

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

October 26, 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)
Tim England (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)
Teresa Browning (10:15)

Lectors:

Leah Otte (8:00)
Leon Seitz (10:15)

Acolytes:

Caleb Baker & Kasen Nichalson (8:00)
Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Michaela Smith (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Kendall & Susie Alstatt

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 26-November 1

Sunday 26th	Reformation Sunday	
	Give out 2nd grade Bibles	
	Deadline for College Care Package items	
8:00 am	Communion	
9:00 am	Muffin Morning	
9:00 am	Sunday School	
10:15 am	Communion	
11:15 am	Congregation Quarterly Meeting	
6:30 pm	Adult Bells	
7:00 pm	Choir	
Monday 27th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
Tues. 28th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 29th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 30th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 31st	9:00 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Trunk or Treat

Next week: November 2-8

Sunday 2nd	All Saints Sunday	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Communion
	6:00 pm	Table Set-up for Bazaar
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Monday 3rd	9:00 am	Preschool
Tues. 4th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 5th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
	6:30 pm	Words Bible Study
Thurs. 6th	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 7th	9:00 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Kitchen crew for Bazaar
	9:00 am	Turkey & dressing need to be at church
	12:00 pm	Craft & baked goods need to be at church
	1:00 pm	Salads & desserts need to be at church
	4:00 pm	Borchers Supper & Bazaar (until 7:00 pm)
	6:30 pm	Bus leaves for Confirmation Retreat
Sat. 8th		Confirmation Retreat

Afternoon October 26-October 28

Pastor Steve and Intern Beth will be at the Internship Cluster meeting in North Carolina.

October 31-November 1

Pastor Steve will be at a Lutheran Outdoor Ministries meeting.

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.

MAGNIFYING DEVICES—We now have magnifying devices available on the bulletin table.

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 November are microwave mac & cheese/Spaghetti-O's. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors. Items will be taken to either Anchor House, Provisions or Jamestown Apartments.

TURNING POINT—In November, we are collecting diapers & pull-ups (all sizes) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Reformation Sunday

TODAY

This day celebrates the anniversary of Martin Luther and the other reformers who went against the church of the day to call the church and all Christians back to the core of the gospel message—that we are saved by grace through faith and not of our works.

College Care Packages

Deadline is TODAY

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!

Muffin Morning

TODAY 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

Stop in for fellowship time! Enjoy coffee, muffins sampling and visiting. Sunday School students will enjoy leftovers during their snack time!

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

TODAY at 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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Meg Brown Senior Project: Turning Point Smile Supply Kit

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31

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.

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.

Kids Bells

Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

October 31

7:00 p.m. in main parking lot

Costume contest begins at 7:00 with winners chosen for different age groups & group/couple/family costumes. We will also choose a winner for best trunk decorations! Please park with your trunk facing the aisle and bring treats for 80 kids. If you want to donate prizes/awards for the contests, please contact Jamie.

Table Set-up for Bazaar

Sunday, November 2 6:00 p.m.

Everyone invited to help!

Wednesday Youth Night

November 5 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

November 5—Repentance I

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

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

Confirmation Retreat

November 7-9

Bus will leave at 6:30 p.m. on November 7
Bus will return around 11:30 a.m. on November 9

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.

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.

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.



