$560.00
TOTAL: \$4,232.13

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 3:

Communion Assistant:

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Alstatt family (10:15)

Lectors:

Leah Otte (8:00)

Marj Rust (10:15)

Acolytes:

Wade Rapp (8:00)

Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Susie Schnitker (8:00)

Marc Fountain (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Ruth Ann Newkirk

Sunday School leader:

Need volunteer

Sunday School snacks:

Leah Otte

READINGS FOR AUGUST 3:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

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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