

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

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

Communion Prep:
Gwen Newkirk (8:00)
Marj Rust (10:15)

Lectors:
Mandy Otte (8:00)
Marj Rust (10:15)

Acolytes:
Kasen Nichalson & Layne Thompson (8:00)
Daniel Hendrix (10:15)

Projectors:
Natalie Fish (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Camera:
Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:
Dennis Rust

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 22-27

Sunday 22nd class	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	First Communion
	10:15 am	Communion
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Monday 23rd	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Dartball at home (Dudleytown N)
Tues. 24th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 25th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wed. 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
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making

Next week: March 29-April 4

Sunday 29th	Palm Sunday	
	Daycamp Registration Opens	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	First Communion class
	10:15 am	Communion
	6:30 pm	Adult Bells
Monday 30th	7:00 pm	Choir
	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
Tuesday 31st	8:00 pm	Dartball at Lutheran Lake
	NO KIDS BELLS	
Wed. 1st	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 2nd	8:30 am	Devotional Service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	5:45 pm	Seder Meal
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday service
Friday 3rd	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	7:00 pm	Good Friday service <i>(Led by Jr. High)</i>
Sat. 4th	9:00 am	Jr. High hide Easter eggs
	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Linda Rust from her family.

Share Easter joy this season!

Pick up a bag of ten cards TODAY to send to folks on our prayer list.
All that's needed is in the bag!

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.

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.

Wednesday Youth Night

March 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.

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.

LENTEN SERIES

Images of God: A Lenten Journey Through Sacred Objects

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 25—Anchor

God who holds us fast

April 2—Cup (Maundy Thursday)

God who gives God's self

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Outing Rail Bike Adventure

Thursday, April 30

Cost: \$20 per person (Limited to 12 participants)

Join us for an adventure! Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad in Noblesville, IN has rail bikes (four-passenger pedal bikes specially designed to sit on the railroad tracks) that we will rent for a two hour trip through woodlands and farmland in northern Hamilton County. These family-friendly bikes are designed for all fitness levels. The bus will leave the church at 10:30 AM and return around 4:30 PM. Lunch will be provided by the Care Team. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Devotional Service

Thursday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m.

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.*

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

(for children up to 5th grade)

Saturday, April 4

10:00 am at the Picnic Grove

In case of inclement weather, we will move inside. *Jr High will hide eggs at 9 a.m.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY - March 29

Worship at 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 2

Seder Meal at 5:45 p.m.

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

First Communion during worship

Image of God: Cup

God who gives God's self

GOOD FRIDAY—April 3

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Led by the Jr. High youth

EASTER SUNDAY—April 5

Sunrise Service led by Luther League at 6:30 a.m.

Breakfast served by Luther League at 7:15 a.m.

Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.

Flowers donations needed for Easter

We need donations of various potted spring flowers to put around the base of the Easter Cross. ***Flowers need to be at church by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4.*** They can be taken home after the 10:15 service.

Maundy Thursday

April 2

Seder Meal — 5:45 p.m.

Those who have completed the First Communion class and their family members along with church members will celebrate a modified Seder Meal. ***Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.***

Worship Service/First Communion — 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. The First Communion class will receive their first communion during the service.

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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:

Ezekiel 37:1-14: Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that 'I am the Lord.'

Romans 8:6-11: For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

John 11:1-45: Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—What does the vision from Ezekiel mean to you in our world today? (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

2—What does it mean to you to 'have the Spirit of Christ' would you say? (Romans 8:6-11)

3—How have you seen the power of Jesus to give life in your own faith journey? (John 11:1-45)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days. Amen.

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 11:25

²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 3/22

Isaiah 10:1-34
Hebrews 3:1-19
✦ world peace

Monday 3/23

Isaiah 11:1-16
Hebrews 4:1-16
✦ Tyler Shaw, Jacque Schultheis
✦ chaplains

Tuesday 3/24

Isaiah 12:1-6
Hebrews 5:1-14
✦ Rice Johnson, Charlotte Rust
✦ pastors

Wednesday 3/25

Isaiah 13:1-22
Hebrews 6:1-20
✦ Kasen Nichalson
✦ medical personnel

Thursday 3/26

Isaiah 14:1-32
Hebrews 7:1-28
✦ Anchor House

Friday 3/27

Isaiah 15:1-9
Hebrews 8:1-13
✦ Connie Knoke, Jo McGrew
✦ St. Paul's youth ministry

Saturday 3/28

Isaiah 16:1-14
Hebrews 9:1-28
✦ Leon Seitz
✦ Christians in Lebanon

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Bufard Fields (*heart issues—step-father of Gerald Wayt*)
Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)
Amelia Jessup (*heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Vera Hoevener
(mother of Danny Hoevener)
Pastor John Wanamaker (*hospice care*)
Lisa Magaha (*cancer—friend of Amy Rosenberger*)
Tucker Wathen (*brain cancer—friend of Karen Brigdon*)
Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)
Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)
Paul Franke (*heart—Clayton Franke's father*)
Haylee Stuckwisch
(*pregnancy issues—friend of Carrie Morrison*)
Darren Davis (*heart attack—Susie Alstatt's brother*)
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*)
Kay Hoene (*back surgery*)
Red Angel (*ankle surgery*)
Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)
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*)
Bob Butcher (*health issues—friend of Susie Alstatt*)
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 Engalau*)

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:

March 11 — 50

March 15 — 8:00 service: 86 10:15 service: 51

Financial Report:

No financial reports this week

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH 29:

Communion Assistant:

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

Communion Prep:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)
Linda Guinn (10:15)

Lectors:

High School Youth (8:00)
Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolytes:

Abe Engelau & Warren Newkirk (8:00)
Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Kaelynn Engelau (8:00)
Mark Fountain (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Dennis Rust

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR MARCH 29:

Isaiah 50:4-9
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

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.

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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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