

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

January 18, 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:**

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 Englund

**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 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 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 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
	6:00 pm	Anniversary Committee
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells
Monday 19th	7:00 pm	Choir
	NO PRESCHOOL	
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues. 20th	8:00 pm	Dartball at Wegan B
	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
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
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making

**Next week: January 25-30**

Sunday 25th	Valentine Dinner tickets go on sale	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School—Daniel
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Congregation Annual Meeting
	1:00 pm	Jr. High to Perfect North Slopes
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells
Monday 26th	7:00 pm	Choir
	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
Tues. 27th	8:00 pm	Dartball at home (Redeemer S)
	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 28th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
Thurs. 29th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 30th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in honor of Nancy & Kenny Rotert's 49th wedding anniversary.

## **Muffin Morning**

TODAY 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!

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## **Adult Sunday School**

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

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## **Elementary Group**

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

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## **Anniversary Committee Meeting**

TODAY at 6:00 p.m. in Jr. High Sunday School room

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## **Congregation Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 25 after the 10:15 service

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## **Jr. High Snow Tubing**

January 25

We will leave for Perfect North at 1:00 p.m. Ticket cost and bus transportation is provided for Jr. High youth. Additional tickets may be purchased at the group rate of \$30. Sign up in GroupMe or contact Jamie for details.

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## **Our Library Now Has Jigsaw Puzzles**

Enjoy a fun winter activity! Borrow a jigsaw puzzle from our church library. Please check out just like a book. If you have puzzles you wish to donate, please leave on the library desk.

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## **Lutheran World Relief Blanket-Making**

Monday and Friday 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.

## **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!

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### **Ladies' Lunch**

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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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## **TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 25**

### **Valentine Dinner**

Friday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

Ticket are available at the Welcome Center:  
\$10 single, \$20 couple, \$25 couple with kids

This is our annual fundraiser for Jr High Youth Activities.  
Jr High families should check GroupMe to sign up for food donations and volunteer spots.

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### **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.

# Wednesday Youth Night

January 28      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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## 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, words of faith, hope, or blessing on the studs which will surround this home for years to come. There is 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.

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## College Care Packages

Boxes will be available for filling next week. There are 20 student boxes. Items are due by Sunday, February 8.

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## Luther League Mission Trip

We will go to Copperhill, TN (June 28-July 4). This trip is for Luther League members and current 8th graders! Regular meeting and fundraiser participation is required to attend. We will have a parent meeting on Sunday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. to make deposit payments (\$50) and ask any questions. Payment can also be made during Sunday School that morning - see GroupMe for details or contact Jamie Baker or Kathy England for questions.

## 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 Hoeverner or Heidi Wheatley

***Looking forward to seeing you there!!***

# Join Us For A

## SENIOR FRIENDSHIP FAIR

Friday, February 13, 2026

10 am -2 pm

Hosted By:

**Jamestown Apartments**  
**In the Upstairs Rec Room**

**at 715 Miller Lane**

**Seymour, IN 47274**



**\*First Building on the Left\***

FOR  
SENIOR CITIZENS  
55+

### We will offer FREE:

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Diabetes Screening
- Cholesterol Screening
- Gait Assessment & Fall Prevention
- Hearing, Vision & Memory Screens
- Community Resources
- Door Prizes & Agency SWAG
- Social Time, Refreshments, & More!

Questions?  
Call, text, or email  
**Cassie Wicker**  
812-718-1963  
[sc103@lickco.com](mailto:sc103@lickco.com)

**Transportation Available!**

**Call Seymour Transit to  
schedule at 812-522-7433  
by 2/12/2026 at 4pm!**



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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 49:1-7:** Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

**I Corinthians 1:1-9:** Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**John 1:29-42:** John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—How do you work to put God's law (word) within your heart?  
(Psalm 40:1-11)

2—How have your connections to Christian community, at church or elsewhere, and other Christians enriched your life? (I Corinthians 1:1-9)

3—How are you being invited to 'come and see' Jesus this week?  
(John 1:29-42)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you. Amen.*

## NOTES

## MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 40:8

<sup>8</sup>I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.



# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 1/18

Psalm 148:1-14  
I Corinthians 11:1-34  
✦ world peace

## Monday 1/19

Psalm 149:1-9  
I Corinthians 12:1-31  
✦ our country

## Tuesday 1/20

Psalm 150:1-6  
I Corinthians 13:1-13  
✦ Kori Otte, Darla Rorick  
✦ Anchor House

## Wednesday 1/21

Proverbs 1:1-33  
I Corinthians 14:1-40  
✦ Cassie Rotert, Erin Engelau, Kayla Brigdon, Kim Shehan  
✦ campus ministries

## Thursday 1/22

Proverbs 2:1-22  
I Corinthians 15:1-58  
✦ Benny Kleffman, Jack Hoene, Rick Brown  
✦ people who work outdoors

## Friday 1/23

Proverbs 3:1-35  
I Corinthians 16:1-24  
✦ Debbie Rust, Beth Albert  
✦ St. Paul's music ministry

## Saturday 1/24

Proverbs 4:1-27  
II Corinthians 1:1-24  
✦ Kristina McIntosh, Ben Rorick  
✦ Christians in the Holy Lands

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

Sarah Rotert (*fall*)  
Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)

### Other Prayer Requests:

Lois Rust (*RSV*)  
Kay Hoene (*back surgery*)  
John Rust (*fall/broken elbow*)  
Valerie McIntosh (*knee surgery*)  
Red Angel (*ankle surgery*)  
Olga Otte (*cataract surgery*)  
Ed Engelau (*cancer*)  
Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp*)  
August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)  
Susie Alstatt (*gall bladder surgery*)  
Tammi Reinbold (*knee replacement surgery*)  
Waldron Rust (*fall*)  
Gib Claycamp (*fall*)  
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*)  
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*)

### 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*)

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

### We Worshipped:

January 11 — 8:00 service: 87    10:15 service: 52

### Financial Report:

Jan. 11 — Spending Plan: \$4,445.29 Other giving: \$85.00 New parsonage: \$6,661.33  
TOTAL: \$11,191.62

{The weekly amount needed to cover expenses in the  
2025 Spending Plan is \$8,149.00}

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY 25:

#### Communion Assistant:

Donald Schnitker (8:00)

#### Communion Prep:

Lou Ann Hoevenner (8:00)

#### Lectors:

Leah Otte (8:00)

Marj Rust (10:15)

#### Acolytes:

Claire Engelau & Emily Morris (8:00)

Kayla Franke (10:15)

#### Projectors:

Kaelynn & Henry Engelau (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

#### Camera:

Jamie Baker

**Altar flowers are provided by:**

*need volunteer*

#### Sunday School Snacks:

Susie Alstatt

### READINGS FOR JANUARY 25:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 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.

### 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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