

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

March 29, 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:

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

Lectors:

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

Acolytes:

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

Projectors:

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

Camera:

Jamie Baker

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 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 7:00 pm Choir
Monday 30th	9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making 8:00 pm Dartball at Lutheran Lake
Tues. 31st	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

Next week: April 5-11	
Sunday 5th	Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service <i>(Led by Luther League)</i> 7:15 am Breakfast 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Communion 6:00 pm Anniversary Committee
Monday 6th	OFFICE CLOSED NO PRESCHOOL Dartball Tourney at Sauers
Tues. 7th	6:30 pm Kids Bells
Wed. 8th	9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Wednesday Youth Night
Thurs. 9th	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi
Friday 10th	9:00 am Preschool
Sat. 11th	9:00 am Cornhole Tournament

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.

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

Daycamp Registration Opens TODAY

Please check the display in the narthex

Devotional Service

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

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.*

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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.

Image of God: Cup

God who gives God's self

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.

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.

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.

New Group for Widows

Grief is hard. If you are a widow, you may find that caring support from other widows can help you on your grief journey. No matter how long you've been on your journey, if you feel sharing your experiences with other widows would be helpful, please reach out to Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman.

Please Pick Up Puzzles

If you donated puzzles to the library, please take them back home. Thanks to everyone who donated puzzles for the winter. Everyone enjoyed this new winter activity offering from our library.

Anniversary Committee

April 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Office Closed

Monday, April 6

Wednesday Youth Night

April 8 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.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH BORCHERS

OUTDOOR

CORNHOLE

Tournament

HELD IN CHURCH
PARKING LOT

THIS FUNDRAISER WILL HELP SUPPORT OUR LUTHER LEAGUE
MISSION TRIP TO COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE THIS SUMMER!



PRIZES AND RAFFLE
ITEMS WILL ALSO
BE AVAILABLE

CONCESSIONS
WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

ALL AGES
WELCOME

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2026

CHECK-IN STARTS AT 9A | TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 10A

ENTRY FEE \$30/TEAM

REGISTER AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR ONLINE
AT STPAUL-BORCHERS.ORG

**March 29,
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:

Isaiah 50:4-9: The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Philippians 2:5-11: Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Matthew 21:1-11: Holy Week begins with a palm procession and the proclamation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem from the Gospel of Matthew. Christ enters the assembly now, just as he did then, and we praise his presence among us. 'Hosanna' is now our song.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—What does the suffering of Jesus mean to you? (Isaiah 50:4-9)
- 2—As you enter Holy Week, how could acknowledging Jesus' emptying help you through your own? (Philippians 2:5-11)
- 3—What does hosanna mean? What does this mean for you today? (Matthew 21:1-11)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 2:8

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 3/29

Isaiah 17:1-14
Hebrews 10:1-39
✦ Ryan Cosby
✦ world peace

Monday 3/30

Isaiah 18:1-7
Hebrews 11:1-40
✦ Heidi Wheatley, Tiffany Mansfield, Hollis Lucas
✦ shut-ins

Tuesday 3/31

Isaiah 19:1-25
Hebrews 12:1-29
✦ Luther League

Wednesday 4/1

Isaiah 20:1-6
Hebrews 13:1-25
✦ military personnel

Thursday 4/2

Isaiah 21:1-17
James 1:1-27
✦ First Communion students

Friday 4/3

Isaiah 22:1-25
James 2:1-26
✦ Debbie Herbert, Melina Engelau, Kaelynn Engelau, Ava Warfield, Weslynn Claycamp
✦ for spiritual growth

Saturday 4/4

Isaiah 23:1-18
James 3:1-18
✦ Emily Morris
✦ Christians in the Middle East

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Kim Dringenburg (surgery)
Adelee Davis (cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)
Amelia Jessup (heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Pastor John Wanamaker
Family & friends of Adie Bell Morrison
(Allen Morrison's grandmother)
Kathy England (shoulder surgery)
Barbara Otte (health—aunt of Ruth Ann Hendrix)
Maura Alicia Amador (health—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix)
Bufard Fields (heart issues—step-father of Gerald Wayt)
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)
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 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:

March 11— 50 **March 18** — 61
March 15 — 8:00 service: 86 10:15 service: 51
March 22 — 8:00 service: 122 10:15 service: 52

Financial Report:

March 11 — \$215.00 (Benevolence) **March 18** — \$234.00 (Benevolence)
March 15— Spending Plan: \$2,040.00 Other giving: \$2,115.00 New parsonage: \$4,025.00
TOTAL: \$8,180.00.00

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL 5:

Communion Assistant:

Doug Fish (8:00)
Bill Wonnig (10:15)

Communion Prep:

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

Lectors:

Lou Ann Hoevenner (8:00)
Leon Seitz (10:15)

Acolytes:

Ben Rapp & Caleb Wheatley (8:00)
Emma Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

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

Camera:

Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:

Congregation members

Sunday School Snacks:

Easter Breakfast by Luther League

READINGS FOR APRIL 5:

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

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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