Weekly Church News

January 11, 2026

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; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:
Donald Schnitker (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Phyllis Cupp (8:00)

Lectors:
Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolytes:
Kasen Nichalson & Wade Rapp (8:00)
Emma Franke (10:15)

Projectors:
Melina & Sam Engelau (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:
Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:
Nancy & Kenny Rotert

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 174 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.

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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.

Next week:	**January 11-16**	
Sunday 11th	Annual reports due	
	Treasurer books due	
	Newsletter deadline	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School —Daniel
	10:15 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Confirmation class 1
	6:30 pm	Confirmation class 2
	6:30 pm	Luther League
Monday 12th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	8:00 pm	Dartball at home (Sauers E)
Tues. 13th	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	NO KIDS BELLS	
	7:00 pm	Internship Committee
Wed. 14th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
Thurs. 15th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Friday 16th	9:00 am	Preschool

Next week:	**January 18-23**	
Sunday 18th	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Muffin Morning
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School—Daniel
	10:15 am	Communion
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Monday 19th	NO PRESCHOOL	
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Dartball at Wegan B
Tues. 20th	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch at Azucar
	1:00 pm	Blood Drive (until 6:00)
	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 21st	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
Thurs. 22nd	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Women's In-depth Bible study
Friday 23rd	9:00 am	Preschool

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 January are Anchor House East items. These items include tuna packets, chicken packets, beef jerky, slim jims, packs of whole nuts, fruit cups, chips, juice boxes, Gatorade. These are lunch items for folks staying in overnight shelter. 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 January, we are collecting laundry detergent (small containers please) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Treasurer Books & Annual Reports

Due TODAY

Place them in the marked box in the church office.

Newsletter Deadline

TODAY

Please give info to the church office.

Adult Sunday School

Beginning TODAY

Our Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study of the **Book of Daniel**. Daniel speaks to people of faith living in uncertain times—calling us to wisdom, courage, and steadfast hope when following God feels countercultural. Together we will explore Daniel's well-known stories, its vivid visions, and what they reveal about faithful living, prayerful resilience, and God's enduring sovereignty.

All adults are welcome—whether Daniel is familiar or brand new to you. Join us as we listen for God's promises, ask good questions, and encourage one another in faith.

Confirmation Class

TODAY 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Luther League

TODAY at 6:30 p.m.

We will be deciding where to go on our summer trip, picking trip dates and signing up.

Prayer Shawl

January 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Night

January 14 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.

HOT SOUP IN A COLD MONTH

This annual tradition is a way to care for seniors in our community. Each person who attends Borchers Breakfast Club on a Thursday in January gets to take home a pint of homemade soup. When we have enough donated, soup is also delivered to a few additional folks in the area! If you are able and willing to donate **any** amount of soup toward this effort, please sign up at the Welcome Center. You can sign up for as little as one gallon of any type soup you like!

Lutheran World Relief Blanket-Making

Monday and Wednesday at 1:00

We will meet from January thru the end of March to make blankets for Lutheran World Relief to send all over the world. Anyone is welcome to come help! No sewing experience required.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are in the narthex. If you don't see your name and wish to have envelopes, please contact the church office.

Ruth Circle

Thursday, January 15 1:00 p.m. at the church

Men's Group

January 15 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.

Muffin Morning

Sunday, January 18 9:00 a.m.in the fellowship hall

Stop in for fellowship time! Bring a dozen of your favorite muffins (mini or regular size) to share. Enjoy coffee, muffins sampling and visiting. Sunday School students will enjoy leftovers during their snack time!

NEW DATE! — Elementary Group

January 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, January 20 at 11:30 a.m.
Azucar Cuban Restaurant, 212 E. Second St., Seymour

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 20
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. In the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen to schedule your donation time.

Women's In-Depth Bible Study

Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Be ready to watch Session 7. Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Congregation Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25
after the 10:15 service

BOOK BUZZ

January 26 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss *"The Queens of Crime"* by Marie Benedict. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!! Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Bless the New Parsonage with Scripture!

As the framing goes up on our new parsonage, everyone is invited to stop by and write a favorite Bible verse on the studs. Add a word of faith, hope, or blessing that will surround this home for years to come. There will be a container with Sharpies within the house. Everyone is invited to help in dedicating this space with God's Word! Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Church services will be held, unless a travel ban has been issued for Jackson County. Please make your own decision if you want to venture out in inclement weather. WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE! ***If there is a travel ban in Jackson County, all church activities will also be cancelled.***

BORCHERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Borchers Breakfast Club will coincide with the Seymour School Corporation's decisions for school closings and delays. If Seymour schools are closed OR delayed, Borchers Breakfast Club will be CANCELLED. Please listen to WZZB 1390 AM or 99.3 FM, or watch for closings on television stations.

