

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 17, 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:**  
Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)  
Micah Wayt (10:15)

**Acolytes:**  
Caleb Baker (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

**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.

<b>This week: August 17-22</b>		
Sunday 17th	Newsletter Deadline	
	8:00 am	Worship
	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

<b>Next week: August 24-29</b>		
Sunday 24th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
Monday 25th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
Wed. 27th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 28th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 29th	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.

**THANK YOU** for all the prayers and well wishes during my recent illness.

Mark Rorick

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Aimee & Tyler Nichalson on the birth of their daughter, Riley Renae, born on August 10, 2025. She joins big brother, Kasen.

## 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.

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## **Sunday School**

***BEGINNING TODAY***

### **Youth Sunday School**

All our youth are invited to join us for Opening in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Then you'll go to your classrooms.

### **Adult Sunday School**

We will begin a new study on the book of Judges. Everyone is welcome!

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## **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.

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## **Newsletter Deadline**

Newsletter deadline is TODAY

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## **Ladies' Lunch**

Tuesday, August 19 at 11:30 a.m.  
at GuateMex, 103 N. Chestnut St., Seymour

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

Everyone pays for themselves.

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## **Ruth Circle**

Thursday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m. at church

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## **Labor Day Weekend**

**One Worship Service**

**August 31 at 9:00 a.m.**

Please sign up at the Welcome Center to help

# **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**

## **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.

## **BOOK BUZZ**

**Monday, August 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

We'll discuss books we've read over the summer and pick books to discuss for upcoming months. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

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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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## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, September 16  
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.

# **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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## **Recycling List**

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

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## **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 forty minutes every Thursday morning at 9:30, in the preschool room. Drop-ins are welcome! There's no charge to participate! Our volunteer instructor is Beth Goodwin.

# **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.

January — Anniversary Service/Kickoff  
February — Talent  
March — Easter through the Ages  
April — Confirmation Chronicles  
May — Lutheran Ladies  
June — Our Origins  
July — Agriculture in Our Congregation  
August — Youth Groups  
September — Mission Festival  
October — Family Fellowship  
November — Luther League  
December — The Future of Our Congregation

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 Wheatley, Judy Wanning, Leah Otte, Amy Rotert & Pastor Steve.*



# 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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# 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 23:23-29:** Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2:** The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this 'cloud of witnesses,' we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

**Luke 12:49-56:** Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

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## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

- 1—How is God's word like fire? (Jeremiah 23:29:1-6)
- 2—What do these stories of faith teach us? (Hebrews 11:29-12:2)
- 3—Why might Jesus have pushed against duty-based relationships? (Luke 12:49-56)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.*

## **NOTES**

## **MEMORY VERSE: HEBREWS 12:1**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,



# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 8/17

Job 42:1-17

Revelation 19:1-21

✦ John Knoke, Weston Claycamp, Andrew Shaw

✦ world peace

## Monday 8/18

Psalms 2:1-11

Revelation 20:1-15

✦ Linda Claycamp, Emmett McCorry, Hannah Davis

✦ St. Paul's youth ministry

## Tuesday 8/19

Psalms 3:1-8

Revelation 21:1-27

✦ Courtney Mansfield, Tyson Lawles, Emerson Ingle

✦ Lutheran Camps

## Wednesday 8/20

Psalms 4:1-8

Revelation 22:1-21

✦ Michael Baker, Walker Dunn

✦ church council

## Thursday 8/21

Psalms 5:1-12

Matthew 1:1-25

✦ John Rust, Oliver Lanam, Finley Cragun, Liliana Swaney

✦ Borcher's Preschool

## Friday 8/22

Psalms 6:1-10

Matthew 2:1-23

✦ Thomas Hoffmeier

✦ the mission of the congregation

## Saturday 8/23

Psalms 7:1-17

Matthew 3:1-17

✦ Robert Smith, Kathy Kleffman

✦ Christians in Chad

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

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

Jetlyn Walls (*infant-heart surgery—niece of Shelby McCorry*)

### Other Prayer Requests:

Angie Lucas (*cancer*)

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

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 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*)

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

### Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch, Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wentz

### Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

### We Worshipped:

**August 10**— 8:00 service: 80      10:15 service: 85

### Financial Report:

**August 3**— Spending Plan: \$7,454.15 Other giving: \$205.00 New parsonage: \$225.00  
TOTAL: \$7,884.15

**August 10**— Spending Plan: \$4,032.75 Other giving: \$150.00 New parsonage: \$90.00  
TOTAL: \$4,272.75

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

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 24:

#### Communion Assistant:

Donald Schnitker (8:00)

#### Communion Prep:

Phyllis Cupp (8:00)

#### Lectors:

Amy Rotert (8:00)

Leon Seitz (10:15)

#### Acolytes:

Warren Newkirk (8:00)

Deacon (10:15)

#### Projectors:

Susie Schnitker (8:00)

Kathy England (10:15)

#### Camera:

Hannah Baker

#### Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

#### Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

### READINGS FOR AUGUST 24:

Isaiah 58:9-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

### 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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