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 —need 2
 - 3:45-5:30 pm — need 4
 - 5:15-7:00 pm — need 4
- Dishwashers (keep items washed & ready for re-use)
 - Noon-3:00 pm — need 2
 - 3:00-5:30 pm — need 2
 - 5:30-8:00 pm — need 2
- Bus tables (clear & clean tables)
 - 5:15-7:00 pm — need 1
- Carrying Assistance (help carry trays & fill carryout boxes)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm — need 3
- Wipe trays (wipe trays off for re-use)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm — need 2
 - 5:15-7:00 pm — need 2
- Serving drinks
 - 5:15-7:00 pm — need 3
- Serving Line Tables (monitor serving line & notify kitchen if getting low)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm — need 1
 - 5:15-7:00 pm — need 1
- Salads (replenish serving line)
 - 5:15-7:00 pm — need 2
- Bazaar area (collect money and oversee crafts/baked goods)
 - 5:15-7:00 pm — need 2
- Box up shut-in meals — need 1
- Deliver shut-in meals — need 2
- Clean up fellowship hall at end—need 2
- 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**
 - 2 people needed
- Green beans — 1 gallon each
 - need 3
- Lettuce salad—20 servings each (overnight salad, taco salad, etc.) NO TOSSED SALAD
 - need 6
- Vegetable salads—20 servings each (broccoli salad, coleslaw, etc.)
 - need 7
- Jello salad—20 servings each
 - need 7
- Cranberry salads
 - need 3
- Pasta salads
 - need 2
- Desserts
 - 5 Crème pies
 - 2 fruit pies
 - 2 pumpkin pies
 - 5 pecan pies
 - 1 lemon Robert Redford
 - 2 cheesecakes
 - 2 blackberry cobbler
 - 1 apple crisp
 - 1 peach cobbler

**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.

Table Set-up

*Sunday, November 2
6:00 p.m.*

Everyone invited to help!

Turkey Pick-Up

TODAY 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.

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.

CRAFT SUPPLIES AVAILABLE

Leah Otte has some craft supplies available for anyone to use!
They are in the first room in the Sunday School hallway.

**October 26,
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:

Jeremiah 31:31-34: The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

Romans 3:19-28: Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

John 8:31-36: Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—What does the renewed covenant mean to you? (Jer. 31:31-34)
- 2—How do you experience this gift of grace? (Romans 3:19-28)
- 3—Where do you see the church needs reforming?
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel and bestow on the church your saving peace. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 8:31-32

³¹⁻³²Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 10/26

Psalms 71:1-24

Luke 19:1-48

✦ Campbell Mansfield Jon Eglen, Liza Lanam

✦ world peace

Monday 10/27

Psalms 72:1-20

Luke 20:1-47

✦ people who are unhoused

Tuesday 10/28

Psalms 73:1-28

Luke 21:1-38

✦ Amy Kleffman

✦ Lutheran Child and Family Services

Wednesday 10/29

Psalms 74:1-23

Luke 22:1-34

✦ Aaron Otte

✦ pastors

Thursday 10/30

Psalms 75:1-10

Luke 22:35-71

✦ Karen Dringenburg

✦ college students

Friday 10/31

Psalms 76:1-12

Luke 23:1-56

✦ Dan Holle, Brooke Plummer

✦ safety for youth trick-n-treating

Saturday 11/1

Psalms 77:1-20

Luke 24:1-53

✦ James Rotert

✦ Christians in Kenya

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Wayne Rust (back surgery)

Adelee Davis (cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)

Don Ray (friend of Larry Guinn)

Steve McGrew (fall)

Other Prayer Requests:

Dillon Williams (son-in-law of Tim & Kathy England)

Gene Kruse (hip replacement)

Larry & Paul Canada (cousins of Bill Kidd)

Bobby Akemon (cancer—friend of Jennie Hoene)

Brooke Elmore (cancer—friend of Tammi Reinhold)

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 Engelau (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)

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:

October 19 — 8:00 service: 87 10:15 service: 60

Financial Report:

Oct. 19— Spending Plan: \$3,096.00 Other giving: \$125.00 New parsonage: \$85.00
TOTAL: \$3,306.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER 2:

Communion Assistant:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)
Bill Wonnig (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Wanda Engelau (8:00)
Gretchen Lawles (10:15)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)
Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Claire Engelau (8:00)
Kayla Franke & Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Projectors:

Melina Engelau (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Camera:

Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:

Kendall & Susie Alstatt

Sunday School Snacks:

Rapp family

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

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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Wednesday—8:30-2:30

Friday—8:30-12:30

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