

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

October 12, 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:**
Chris Otte (8:00)
- Communion Prep:**
Tammi Reinbold (8:00)
- Lectors:**
Lou Ann Hoevenner (8:00)
Lois Bryden (10:15)
- Acolytes:**
Abe Engelau (8:00)
Deacon (10:15)
- Projectors:**
Kaelynn Engelau (8:00)
Isaac Rust (10:15)
- Camera:**
Tim England
- Altar flowers are provided by:**
Carmen Herkamp

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: October 12-17

Sunday 12th 8:00 am Communion
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Worship
 5:00 pm Anniversary Committee meeting
 5:00 pm Anointing at Borchers Chapel (until 6:00)
 NO ADULT BELLS
 NO CHOIR

Monday 13th NO PRESCHOOL

Tues. 14th 6:30 pm Kids Bells
 7:00 pm Internship Committee

Wed. 15th 7:00 am Bus leaves for Covered Bridge Festival
 NO PRESCHOOL

Thurs. 16th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi
 1:00 pm Ruth Circle at church
 7:00 pm Women's In-depth Bible study
 7:00 pm Men's Group

Friday 17th NO PRESCHOOL
 9:00 am Deliver LWR boxes to Greenwood

Next week: October 19-24

Sunday 19th Confirmation Retreat forms & deposit due
 Newsletter deadline
 8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Communion
 6:30 pm Adult Bells
 7:00 pm Choir

Monday 20th 9:00 am Preschool
 7:00 pm Church Council

Tues. 21st 11:30 am Ladies Lunch at Mi Casa
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
 6:30 pm Kids Bells

Wed. 22nd 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Wednesday Youth Night
 6:30 pm Words Bible study

Thurs. 23rd 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi
 7:00 pm Women's In-depth Bible study

Friday 24th 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Luther League Bonfire & Movie Night

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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Quilts—344 School kits—173 Personal Care kits—27 Baby kits—39

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.

Magnifying Devices

We now have magnifying devices available on the bulletin table.

Adult Sunday School

The book of Judges

The book of Judges recounts the turbulent period in Israel's history between the death of Joshua and the rise of the monarchy, when Israel had no king and "everyone did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges 21:25). It follows a recurring cycle of sin, oppression, repentance, and deliverance as God raises up judges — military leaders and deliverers — to rescue the Israelites from their enemies. The book highlights God's faithfulness and the growing moral and spiritual decline of the people.

Confirmation Retreat Forms & Deposit

Due October 19

Please give \$25 deposit and medical release forms to Pastor Steve.

College Care Packages

Deadline is October 26

It's time to send our first care packages to our college students! We have 21 boxes to fill in the narthex. Please add snacks, notes, etc. Our students love to receive them!

Anointing for Healing and Private Communion

TODAY from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Borchers Chapel

Pastor Steve is making available time for the opportunity to be anointed with oil and prayed over for healing. During this hour, people are invited to drop by any time. Communion will also be available. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Internship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, October 19

Meg Brown Senior Project: Turning Point Smile Supply Kit

Meg is collecting items to make kits for Turning Point Domestic Violence Services. Items needed are for adults and children:

toothbrushes — toothpaste — toothbrush covers — floss — tooth necklaces

Please put items in the container near the Welcome Center. Meg is also accepting monetary donations for this project.

Trip: Covered Bridge Festival

in Bridgeton, IN

Wednesday, October 15 — Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m.

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. Bus is full, but people can drive on their own.

Kids Bells

Tuesday, October 14, 21 and 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Pet Supplies Plus Factory Tour

Tuesday, November 18

After the tour lunch will be enjoyed at Mae's Townhouse. The Care Team will provide \$5 toward each attendee's lunch. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested.

Snacks for ESL Classes

If you are willing to provide 2-3 dozen cookies or bars for participants in the English as a Second Language (ESL) class being offered at Brown Elementary, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Delivery information is on the sign-up sheet. Any questions, please talk to Ruth Ann Hendrix.

