

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

February 15, 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:

Leon Seitz (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Linda Guinn (10:15)

Lectors:

High School Youth (8:00)
Leon Seitz (10:15)

Acolytes:

Warren Newkirk & Grant Wheatley (8:00)
Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Projectors:

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

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Laberta Otte

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.

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: February 15-20**Sunday 15th Newsletter deadline**

8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 Valentine's Party
 in fellowship hall
 9:00 am Adult Sunday
 School—Daniel
 10:15 am Communion
 11:30 am Chili Cook-off
 5:00 pm Elementary Group
 6:00 pm Anniversary Committee
 6:30 pm Luther League

Monday 16th 9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm Blanket Making
 7:00 pm Church Council
 8:00 pm Dartball at Hayden

Tues. 17th 11:00 am Fat Tuesday & Ladies
 Lunch at The Brick

Wed. 18th 9:00 am Preschool
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thurs. 19th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi
 12:30 pm Ruth Circle at
 Cortland Diner
 7:00 pm Men's Group

Friday 20th 9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm Blanket Making

Next week: February 22-27

Sunday 22nd 8:00 am Communion
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am First Communion class
 10:15 am Communion
 6:30 pm Adult bells
 7:00 pm Choir

Monday 23rd 9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm Blanket Making
 8:00 pm Dartball at home (Zion)

Tues. 24th 6:30 pm Kids bells

Wed. 25th 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Wednesday Youth
 Night
 7:00 pm Lenten Service

Thurs. 26th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Friday 27th 9:00 am Preschool
 (4/5's to Kidscommons
 Museum)
 1:00 pm Blanket Making

HEARING ASSISTANCE—We have head-phones 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 February are canned soup or soup mixes. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations are taken to Provisions, Anchor House or Jamestown Apartments.

TURNING POINT—In February, we are collecting dis soap (small containers please) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Sunday School Valentine's Day Party

TODAY

at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

The Sunday School teachers are hosting a Valentine's Day party. This is in place of our normal classroom schedule that day. Come join us!!!

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.

Chili Cook-off

TODAY at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to bring a pot of your best chili!

Entries should be dropped off in the kitchen before 10:15 worship service, no sign-up needed. (Luther League members will set up for the contest during 10:15 service)

TASTE them all and VOTE for your favorite chili with donations.

Whichever soup raises the most money gets a trophy!

Newsletter Deadline

TODAY

Please give information to the church office.

Fat Tuesday at The Brick & Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Plan on a unique lunch celebration with a dessert directly from Mardi Gras territory in New Orleans. Everyone in attendance gets Mardi Gras beads and a chance to be king for a day by getting the prize piece of king cake. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Jr. High Snow Tubing

February 22

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.

Elementary Group

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Anniversary Committee

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

Luther League

TODAY at 6:30 p.m.

Trip to Indiana Heritage Quilt Show

Friday, March 6

Join us for a bus trip to Bloomington, IN for the 2026 Indiana Heritage Quilt Show on Friday, March 6th. We will meander through the Bloomington Convention Center and observe room after room of beautiful quilts entered in the non-juried show. We'll vote for our favorite and view the 2026 challenge entries. Vendors will be on site for everything quilt-related. Lunch will be enjoyed at a Bloomington eatery before returning home. Get more details and sign up at the Welcome Center.

Offering Statements

Offering statements for 2025 are available in the narthex.

Ruth Circle

Thursday, February 19
12:30 p.m. at Cortland Diner

Men's Group

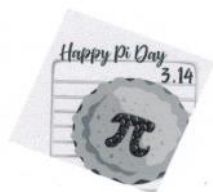
February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

First Communion Class

Begins February 22
during Sunday School time

Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.



“PIE DAY”

Sunday, March 1
at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome!
Plan to stop by for coffee, pie and fellowship time!

Bring your favorite pie or pie bars to share... or just come hungry! If you prefer, grab a piece to go. Hope to see you there for fellowship and some tasty pie!

BOOK BUZZ

February 23 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss our January book *“The Queens of Crime”* by Marie Benedict and our February book *“The Book Club for Troublesome Women”* by Marie Bostwick. 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

February 25 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.

Thank you for all the visits, calls, texts, cards, flowers, food & especially prayers during our Mom's Celebration of Life. Special thanks to Intern Beth, Olga, & Jamie, & the Amish for a memorable service. Thanks to everyone who donated food for our meal & the great kitchen crew that served. We are truly blessed that our Mom is reunited with her Lord & Savior & joined back with Dad & family in her eternal home forever.

Thank you,
Carol Browning's Family

Thank you for all the prayers, texts, calls, cards, visits, and help during the past nine weeks of Gib's recovery. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family and community.

Gib and Linda Claycamp

LENTEN SERIES

Images of God: A Lenten Journey Through Sacred Objects

Lent invites us to slow down, to look more closely, and to listen more deeply for the ways God meets us in the midst of our lives. Throughout the Scriptures, God is revealed not only through words and ideas, but also through concrete images and ordinary objects—fire and wind, clay and a shepherd's staff, wings and an anchor, a simple cup. These images give shape to what can otherwise feel abstract, helping us see, touch, and imagine who God is and how God works among us.

