

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

February 22, 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:
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 Engelau & 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:
Luberta 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 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	Book Buzz
	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

Next week: March 1-7

Sunday 1st	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	First Communion class
	10:15 am	Communion
	6:00 pm	Anniversary Committee
Monday 2nd	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	8:00 pm	Dartball at Dudleytown
Tues. 3rd	6:30 pm	Kids bells
Wed. 4th	9:00 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Taco Fiesta (until 7:00)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs. 5th	8:30 am	Devotion service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 6th	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 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 dish soap (small containers please) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

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.

Jr. High Snow Tubing

TODAY

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. Talk to Jamie for details.

First Communion Class

Begins TODAY
during Sunday School time

Look for sign in the Sunday School hallway.
Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

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

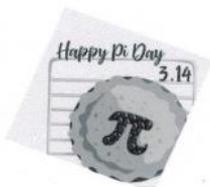
February 25 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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.

"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!

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.

Thank You from Jr. High

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Valentine's Dinner!
We raised \$485. Thanks so much! This helps fund Jr. High activities.

Chili Cook-off Results

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Luther League Chili Cook-off!
Winners were: 1st—Kaelynn Engelau 2nd — Kendall Alstatt 3rd—Chris Herbert
We raised \$825.25. This helps fund our mission trip this summer.

Next Luther League Fundraisers are:
Easter Breakfast on April 5 and Cornhole Tournament on April 11

Offering Statements

Offering statements for 2025 are available in the narthex.

Red Cross Blood Drive

NOTE: DIFFERENT DAY OF THE WEEK

Thursday, March 19 1:00 – 6:00 PM

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.

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.*

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 25—Wind/Breath

God who gives life and moves where God wills

March 18—Shield/Wings

God who protects and shelters

March 4—Potter’s Clay

God who shapes and reforms

March 25—Anchor

God who holds us fast

March 11—Shepherd’s Staff

God who guides and seeks

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.

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.

Taco Fiesta

Wednesday, March 4 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us before the Lenten Service. *Sponsored by Ruth Circle*

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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:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7: Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

Romans 5:12-19: Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

Matthew 4:1-11: Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—What do you hear Psalm 32 inviting you to do, in your own situation? (Psalm 32)
- 2—How does the passage from Romans encourage you in your walk with Jesus? (Romans 5:12-19)
- 3—How do you overcome temptation? (Matthew 4:1-11)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 5:18

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 2/22

Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

Colossians 1:1-29

✦ Greg Rust

✦ world peace

Monday 2/23

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

Colossians 2:1-23

✦ Matt Tangman

✦ doctors

Tuesday 2/24

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

Colossians 3:1-25

✦ Mike Kruse

✦ teachers

Wednesday 2/25

Ecclesiastes 5:1-20

Colossians 4:1-18

✦ Owen Kruse, Wyatt Hoevener

✦ economic development for the area

Thursday 2/26

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

✦ shut-ins

Friday 2/27

Ecclesiastes 7:1-29

I Thessalonians 2:1-20

✦ Kaelen Davis

✦ St. Paul's ministry

Saturday 2/28

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

I Thessalonians 3:1-13

✦ Kenny Rotert, Larry McIntosh, Pam McIntire (29th)

✦ Christians in Syria

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Paul Otte

Darren Davis (*heart attack—Susie Alstatt's brother*)

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

Amelia Jessup (*heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Mary Ellen Herkamp Adams
(*relative of Carmen Herkamp*)

Family & friends of Mary Lou Clouse (*Patty Herkamp's sister*)

Sandy Kovener (*heart—friend of Shirley Lewis*)

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*)

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 & Joannah Yerrell (Roger Douglass' grandson & wife); Seth Douglass

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

February 15 — 8:00 service: 113 10:15 service: 53

Financial Report:

No financial report this week

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH 1:

Communion Assistant:

Chris Otte (8:00)
Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep:

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

Lectors:

Amy Rotert (8:00)
Judy Wonning (10:15)

Acolytes:

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

Projectors:

Henry Engelau (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Camera:

Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:

Delores Douglass

Sunday School Snacks:

Pie Day

READINGS FOR MARCH 1:

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5; 13-17
John 3:1-17

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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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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