

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 31, 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

**Lector:**  
Mandy Otte

**Acolyte:**  
*Need volunteer*

**Projectors:**  
*Need volunteer*

**Camera:**  
*Need volunteer*

**Altar flowers are provided by:**  
Laberta Otte

**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 31– September 5**  
 Sunday 31st **1 service — 9:00 a.m.**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Monday 1st OFFICE CLOSED  
 NO PRESCHOOL

Wed. 3rd 9:00 am Preschool

Thurs. 4th 8:30 am Devotional service  
 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club  
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Friday 5th 9:00 am Preschool

**Next week: September 7-12**

Sunday 7th 8:00 am Worship  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Communion  
 5:00 pm Anniversary  
 Committee meeting  
 6:30 pm Adult Bells  
 7:00 pm Choir

Monday 8th 9:00 am Preschool

Tues. 9th 6:00 pm Life Transitions  
 Presentation  
 6:30 pm Kids Bells  
 7:00 pm Internship Committee  
 meeting

Wed. 10th 9:00 am Preschool  
 6:30 pm Wednesday Youth  
 Night  
 6:30 pm Words Bible Study

Thurs. 11th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast  
 Club  
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Friday 12th 9:00 am Preschool

**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 September are Anchor House East items. These homeless individuals need lunch items that can be taken with them as they leave the overnight shelter. Such items include tuna packets, chicken packets, beef jerky, Slim Jims, packs of whole nuts, fruit cups, chips, juice boxes, and Gatorade. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked “Food Pantry”, or in the basket near the main entry doors.

**TURNING POINT**—In September, we are collecting nail clippers, Chapstick and Q-tips 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.

## 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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## 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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## Devotional Service

Thursday, September 4 at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to our devotional service and then join us for Borchers Breakfast Club's breakfast, games and fellowship.

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## Help needed: 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 300
- black **OR** blue ball point pens (**no gel ink**) ink pens — need 700
- blunt scissors — need 160
- **Unsharpened** #2 pencils — need 350

### Personal Care Kits:

- bath towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended) — need 70
  - bars of soap (4 oz.) — need 150
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## Preparing for Life's Transitions

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.

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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## Small Phone Directory

Updated copies of the small phone directory are available at the Welcome Center.

## **NEW Groups**

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

***Please sign up by September 21***

### **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.

## **Choir**

Sunday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

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## **Adult Bells**

Sunday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

All high school age and above are welcome!

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## **Anniversary Committee Meeting**

Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.

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## **Internship Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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## **BOOK BUZZ**

Monday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "*Maisie Dobbs*" by Jacqueline Winspear. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

## **Bible Study Series: Words We Use, Words We Need to Understand**

Every Other Wednesday from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

### **Schedule:**

- ♦ Sept. 10--Grace I
- ♦ Sept. 24—Grace II

**Bring:** Your Bible, a notebook, and your questions!

Led by Pastor Steve

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### **Upcoming Trips:**

On Monday, September 15th the bus will be travelling to the Seymour Water Treatment Facility on County Road 525 N, on the outskirts of Seymour, for a 9:00 tour. Lunch will be enjoyed at Larrison's Diner afterwards. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, even if you're driving, so we have an accurate count.

On Wednesday, October 15th the bus will be headed for the Covered Bridge Festival in Bridgeton, IN. Indiana's largest festival is packed with arts and crafts and foods GALORE! Vendors and historic buildings line the street of this quaint little town, with beautiful fall foliage as the backdrop. Don't miss this event! Watch for a signup on the Welcome Center.

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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.

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### **UPCOMING: SWAP/GIVEAWAY Tupperware & Pet Supplies**

Saturday, September 20 from 9:00-10:30  
*(will remain on display Sunday, September 21)*

There has been interest expressed in "getting rid of our stuff". Things accumulate over the years and before we know it we just have too much stuff! Bring your excess themed stuff (clean and in working order, please!) to give away to others, and take what you need! Anything left over is then donated.

# **Youth Info**

## **Kids Bells**

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

New ringers are welcome to join us! We will play during services approximately once a month. Contact Jamie Baker with any questions.

