

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

November 16, 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:**

Bill Wunning (10:15)

**Communion Prep:**

Judy Wunning (10:15)

**Lectors:**

Leah Otte (8:00)  
Micah Wayt (10:15)

**Acolytes:**

Caleb Wheatley (8:00)  
Daniel Hendrix (10:15)

**Projectors:**

Kaelynn Engelau (8:00)  
Thomas & Ruth Ann Hendrix (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<br>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.

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| <b>This week: November 16-21</b> |          |                                 |
| Sunday 16th                      | 8:00 am  | Worship                         |
|                                  | 9:00 am  | Sunday School                   |
|                                  | 10:15 am | Communion                       |
|                                  | 5:00 pm  | Elementary Group                |
|                                  | 6:30 pm  | Luther League                   |
| Monday 17th                      | 9:00 am  | Preschool                       |
|                                  | 7:00 pm  | Church Council                  |
|                                  | 8:00 pm  | Dartball at Dudleytown          |
| Tues. 18th                       | 10:00 am | Trip meets at Pet Supplies Plus |
|                                  |          | <b>NO LADIES LUNCH</b>          |
|                                  | 6:30 pm  | Kids Bells                      |
| Wed. 19th                        | 9:00 am  | Preschool                       |
|                                  | 6:30 pm  | Wednesday Youth Night           |
|                                  | 6:30 pm  | Words Bible study               |
| Thurs. 20th                      | 9:00 am  | Borchers Breakfast Club         |
|                                  | 9:30 am  | Tai Chi                         |
|                                  | 7:00 pm  | Men's Group                     |
|                                  | 7:00 pm  | Women's In-depth Bible study    |
| Friday 21st                      | 9:00 am  | Preschool                       |

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| <b>Next week: November 23-28</b> |                                  |                          |
| Sunday 23rd                      | Pass out Christmas Program parts |                          |
|                                  | 8:00 am                          | Communion                |
|                                  | 9:00 am                          | Sunday School            |
|                                  | 10:15 am                         | Worship                  |
|                                  | Jr. High Friendsgiving Lunch     |                          |
|                                  | 6:30 pm                          | Adult Bells              |
| Monday 24th                      | 7:00 pm                          | Choir                    |
|                                  | 9:00 am                          | Preschool                |
|                                  | 1:00 pm                          | Book Buzz                |
|                                  | 8:00 pm                          | Dartball at home         |
| Tues. 25th                       | 1:00 pm                          | Blood Drive (until 6:00) |
|                                  | 6:30 pm                          | Kids Bells               |
|                                  |                                  |                          |
| Wed. 26th                        | <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b>              |                          |
|                                  | 7:00 pm                          | Thanksgiving Eve service |
|                                  | <b>Global Barnyard banks due</b> |                          |
| Thurs. 27th                      | Happy Thanksgiving!              |                          |
|                                  | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>             |                          |
|                                  | <b>NO BBC</b>                    |                          |
| Friday 28th                      | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>             |                          |

**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 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.

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY**— Today we baptize Liliana Elizabeth Swaney, daughter of Dakota and Ridge Swaney. She was born on August 21, 2024. Her sponsors are Cheyenne and Will Cockerham.

## God's Global Barnyard Banks

are available on the bulletin table

We are collecting money in barn banks for Thanksgiving to purchase animals through ELCA Good Gifts to help those in developing countries. Please return your bank at our Thanksgiving Eve service on **November 26**. Banks can also be left in in the bin at the sanctuary entrance by **November 30**. Sunday School classes will vote on animals to purchase with the donations.

## **Elementary Group**

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

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## **Luther League**

TODAY at 6:30 p.m.

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## **It's dartball season again!**

Dartball is a game in which darts are thrown at a large wooden board that resembles a baseball field with colored areas which denote bases. We play other Lutheran churches in the area. Games are on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. Contact Merrell Otte if you are interested in playing.

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## **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.

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## **Ladies Lunch Cancelled**

Ladies Lunch will not meet in November or December. We will meet again on January 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Azucar Cuban Restaurant in Seymour.

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## **Kids Bells**

Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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## **Wednesday Youth Night**

November 19      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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## **Bible Study Series:**

### **Words We Use, Words We Need to Understand**

November 19—Repentance II  
from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

**Bring:** Your Bible, a notebook, and your questions!    Led by Pastor Steve & Intern Beth

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## **Jr High Friendsgiving Lunch**

November 23

Let Maddie know if you'll be coming. You can also RSVP in GroupMe.



