

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

March 1, 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:
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 Hoeverer (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

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: March 1-7

Sunday 1st	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School Pie Day
	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	8:30 am	Leave for trip to quilt show
	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making

Next week: March 8-13

Sunday 8th	Daylight Savings Time	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	First Communion class
	10:15 am	Communion
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	5:00 pm	Confirmation class 1
	6:30 pm	Confirmation class 2
	6:30 pm	Luther League
	Monday 9th	9:00 am
1:00 pm		Blanket Making
8:00 pm		Dartball at home (Wegan A)
Tues. 10th	7:00 pm	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	Internship Committee
Wed. 11th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs. 12th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 13th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making

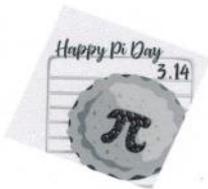
HEARING ASSISTANCE—We have head-phones available for those in need of assistance with hearing. They are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

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 March are spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. 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 March, we are collecting towels and washcloths (new and gently used) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

No Adult Sunday School Class Today



TODAY IS “PIE DAY”!

9:00 am (during the Sunday School hour)
in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Stop by for coffee, pie sampling and fellowship time!

Anniversary Committee

TODAY at 6:00 p.m.

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*

Devotion Service

Thursday, March 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the devotional service. We'd love for you to join us afterwards at Borchers Breakfast Club for food, fellowship and games.

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

March 8

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night
for Daylight Savings Time

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.



Men's Group

Tuesday, March 10 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.

LAWN MOWING BID FORMS

are located at the Welcome Center

This is for mowing of the church, parsonage and cemetery. Forms must be turned in to Tim England or Allen Morrison no later than **March 15** They both have mailboxes in the church office.

Wednesday Youth Night

March 11 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.

BOOK BUZZ

March 23 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "*The Stolen Lady*" by Laura Morelli. 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.

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:

March 4—Potter’s Clay

God who shapes and reforms

March 18—Shield/Wings

God who protects and shelters

March 11—Shepherd’s Staff

God who guides and seeks

March 25—Anchor

God who holds us fast

April 2—Cup (Maundy Thursday)

God who gives God’s self

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.

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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:

Genesis 12:1-4: God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nations, and a great reputation.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17: In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

John 3:1-17: A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—Is there a difficult demand or journey that God is asking you to consider right now? What are the challenges? (Genesis 12:1-4)
- 2—What does trusting in God mean for you, right now? (Psalm 121)
- 3—What might it mean this week for you or your congregation to let yourselves be blown around by the Spirit? (John 3:1-17)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 121:8

⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 3/1

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18
I Thessalonians 4:1-18
✦ world peace

Monday 3/2

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20
I Thessalonians 5:1-28
✦ Levi Wahlstrom, Liam Ross
✦ military personnel

Tuesday 3/3

Ecclesiastes 11:1-10
II Thessalonians 1:1-12
✦ Joe Hoene, Ella Warfield, Jay Herbert,
Willie Hoevener
✦ confirmation students

Wednesday 3/4

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
II Thessalonians 2:1-17
✦ Eliana Baker, Don Rotert, Chris Otte
✦ police officers

Thursday 3/5

Song of Songs 1:1-17
II Thessalonians 3:1-18
✦ Lutheran World Relief

Friday 3/6

Song of Songs 2:1-17
I Timothy 1:1-20
✦ Jamie Baker, Luke Lanam
✦ Borcher's Preschool

Saturday 3/7

Song of Songs 3:1-11
I Timothy 2:1-15
✦ Scott Rosenberger, Bentley Seay
✦ Christians in Turkey

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

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 Dave Manuel
Dave Bode (*eye surgery*)
Paul Otte
Randall Frost
(*cancer—uncle of Chris Otte and friend of Dave Bode*)
Sandy Kovener (*heart—friend of Shirley Lewis*)
Stephanie Griecus (*cancer—friend of Karen Dringenburg*)
Ben Fox (*surgery*)
Juvonda Jones (*broken leg—KY Hendrix's sister*)
Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)
Sarah Rotert (*fall*)
Lois Rust (*RSV*)
Kay Hoene (*back surgery*)
Red Angel (*ankle surgery*)
Ed Engellau (*cancer*)
Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)
Waldron Rust (*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*)
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*)

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 & Joana Yerrill (Roger Douglass' grandson & wife); Seth Douglass

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

Ash Wednesday — 69

February 22 — 8:00 service: 113 10:15 service: 53

Financial Report:

Ash Wednesday — \$546.00 (Benevolence)

Feb. 15— Spending Plan: \$19,849.00 Other giving: \$155.00 New parsonage: \$10,160.00

TOTAL: \$30,164.00

Feb. 22— Spending Plan: \$11,746.86 Other giving: \$2,135.00 New parsonage: \$1,570.00

TOTAL: \$15,451.86

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Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Mandy Otte (8:00)
Judy Wonning (10:15)

Lectors:

Leah Otte (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolytes:

Wade Rapp & Emily Morris (8:00)
Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Michaela Smith (8:00)
Thomas & Ruth Ann Hendrix (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Delores Douglass

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR MARCH 8:

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

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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