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## **Wednesday Youth Night**

September 10  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday night gathering for students in grades 6-12. Teens will have a chance to unwind, learn some new songs and participate in a Bible study. Please talk to Jamie Baker or Maddie Whiteside with any questions.

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## **NEW Youth Activity Policy**

A fee may be charged to any students that are a “no show” or last minute cancellation on activities that need to be paid in advance. Please keep this in mind when signing up and help us use our youth funds wisely! Thank you! Please talk to Jamie Baker or Maddie Whiteside with any questions.

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## **Jr. High Activity—Skyzone**

Sunday, September 21

Bus leaves at 2:00 p.m.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Cost is covered by the Jr. High activity fund.

# **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 have any questions please ask the Anniversary Committee members: Angel Wentz, Carmen Herkamp, Amelia Shaw, Heidi Wheatley, Judy Wanning, Leah Otte, Amy Rotert & Pastor Steve.*

**August 31,  
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:**

**Proverbs 25:6-7:** The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16:** The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

**Luke 14:1, 7-14:** Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

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## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

1—What does the Proverbs text teach you about how to live your life? (Proverbs 25:6-7)

2—What does it mean to us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever? (Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16)

3—What kind of hospitality or humility might God be inviting you to offer, without expectation of reciprocity? (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **NOTES**

## **MEMORY VERSE: HEBREWS 13:8**

<sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 8/31

Psalm 15:1-5  
Matthew 11:1-30  
✦ world peace

## Monday 9/1

Psalm 16:1-11  
Matthew 12:1-50  
✦ Betty Moorman, Bryce Rorick  
✦ St. Paul's congregational council

## Tuesday 9/2

Psalm 17:1-15  
Matthew 13:1-58  
✦ Jack Rosenberger  
✦ Lutheran Refugee & Immigration Services

## Wednesday 9/3

Psalm 18:1-50  
Matthew 14:1-36  
✦ farmers

## Thursday 9/4

Psalm 19:1-14  
Matthew 15:1-39  
✦ Linda Newkirk, PK Morrison  
✦ Community Diner

## Friday 9/5

Psalm 20:1-9  
Matthew 16:1-28  
✦ hospital workers

## Saturday 9/6

Psalm 21:1-13  
Matthew 17:1-27  
✦ Christians in Syria

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

### Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Pete Engelay  
Luke Jackson (*broken arm*)  
Kevin Trask (*cancer—friend of Chris Otte*)  
Angie Lucas (*cancer*)  
Steve Smith (*brain cancer—brother-in-law of Mark Rorick*)  
Dustin Jones (*broken neck—relative of Molly Claycamp*)  
Pam Claycamp (*broken arm*)  
Betty Toxey (*fall-grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)  
Wanda Zakrzewski (*fall-grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)  
Dot Goodwin (*fall*)  
Dan Anderson (*father of Rich Anderson*)  
Charlie Fox (*father of Ben Fox*)  
Pastor John Wanamaker (*cancer*)  
Bob Butcher (*health issues—friend of Susie Alstatt*)  
Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)  
Gary Mellencamp (*heart*)  
Ed Engelay (*cancer*)  
Courtney Hardebeck (*illness—friend of Cassie Fox*)  
Pegi Bricker (*spinal surgery—friend of Kendra Harris*)  
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*)  
Trevia & 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 Engelay*)  
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 24**— 8:00 service: 105      10:15 service: 68

### Financial Report:

**August 24**— Spending Plan: \$4,041.00   Other giving: \$185.00   New parsonage: \$145.00  
TOTAL: \$4,371.00

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

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 7:

#### Communion Assistant:

Marj Rust (10:15)

#### Communion Prep:

Nina Franke (10:15)

#### Lectors:

Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

#### Acolytes:

Wade Rapp (8:00)

Deacon (10:15)

#### Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Isaac Rust (10:15)

#### Camera:

Tim England

#### Altar flowers are provided by:

Charlena Warfield

#### Sunday School Snacks:

Amelia Shaw

### READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 7:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

### 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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Web Site: [stpaul-borchers.org](http://stpaul-borchers.org)

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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