Ladies Craft & Fellowship Retreat

February 2, 3 and 4

Are you looking for some fellowship time to get through the winter blues?

Grab your crafting supplies and let's get to work in the fellowship hall!

- Sign-up at the Welcome Center
- You will get your own table to spread out your supplies
- Be sure to bring all of your own supplies (especially an extension cord/power strip if you need it)
- Come 1 day or stay all 3 — Come and go as you wish
- Plan to bring a sack lunch
- Bring a snack one day to share
- Craft ideas might include; sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, card making, needlepoint, crocheting, coloring, artwork, etc.
- If you don't have a craft to work on stop by and help tack blankets for LWR or learn a new hobby!
- This is a great opportunity to get a start on planning/working on the church 175th anniversary celebration for 2027

Questions? Contact: Lou Ann Hoevener or Heidi Wheatley

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

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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:

Isaiah 42:1-9: God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, or will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

Acts 10:34-43: Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 3:13-17: Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

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Questions To Ponder:

1— How are you longing to be reassured of God's plan or larger purposes at this time in your life? (Isaiah 42:1-9)

2—How do you hear Peter striving to adjust to the new mission of the church in his time? (Acts 10:34-43)

3—What does your baptism mean to you at this point in your life? (Matthew 3:13-17)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

***Prayer:* O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit. Amen.**

Notes

Memory Verse: Matthew 3:17

14And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Going Deeper in Prayer

Sunday 1/11
Psalm 141:1-10
I Corinthians 4:1-21
✟ world peace

Monday 1/12
Psalm 142:1-7
I Corinthians 5:1-13
✟ Sophia Bowman
✟ police officers

Tuesday 1/13
Psalm 143:1-12
I Corinthians 6:1-20
✟ Amy Rosenberger, Allen Morrison
✟ Borchers Preschool

Wednesday 1/14
Psalm 144:1-15
I Corinthians 7:1-40
✟ Cam Mansfield, Skye Zakrzewski
✟ judges

Thursday 1/15
Psalm 145:1-21
I Corinthians 8:1-13
✟ Susie Schnitker, Brittney Runge, Hadley Sifflard
✟ pastors

Friday 1/16
Psalm 146:1-10
I Corinthians 9:1-27
✟ Rachel Hildebrand, Adam Newkirk
✟ struggling congregations

Saturday 1/17
Psalm 147:1-20
I Corinthians 10:1-33
✟ Kay Hoene
✟ Christians in Afghanistan

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:
Patty Herkamp; *Selma Mellenbruch, Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wente, Shirley Runge*

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:
Helen Carter; *Andy Runge; Gavin Brown* (friend of Leah Otte); *Robert Noblitt* (Chris Kleffman's father)

Prayer List

Recent Hospitalizations:
Lois Rust *(RSV)*
Kay Hoene *(back surgery)*
John Rust *(fall)*
Valerie McIntosh *(knee surgery)*
Red Angel *(surgery)*
Adelee Davis *(cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)*

Other Prayer Requests:
Olga Otte *(cataract surgery)*
Ed Engelau *(cancer)*
Bonnie Herkamp (cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp)
August Herkamp *(granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp)*
Paul Otte
Susie Alstatt *(gall bladder surgery)*
Tammi Reinbold *(knee replacement surgery)*
Waldron Rust *(fall)*
Gib Claycamp *(fall)*
Jeff *(thyroid removal—co-worker of Chris Otte)*
Jaxon Reinhart *(cancer—friend of Grant & Caleb Wheatley)*
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)
Patricia Lewis *(cancer—Tim England's mother)*
Don Ray (*friend of Larry Guinn)*
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)*
Angie Lucas *(cancer)*
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 Engelau)*

Our Response to God's Love

We Worshipped:

January 4 — 8:00 service: 125 10:15 service: 89

Financial Report:

Dec. 21 — Spending Plan: $22,973.97 Other giving: $1150.00 New parsonage: $1100.00
TOTAL: $25,223.97

Christmas Eve — $2,457.00 (Sunday School)

Christmas Day — $990.00 (Lutheran Child & Family Services)

Jan. 4 — Spending Plan: $7,785.00 Other giving: $150.00 New parsonage: $115.00
TOTAL: $8,050.00

Worship Leaders for January 18:

Communion Assistant:
Mike Kruse (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Nina Franke (10:15)

Lectors:
High school class (8:00)
Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes:
Wyatt & Willie Hoevener (8:00)
Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:
Susie Schnitker (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Camera:
Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:
Nancy & Kenny Rotert

Sunday School Snacks:
Muffin Morning

Readings for January 18:

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

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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