

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 3, 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  
Intern Beth Sheedy  
**Organist:** Olga Otte  
**Deacons:**  
Dan Holle; Karen Dringenburg

**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:**  
Tim England

**Altar flowers are provided by:**  
Ruth Ann Newkirk

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at the 10:15 a.m. service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Beth Sheedy.....Pastoral Intern  
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: 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
	9:00 am	Anniversary Committee meeting
	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

Trish is gone July 31-August 3

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**—We have head-phones 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in honor of the 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ruth Ann & Paul Newkirk on August 9.

**Next week: August 10-15**

Sunday 10th		Sunday School Picnic
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:30 am	Parsonage Groundbreaking
	10:15 am	Worship at picnic grove (Sunday School teacher recognition & Mission Trip presentation)
	11:00 am	Sunday School Picnic Games begin
	11:30 am	Pool Party at Brownstown Pool (until 6:30)
	4:30 pm	Borchers Preschool Back-to-School Night
	6:00 pm	
Monday 11th	9:00 am	Preschool (first day 3/4 and 4/5)
Tuesday 12th	7:00 pm	Internship Committee
Wed. 13th	8:30 am	Bus leave for trip to Hendricks County
	9:00 am	Preschool
	4:00 pm	Bus returns
Thurs. 14th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 15th	9:00 am	Preschool (first day 2/3)

## 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.

## Reception to Welcome Intern Beth

TODAY between services

## **Summer Garden Share**

On Sundays in 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.

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## **Fair Displays**

TODAY in the fellowship hall between services

We are blessed with amazing talent! Come see items our members have had at the surrounding county fairs.

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## **Anniversary Committee**

TODAY at 9:00 a.m.

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## **Mission Trip Recap Meeting**

TODAY 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.

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## **Meals for Dot Goodwin**

Beginning Tuesday, August 5

Dot Goodwin could use some help with meals twice a week — Tuesday and Thursday. Just a single-serving portion of whatever meal you're preparing. Meals to be delivered by 6:00 p.m. or call Dot to make other arrangements Please sign up at the Welcome Center to help.

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## **Devotional Service**

Thursday, August 7 at 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join us for devotions with Pastor Steve and Intern Beth. Afterwards, join us at Borchers Breakfast Club for breakfast, fellowship and games.

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## **Trip to Hendricks County, Indiana**

Wednesday, August 13

Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m.

The day will begin with a visit to Avon Gardens for a private tour of the tranquil paths, enjoy the flowers and shop in the garden center. Lunch is 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.

# **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!

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## **Sunday School Kickoff and Picnic**

**August 10**

Students will lead the 10:15 a.m. service at the picnic grove this day before 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 Grove<br><i>(Sunday School teacher recognition &amp; Mission Trip Presentation)</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. (approx) | Meal - grilled burgers, hotdogs & pitch-in sides  |
| 11:30 a.m. (approx) | Games begin   |

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

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## **Pool Party at Brownstown Pool**

Sunday, August 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

An adult **MUST** be present with children that attend

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## **Borchers Preschool Back-to-School Night**

Sunday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m.

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## **Internship Committee**

Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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## **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.

# **St. Paul Lutheran Borchers: Celebrating 175 Years in 2027**

The planning stages have begun for our 175th Anniversary in 2027. Please see sign up table & see where your talents may help & you may sign up more than once if you would like. Sign up for a month where you would like to help plan for events and how to celebrate that month. The themes for the months have been picked and there are suggestions as well. There are also sign-up sheets if you would like to help with the continuation of the history book, cook book, & picture directory. If you would like to donate to the 175th Anniversary for expenses etc., you may now do that by marking your envelope, "175th Anniversary". If you have any questions please ask the Anniversary Committee members: Angel Wenthe, Carmen Herkamp, Amelia Shaw, Heidi Rust, Judy Wanning, Leah Otte, & Pastor Steve.

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## **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:

- 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled) — need 400
- black **OR** blue ball point pens (no gel ink) ink pens — need 800
- boxes of 16 **OR** 24-count crayons — need 75 boxes
- 2 1/2" eraser — need 175

### Personal Care Kits:

- bath towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended) — need 92
  - bars of soap (4-4 1/2 oz.) — need 70
  - metal nail clippers (with **OR** without attached file) — need 60
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## **OLGA'S 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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.

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## **Thank You**

This is way past due, but we so appreciate all the calls, cards, visits and meals over the past few months. It seems we've gone from one obstacle to another, and by God's grace, we're still here. Our church family is such a blessing to us. All the little things and the prayers make a beautiful difference.

