

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

March 8, 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:
Mandy Otte (8:00)
Judy Wanning (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

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 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	Preschool
	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

Next week: March 15-21

Sunday 15th	Lawn Mowing Bids due	
	Newsletter deadline	
	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 16th	CARPET CLEANING	
	OFFICE CLOSED	
	NO PRESCHOOL	
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	8:00 pm	Dartball at Immanuel
Tues. 17th	CARPET CLEANING	
	OFFICE CLOSED	
	11:30 pm	Ladies Lunch at The Bearded Hobo
Wed. 18th	NO PRESCHOOL	
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs. 19th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Blood Drive (until 6:00)
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
Friday 20th	NO 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 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.

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.

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.

Elementary Group

TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class

TONIGHT at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Luther League

TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m.

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

Deadline March 15

Forms are 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. 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.

Newsletter Deadline

March 15

CARPET CLEANING

March 16 & 17

The carpets at the church and parsonage will be cleaned. Please minimize foot traffic in the church on those days. ***THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED***

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.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.

The Bearded Hobo
1029 W. Commerce St., Brownstown

Ruth Circle

Thursday, March 19 1:00 p.m.
Watch bulletin for details

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.

Offering Statements

Offering statements for 2025 are available in the narthex.

Lutheran World Relief Blanket-Making

Monday and Friday at 1:00

We 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.

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 11—Shepherd’s Staff
God who guides and seeks

March 25—Anchor
God who holds us fast

March 18—Shield/Wings
God who protects and shelters

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.

Lost and Found

A Spiderman watch was found in the main men’s bathroom. It’s in the Lost and Found drawer in the office workroom.

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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:

Exodus 17:1-7: Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—'Is the Lord among us or not?'—receive a very positive answer.

Romans 5:1-11: Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

John 4:5-42: Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1— What would it look like to trust God instead of your own power?
(Exodus 17:1-7)

2—How do you experience God's love even amid our own sinfulness? (Romans 5:1-11)

3—How do you experience living water? (John 4:5-42)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 5:8

⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 3/8

Song of Songs 4:1-16

I Timothy 3:1-16

✦ Tracey Engelau, Lacey Lanam, Breanna
Dunn, Daniel Hendrix, Mason McIntosh
✦ world peace

Monday 3/9

Song of Songs 5:1-16

I Timothy 4:1-16

✦ Lydia Shuler
✦ people living in war zones

Tuesday 3/10

Song of Songs 6:1-13

I Timothy 5:1-25

✦ EMT's

Wednesday 3/11

Song of Songs 7:1-13

I Timothy 6:1-21

✦ Zoe Plummer
✦ our country

Thursday 3/12

Song of Songs 8:1-14

II Timothy 1:1-18

✦ missionaries

Friday 3/13

Isaiah 1:1-31

II Timothy 2:1-26

✦ Troy Claycamp, Chuck Newkirk, Larry
Isbell, Dakota Swaney
✦ people preparing to retire

Saturday 3/14

Isaiah 2:1-22

II Timothy 3:1-17

✦ Emilia Canady
✦ Christians in Chad

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:

Haylee Stuckwisch
(*pregnancy issues—friend of Carrie Morrison*)
Paul Otte
Randall Frost
(*cancer—uncle of Chris Otte and friend of Dave Bode*)
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*)
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*)
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 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 & Joana
Yerrell (Roger Douglass' grandson & wife);
Seth Douglass*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

February 25 — 50

March 1 — 8:00 service: 103 10:15 service: 65

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 15:

Communion Assistant:

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

Communion Prep:

Karen Wiesehan (8:00)
Nina Franke (10:15)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)
Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes:

Claire Engelau & Caleb Baker (8:00)
Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Projectors:

Sam Engelau (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR MARCH 15:

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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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Pastor Steve: 812-498-7829

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Web Site: stpaul-borchers.org

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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