Ruth Circle

Thursday, October 16 — 1:00 p.m. at church

Men's Group

Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. Come for Bible study and fellowship. ***All men are welcome!*** Questions? Talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

Women's In-depth Bible Study

Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, October 21 at 11:30 a.m.
at Mi Casa, 101 S. Broadway, Seymour

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

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, October 26 11:15 a.m.

Items to be discussed:

- Election of Church Council

Church Council positions to be filled:

Chairman—Treasurer—Elder—Trustee—Deacon (10:15)

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| • 2026 spending plan | • Parsonage update |
| • Hiring of Financial Manager | • Applying for an intern for 2026-27 school year |
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BOOK BUZZ

Monday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! We will discuss *"The Paris Library"* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Memory Book for All Saints Day

November 2

As part of the morning worship service for All Saints Day, we will be remembering those who died in the past year. Please add names of those to be remembered to the memory book on the Welcome Center. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

Luther League Bonfire & Movie Night

Friday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Bonfire and Movie in the picnic grove. Bring friends! We will sign up for food and vote for a movie in the GroupMe App. Questions, talk to Karen Dringenburg, Kasthy England or Jamie Baker.



Borchers Supper & Bazaar

November 7 • 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Supper includes a turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings
FREE-WILL DONATION
 25% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT WORLD HUNGER

Everyone's help, in some way, makes it go smoother

HELP NEEDED:

- Kitchen Crew—prepare food and place in roasters
 - 9:00 am-4:00 pm —2 spots need filled
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Dishwashers (keep items washed & ready for re-use)
 - Noon-3:00 pm
 - 3:00-5:30 pm
 - 5:30-8:00 pm
- Bus tables (clear & clean tables)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Carrying Assistance (help carry trays & fill carryout boxes)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
- Wipe trays (wipe trays off for re-use)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Serving drinks
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Serving Line Tables (monitor serving line & notify kitchen if getting low)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Salads (replenish serving line)
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Desserts (set-up work area, place desserts, replenish table)
 - 2:00-5:30 pm
- Table decorations
- Bazaar area (collect money and oversee crafts/baked goods)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Box up shut-in meals — need 1 more
- Deliver shut-in meals — need 2 more
- Clean up fellowship hall at end—need 3 more
- Clean up kitchen at end — need 6

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

- Turkey bakers—turkeys and baking bags provided — carve and slice turkey—**save broth and bring to church to be used in the noodles**
 - 11 people needed
- Deviled eggs—1 dozen each—containers must have lids
 - 6 dozen needed
- Green beans — 1 gallon each
 - 24 needed
- Lettuce salad—20 servings each (overnight salad, taco salad, etc.) **NO TOSSED SALAD**
 - 7 needed
- Vegetable salads—20 servings each (broccoli salad, coleslaw, etc.)
 - 9 needed
- Jello salad—20 servings each
 - 13 needed
- Cranberry salads
 - 4 needed
- Pasta salads
 - 4 needed
- Desserts
 - 8 Crème pies
 - 5 fruit pies
 - 4 pumpkin pies
 - 6 pecan pies
 - 1 lemon Robert Redford
 - 2 chocolate Robert Redford
 - 3 cheesecakes
 - 2 blackberry cobbler
 - 2 apple crisp
 - 2 peach cobbler
 - 3 brownies/bars

**Sign-up sheets are located
on the tables in the narthex.**

Thanks for your help!

Additional Borchers Supper & Bazaar Info

**Flyers advertising the Bazaar are on the table in the narthex.
Feel free to take some to give away or hang up at businesses.**

Youth Helping

Youth are also encouraged to help at the bazaar. (Jr High going on the retreat should choose an early shift.) Volunteering is a great way to thank the congregation for supporting our youth activities!

Suggested jobs for younger helpers:
Carrying assistance — Bus tables
Wipe trays — Drink station

Shut-in Meals

If you know of shut-in individuals who would appreciate a meal, please sign-up.

Salads & Desserts

Need to be at church by 1:00 p.m.

