

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 10, 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:
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

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
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 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
	11:30 am	Games begin
	4:30 pm	Pool Party at Brownstown Pool (until 6:30)
	6:00 pm	Borchers Preschool Back-to-School Night
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)

Next week: August 17-22

Sunday 17th		Newsletter Deadline
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Regular Sunday School begins
	10:15 am	Communion
Monday 18th	9:00 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday 19th	11:30 am	Ladies' Lunch at GuateMex
Wed. 20th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 21st	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle NO MEN'S GROUP
Friday 22nd	9:00 am	Preschool

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 August is boxed macaroni & cheese. 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, Provisions or Jamestown Apartments.

TURNING POINT—In August, we are collecting deodorant (women's and men's) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Casey & Mallory Paswater on the birth of their son, Tate Garrett, born on June 24, 2025. He joins big sisters, Cora, Wren and Perry. Proud grandparents are Nina & Deryl Paswater.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Sara Otte from her family.

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.

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.

Parsonage Groundbreaking

TODAY at 9:30 a.m.

We're breaking new ground—literally! Join us 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. Let's come together in joy and hope for what God is building among us!

Sunday School Kickoff and Picnic

TODAY

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
<i>(Sunday School teacher recognition & 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.

Pool Party at Brownstown Pool

TODAY from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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

Borchers Preschool Back-to-School Night

TODAY at 6:00 p.m.

Gerkenmeyer Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to those receiving the Gerkenmeyer Scholarship: Kayla Baker, Greta Brown, Ella Engellau, Owen Kruse and Emily Reinbold.

The purpose of the Emil Gerkenmeyer Foundation is to encourage young members of St. Paul Lutheran Church to be confirmed, remain active in their church, and pursue education beyond high school. The Emil Gerkenmeyer Foundation Inc. was funded in 2002 with a gift from his estate in the amount of \$150,000. This scholarship is available after completing one year of college or trade school.

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.

Internship Committee

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

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!

Stop by the sign-up table and see where your talents may help. Sign up for a month where you would like to help plan for events and celebrations for that particular topic. The themes for the months have been picked and there are suggestions as well. Sign up more than once if you would like.

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 Wente, Carmen Herkamp, Amelia Shaw, Heidi Rust, Judy Wanning, Leah Otte, Amy Rotert & Pastor Steve.

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:

- 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

Recycling List

A new list is available at the Welcome Center of items allowed and not allowed

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

NEW Groups

***PLEASE sign up at the Welcome Center
if any of these groups interest you!***

Women's In-Depth Bible Study

This will be a in-depth Bible study with homework.

Mom's of Young Children

This will be for moms of children from infants-elementary school. The group will decide if they want to do a Bible study, walk together, play at the park, etc.

Young Adult Group

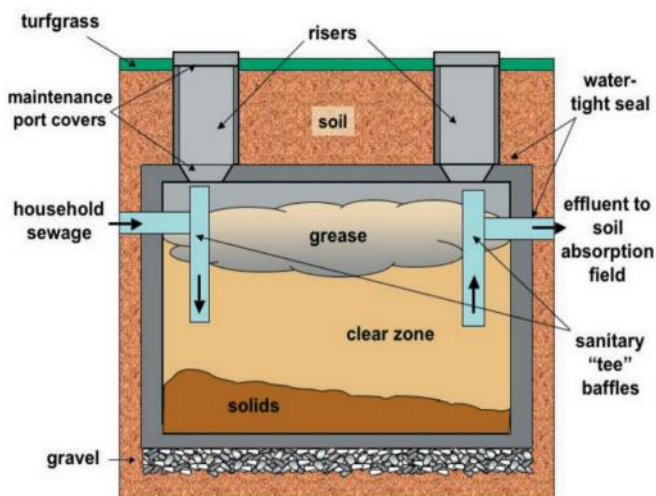
This will be for young adults from ages 19-30. This group will decide if they want to do Bible study, get together for meals, and any other ideas they come up with.

Any questions, talk to Michelle Wood. Michelle will not be leading the groups, but helping facilitate getting them started.



Septic System Maintenance 101

Thursday 8/14, 6:00–7:00
St Paul Lutheran Borchers



Do you know how to take care of your septic system? Sign up for our FREE one-hour workshop – pizza included!

www.friendsoflakemonroe.org/septic



Have questions? Contact Maggie Sullivan at 812-558-0217 or watershed@friendsoflakemonroe.org



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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:

Genesis 15:1-6: God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16: Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Luke 12:32-40: Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—What is remarkable about the promise to Abram? (Genesis 1:1-6)
- 2—When you look to the future and imagine God's kingdom, what do you see? (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)
- 3—What does it mean that God will give you the kingdom? (Luke 12:32-40)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: LUKE 12:32

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 8/10

Job 35:1-16
Revelation 12:1-18
✦ world peace

Monday 8/11

Job 36:1-33
Revelation 13:1-18
✦ Seth Wunning
✦ Sunday School

Tuesday 8/12

Job 37:1-24
Revelation 14:1-20
✦ Beau Cupp
✦ people rebuilding after natural diasters

Wednesday 8/13

Job 38:1-41
Revelation 15:1-8
✦ Jessica Howard
✦ new Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

Thursday 8/14

Job 39:1-30
Revelation 16:1-21
✦ Leo Cupp
✦ people suffering from dementia

Friday 8/15

Job 40:1-24
Revelation 17:1-18
✦ David Rotert
✦ the mission of the congregation

Saturday 8/16

Job 41:1-34
Revelation 18:1-24
✦ Abe Engellau
✦ Christians in South Sudan

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

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

Other Prayer Requests:

Karen Wiesehan (*heart cath*)
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 Engellau
Ed Engellau (*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 Engellau*)
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 & Joanah Yerrell (*Roger Douglass' grandson & wife*); Seth Douglass

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

August 3— 8:00 service: 93 10:15 service: 70

Financial Report:

Financial report next week

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 17:

Communion Assistant:

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Alstatt family (10:15)

Lectors:

Lou Ann Hoevenner (8:00)

Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Ben Rapp (8:00)

Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Michaela Smith (8:00)

Michelle Wood (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Linda Guinn

READINGS FOR AUGUST 17:

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

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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