Thank you & God's blessings,  
Paul & Jan Otte



# PREPARING FOR LIFE'S TRANSITIONS

**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church-Borchers**  
10792 N County Road 210 E  
Seymour, IN 47274



Blake Reed, experienced elder law attorney with Voelz, Reed, & Mount, LLC, explains what steps can be taken to ensure that you and your loved ones have the knowledge you need to be prepared for life transitions and the potential cost of long term care.

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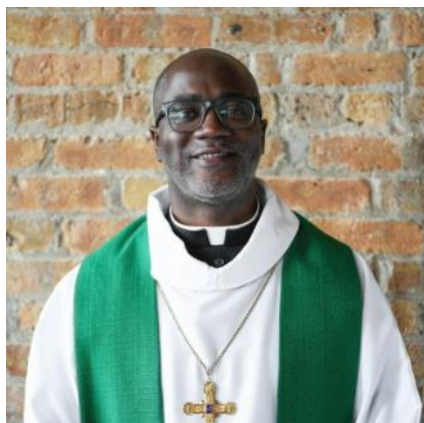
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## **How your compassion is helping in Texas**

The full scope of the damage is still unknown. What we do know is hundreds of families are in urgent need of basic supplies as they clean up, recover and navigate immense grief and loss. In these early days, your compassion is providing Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits as well as distributing emergency food, water, tarps, clean up kits, hygiene supplies and clothing to people whose homes were damaged or destroyed. LWR and our partners continue to assess needs and — with your generous support — will expand our response as we are able.



### **New ELCA Bishop Elected**

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected to serve a 6-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center.

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA.

Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah Chapel.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013.

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# 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:**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23:** The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a 'vanity of vanities.' Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

**Colossians 3:1-11:** Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

**Luke 12:13-21:** In God's reign, the 'rich will be sent away empty.' Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

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## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

1—How does the Ecclesiastes text speaks to your life today?

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

2—How do you set your mind on things that are above?

(Colossians 3:1-11)

3—What does this passage say about things? (Luke 12:13-21)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight. Amen.*

## **NOTES**

## **MEMORY VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:2**

<sup>2</sup>Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,



# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 8/3

Job 28:1-28  
Revelation 5:1-14  
✦ Beau Cragun  
✦ world peace

## Monday 8/4

Job 29:1-25  
Revelation 6:1-17  
✦ Cathy Schafstall, Brian Rorick  
✦ youth preparing to return to school

## Tuesday 8/5

Job 30:1-31  
Revelation 7:1-17  
✦ Anchor House

## Wednesday 8/6

Job 31:1-40  
Revelation 8:1-13  
✦ Dana Layton  
✦ the ELCA

## Thursday 8/7

Job 32:1-22  
Revelation 9:1-21  
✦ the shut-ins of the congregation

## Friday 8/8

Job 33:1-33  
Revelation 10:1-11  
✦ Nina Paswater, Mark Hoffmeier  
✦ the Red Cross

## Saturday 8/9

Job 34:1-37  
Revelation 11:1-19  
✦ Christians in Nigeria

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

Dustin Jones (*broken neck—relative of Molly Claycamp*)  
Jetyln Walls (*infant-heart surgery-niece of Shelby McCory*)

### Other Prayer Requests:

Pam Claycamp (*broken arm*)  
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 Engela  
Ed Engela (*cancer*)  
Betty Cox (*heart—friend of Sharon Carpenter*)  
Courtney Hardebeck (*illness—friend of Cassie Fox*)  
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 Engela*)  
Carol & Floyd Browning  
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 & Joana Yerrell (*Roger Douglass' grandson & wife*); Seth Douglass

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

### We Worshipped:

July 27— 8:00 service: 80      10:15 service: 48

### Financial Report:

July 27— Spending Plan: \$6,268.00 Other giving: \$60.00 New parsonage: \$55.00  
TOTAL: \$6,423.00

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

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 10:

#### Communion Assistant:

Donald Schnitker (8:00)

#### Communion Prep:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

#### Lectors:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Youth at picnic grove (10:15)

#### Acolytes:

Caleb Wheatley (8:00)

Youth at picnic grove (10:15)

#### Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

10:15 is outdoor service

#### Camera:

Hannah Baker

#### Altar flowers are provided by:

Tammi Reinbold

### READINGS FOR AUGUST 10:

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

### 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:

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Wednesday—8:30-2:30

Friday—8:30-12:30

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Services are available on YouTube:

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