Turkey Pick-Up

Sunday, October 26 between services

Making Dressing

If making dressing, please buy your own ingredients. Please use the recipe on the sign-up table.

Turkey & Dressing

Need to be at church by 9:00 a.m.

Table Set-up

Sunday, November 2
6:00 p.m.

Everyone invited to help!

Bazaar items

Begin preparing now! Homemade crafts, canned goods and baked goods. Deadline for items is 12:00 pm on November 7. Items can be put in the container in the church office.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Michelle will be making the worship helper rotation list for December 2025-May 2026 soon. If you have any changes, dates to avoid, etc., please let her know. Job descriptions are listed below:

- Communion Assistant — helps distribute communion during worship service
- Communion Prep—helps prepare communion before the worship service & cleans up after
- Lector—reads the lessons during worship service
- Projectors—runs the slides on the projector screens during worship service
- Cameras—operates the cameras remotely during live streaming at 8:00 worship service

We can always use new volunteers! If you're interested, please talk to Michelle.

**October 12,
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:

II Kings 5:1-3; 7-15: Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

II Timothy 2:8-15: Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

Luke 17:11-19: Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—What is significant that Naaman being a Syrian general? (II Kings 5:1-3; 7-15)
- 2—In what ways do you long for Christ's grace and faithfulness this week? (II Timothy 2:8-15)
- 3—What was a time you recognized Jesus from a place of suffering in your own life? (Luke 17:11-19)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: II TIMOTHY 2:11-13

¹¹⁻¹³This saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 10/12

Psalm 57:1-11

Luke 5:1-39

✦ Caroline Gentry

✦ world peace

Monday 10/13

Psalm 58:1-11

Luke 6:1-49

✦ congregations seeking pastors

Tuesday 10/14

Psalm 59:1-17

Luke 7:1-50

✦ Gus Kleffman, Lou Ann Hoevener, Rich Anderson

✦ people seeking employment

Wednesday 10/15

Psalm 60:1-12

Luke 8:1-56

✦ people who struggle with long-term health issues

Thursday 10/16

Psalm 61:1-8

Luke 9:1-62

✦ Lizzie Morris

✦ the leadership of the congregation

Friday 10/17

Psalm 62:1-12

Luke 10:1-42

✦ David Rust, Karen Brigdon

✦ doctors

Saturday 10/18

Psalm 63:1-11

Luke 11:1-54

✦ KY Hendrix

✦ Christians in China

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Dillon Williams (*health concern—relative of Tim & Kathy England*)

Wayne Rust

Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)

Don Ray (*friend of Larry Guinn*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Gene Kruse

Larry & Paul Canada (*cousins of Bill Kidd*)

Bobby Akemon (*cancer—friend of Jennie Hoene*)

Brooke Elmore (*cancer—friend of Tammi Reinbold*)

Dennis Otte (*surgery*)

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

Linda Lloyd (*medical—Tim England's aunt*)

Olivia Sons (*epileptic seizures—friend of Kathy England*)

Ed Engellau (*cancer*)

KY Hendrix (*kidney stone*)

Cody Wayt (*health issues*)

Angie Lucas (*cancer*)

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

Pam Claycamp (*broken arm*)

Betty Toxey (*fall-grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

Wanda Zakrzewski (*fall-grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

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*)

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*)

Ernie Kleffman (*back*)

Treva & Danny Edwards

(*health issues—relatives of Robert Smith*)

Michelle Sallee (*cancer—friend of Gretchen Lawles and Linda Guinn*)

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:

October 5 — 8:00 service: 115 10:15 service: 51

Financial Report:

Oct. 5— Spending Plan: \$8,500.70 Other giving: \$709.00 New parsonage: \$1,285.00
TOTAL: \$10,494.70

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 19:

Communion Assistant:

Tim England (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Linda Guinn (10:15)

Lectors:

Amy Rotert (8:00)

Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Wyatt Hoevener (8:00)

Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Marc Fountain (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Tammi Reinbold

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 19:

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

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.

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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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