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, November 25  
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. 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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## **Women's In-Depth Bible Study**

Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

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## **Men's Group**

November 20 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.

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## **BOOK BUZZ**

Monday, November 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! We will discuss "*Unsheltered*" by Barbara Kingsolver. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

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## **"O, Holy Night"**

Sunday, December 7 in the Fellowship Hall  
after the 8:00 service and  
also for a community reception from 3:00 – 4:30 PM.

A unique display of nativity scenes from all over the world and right here at home. If you have a nativity scene you would be willing to lend/display for this event, please contact Trish Tangman at 812-371-1018 or sign up at the Welcome Center by November 30.

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## **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

November 26 7:00 p.m.

We thank God for good harvests and prosperity. Please bring items for the food pantry. We will also be collecting the banks for God's Global Barnyard.

***Worship helpers needed! Please sign up at the Welcome Center.***

## **Borchers Supper & Bazaar Totals**

Meals served: 771

Food line total (after expenses): \$8,601.98

Craft area total: \$1,275.25

25% to World Hunger: \$2,150.50

***A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way!***

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## **Beth's Internship Project**



**Please sign up at the Welcome Center  
to help with food for the meal.**

**November 9,  
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:**

**Malachi 4:1-2:** Malachi, whose name means 'my messenger,' warns that 'the day is coming.' On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the 'sun of righteousness' will shine on those who honor God.

**II Thessalonians 3:6-13:** Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

**Luke 21:5-19:** As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

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## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

1—How do you understand the 'day that is coming' in Malachi?  
(Malachi 4:1-2)

2—Where is there more a tendency in your life: toward idleness or being a workaholic? (II Thessalonians 3:6-13)

3—What does trust in Jesus Christ mean for you right now? (Luke 21:5-19)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal. Amen.*

## **NOTES**

## **MEMORY VERSE: MALACHI 4:2**

<sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 11/16

Psalms 92:1-15

John 14:1-31

✦ Amy Underwood

✦ world peace

## Monday 11/17

Psalms 93:1-5

John 15:1-27

✦ Ben Brown, Brent Lawles

✦ our country

## Tuesday 11/18

Psalms 94:1-23

John 16:1-33

✦ Ella Engellau

✦ veterans

## Wednesday 11/19

Psalms 95:1-11

John 17:1-26

✦ Don Claycamp, Linda Guinn, Claire Engellau

✦ confirmation students

## Thursday 11/20

Psalms 96:1-13

John 18:1-40

✦ Gene Kruse, Kendall Alstatt, Maddie Whiteside

✦ Anchor House

## Friday 11/21

Psalms 97:1-12

John 19:1-42

✦ Community Diner

## Saturday 11/22

Psalms 98:1-9

John 20:1-31

✦ Ed Engellau, Tyler Gerometta, Bill McIntire, Micah Wayt

✦ Christians in Chad

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

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

### Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Elsa McGrain (*friend of Carly Kaiser*)

Family & friends of Steve Smith (*brother-in-law of Mark Rorick*)

Jaxon Reinhart (*cancer—friend of Grant & Caleb Wheatley*)

Hannah Young (*health issues*)

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

Randy Bridgewater

(*motorcycle accident—brother-in-law of David Bode*)

Florence Otte (*health*)

Lawrence Monroe

Kim Dringenburg (*health*)

Matt Tangman (*hip replacement*)

Patricia Lewis (*cancer—Tim England's mother*)

Steve McGrew (*fall*)

Wayne Rust (*back surgery*)

Don Ray (*friend of Larry Guinn*)

Gene Kruse (*hip replacement*)

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

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

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

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*)

Angie Lucas (*cancer*)

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*)

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 Engellau*)

Carol Browning (*health*)

### 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:

**November 9** — 8:00 service: 71    10:15 service: 60

### Financial Report:

No financial report this week

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

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER 23:

#### Communion Assistant:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

#### Communion Prep:

Phyllis Cupp (8:00)

#### Lectors:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Laberta Otte (10:15)

#### Acolytes:

Ben Rapp (8:00)

Henry Fountain (10:15)

#### Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Marc Fountain (10:15)

#### Camera:

Tim England

#### Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

#### Sunday School Snacks:

Heidi Wheatley

### READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 23:

Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

### 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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