This Lenten season, our worship will center on a series called *Images of God*, exploring how everyday objects become windows into the mystery of God's presence. Each week, we will focus on a different image drawn from the Bible. These images are not meant to explain God fully, but to invite us into relationship with the living God who meets us in tangible ways. As we move through Lent together, you are encouraged to notice the objects that shape your own faith story and to reflect on where you see God at work—refining, breathing life, guiding, protecting, and sustaining you.

Here are the Images that we will examine this Lenten Season:

**February 18—Fire
(Ash Wednesday)**

God who confronts and purifies

February 25—Wind/Breath

God who gives life and moves where God wills

March 4—Potter's Clay

God who shapes and reforms

March 11—Shepherd's Staff

God who guides and seeks

March 18—Shield/Wings

God who protects and shelters

March 25—Anchor

God who holds us fast

April 2—Cup (Maundy Thursday)

God who gives God's self

May this journey deepen our trust in the God who comes to us not only in words, but in signs we can see and hold, leading us to the cross and, ultimately, to new life.

**Ash Wednesday
Service**

February 18
7:00 p.m.

**Lenten
Services**

Every Wednesday
7:00 p.m.

Worship Helpers Needed

Worship help is needed for our services throughout Lent.
Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Lutheran World Relief Blanket-Making

Monday and Friday at 1:00

We will meet 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.

BLANKETS TO BE TIED

We're needing people to knot blankets for Lutheran World Relief.

*Blankets are located on a table in the narthex.
Place in Mission Outreach Closet when finished.*

Tai Chi Exercise

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 40 minutes every Thursday morning in the preschool room. Drop-ins are welcome! It's FREE! Our leaders are Beth Goodwin & Dot Goodwin.

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.

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.

**February 8,
2026**

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:

Exodus 24:12-18: At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The 'glory of the Lord' settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

II Peter 1:16-21: At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

Matthew 17:1-9: Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—What would it look like for you to spend some time with God on the mountain this week? (Exodus 24:12-18)

2—How do you experience a sense of 'the holy light of God' or God's presence in the world around you? (II Peter 1:16-21)

3—How are you tempted to want to build tents like Peter on the mountaintop? (Matthew 17:1-9)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O God in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 17:5

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 2/15

Proverbs 26:1-28
Ephesians 4:1-32
✦ world peace

Monday 2/16

Proverbs 27:1-27
Ephesians 5:1-33
✦ college students

Tuesday 2/17

Proverbs 28:1-28
Ephesians 6:1-24
✦ Terry Searcy
✦ foreign exchange students

Wednesday 2/18

Proverbs 29:1-27
Philippians 1:1-30
✦ Sharon Herkamp, Carol Mansfield, Danny Hoevener, James Otte, Chelsey Briner
✦ the Red Cross

Thursday 2/19

Proverbs 30:1-33
Philippians 2:1-30
✦ Shirley Lewis, Teresa Browning, Emerson Otte
✦ Funeral directors

Friday 2/20

Proverbs 31:1-31
Philippians 3:1-21
✦ Brennen Rorick, Wayne Rust
✦ St. Paul's stewardship ministry

Saturday 2/21

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
Philippians 4:1-23
✦ Luke Jackson, Aspen Rust
✦ Christians in Jordan

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Darren Davis (*heart attack—Susie Alstatt's brother*)
Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Steve McGrew
Stephanie Gricius (*cancer—friend of Karen Dringenburg*)
Ben Fox (*surgery*)
Juvonda Jones (*broken leg—KY Hendrix's sister*)
Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)
KY Hendrix (*flu*)
Sarah Rotert (*fall*)
Lois Rust (*RSV*)
Kay Hoene (*back surgery*)
Red Angel (*ankle surgery*)
Ed Engelau (*cancer*)
Mary Ellen Herkamp Adams
(*health issues—relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer—relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)
Waldron Rust (*fall*)
Gib Claycamp (*fall*)
Jaxon Reinhart (*cancer—friend of Grant & Caleb Wheatley*)
Dillon Williams (*son-in-law of Tim & Kathy England*)
Florence Otte (*health*)
Kim Dringenburg (*health*)
Patricia Lewis (*cancer—Tim England's mother*)
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*)
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 Wentz, Shirley Runge

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:

Helen Carter; Andy Runge; Gavin Brown (*friend of Leah Otte*); Robert Noblitt (*Chris Kleffman's father*)

Prayers for those in Military Service:

Noah Hendrix (*nephew of KY Hendrix*); Nate Otte (*Chris Otte's cousin*); Andrew & Joanah Yerrell (*Roger Douglass' grandson & wife*); Seth Douglass

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

February 8 — 8:00 service: 119 10:15 service: 56

Financial Report:

Feb. 8 — Spending Plan: \$6,919.60 Other giving: \$200.00 New parsonage: \$365.00
TOTAL: \$7,484.60

{The weekly amount needed to cover expenses in the
2026 Spending Plan is \$8,149.00}

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY 22:

Communion Assistant:

Nathan Newkirk (8:00)
Leon Seitz (10:15)

Communion Prep:

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

Lectors:

Lou Ann Hoevenner (8:00)
Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Abe Engela & Ben Rapp (8:00)
Emma Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Susie Schnitker (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Laberta Otte

Sunday School Snacks:

Rapp family

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 22:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

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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