

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 7, 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:**
Marj Rust (10:15)
- Communion Prep:**
Nina Franke (10:15)
- Lectors:**
Lou Ann Hoevenner (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

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: 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.

Next week: September 14-20

Sunday 14th	Newsletter deadline	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	5:00 pm	WINGS
	5:00 pm	Confirmation 1
	6:30 pm	Confirmation 2
	6:30 pm	Luther League
Monday 15th	9:00 am	Preschool
	9:00 pm	Bus leaves for Water Treatment Facility trip
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues. 16th	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch at Azucar
	1:00 pm	Blood Drive (until 6:00)
	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 17th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 18th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle at Rails
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Friday 19th	9:00 am	Preschool
Sat. 20th	9:00 am	Swap (Tupperware & Pet Supplies) (until 10:30)

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.

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.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Adult Bells

TODAY at 6:30 p.m.

All high school age and above are welcome!

Choir

TODAY at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

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.

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.

Internship Committee Meeting

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

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.

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

Sept. 10--Grace I

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

Bring: Your Bible, a notebook, and your questions! Led by Pastor Steve

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.

Upcoming Trips:

Seymour Water Treatment Facility
Monday, September 15

We will travel 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.

Covered Bridge Festival in Bridgeton, IN.
Wednesday, October 15

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! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

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.

NEW Groups

PLEASE sign up at the Welcome Center

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.

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

Mission Festival: Kairos Prison Ministry

Sunday, September 21

We continue the tradition of the Mission Festival—where we have a ministry come and share how they are making a difference for the kingdom of God.

Kairos holds a Via de Cristo weekend at a prison—teaching inmates about the love of God and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

A breakfast will take place between services.

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to provide food and volunteer to help.

YOUTH INFO

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.

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.

Elementary Group

Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone in grades K-5 are invited!

Confirmation Class

Sunday, September 14

Confirmation 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Luther League

Sunday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is grades 9-12 are invited!

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 21 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

If you're not able to attend but want to acolyte, please talk to Pastor Steve.

Projector/Camera Training

Sunday, September 21 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

We need people to be trained for both services. All who are interested, please come!

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.

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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:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20: Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

Philemon 1-21: While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Luke 14:25-33: Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—How do you choose life in your daily life? (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)
- 2—Who is it that you need to be reconciled with? (Philemon 1-21)
- 3—What cross are you carrying? (Luke 14:25-33)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: LUKE 14:27

²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 9/7

Psalm 22:1-31
Matthew 18:1-35
✦ world peace

Monday 9/8

Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 19:1-30
✦ St. Paul's youth ministry

Tuesday 9/9

Psalm 24:1-10
Matthew 20:1-34
✦ Linda Seitz, George Mansfield IV, Lori Hatfield, Ben Simmons
✦ hospice workers

Wednesday 9/10

Psalm 25:1-22
Matthew 21:1-46
✦ Charlotte Warfield
✦ pastors

Thursday 9/11

Psalm 26:1-12
Matthew 22:1-46
✦ Dugan Otte
✦ our country

Friday 9/12

Psalm 27:1-14
Matthew 23:1-39
✦ Jacob Rotert, Sophia Hoene
✦ preschool teachers

Saturday 9/13

Psalm 28:1-9
Matthew 24:1-51
✦ Mandy Otte, Noah Rorick
✦ Christians in Jordan

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Kevin Trask (*cancer—friend of Chris Otte*)
Ed Engelau (*cancer*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Frank Ault (*neighbor of Tammi Reinbold*)
Luke Jackson (*broken arm*)
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*)
Courtney Hardebeck (*illness—friend of Cassie Fox*)
Pegi Bricker (*spinal surgery—friend of Kendra Harris*)
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 Engelau*)
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 31— 9:00 service: 87

Financial Report:

August 31— Spending Plan: \$10,269.50 Other giving: \$2,175.00 New parsonage: \$588.23
TOTAL: \$13,032.73

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 14:

Communion Assistant:

Doug Fish (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Gwen Newkirk (10:15)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)

Judy Wonning (10:15)

Acolytes:

Henry Engelau (8:00)

Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Kaelynn Engelau (8:00)

Marc Fountain (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Carmen Herkamp

Sunday School Snacks:

Susie Alstatt

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14:

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

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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