

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

April 5, 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:
Doug Fish (8:00)
Bill Woning (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Casey Engela (8:00)
Gretchen Lawles (10:15)

Lectors:
Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)
Leon Seitz (10:15)

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

Projectors:
Susie Schnitker (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:
Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:
Congregation members

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: 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
	9:00 am 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

Next week: April 12-17

Sunday 12th	8:00 am Communion
	9:00 am Sunday School
	10:15 am Worship
	NO ADULT BELLS
	7:00 PM Choir
Monday 13th	9:00 am Preschool
Tues. 14th	6:30 pm Kids Bells
Wed. 15th	9:00 am Preschool
Thurs. 16th	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am Tai Chi
	1:00 pm Ruth Circle
	7:00 pm Men's Group
Friday 17th	9:00 am Preschool (Doughnuts with Dad)

Pastor Steve and Intern Beth will be gone the afternoon of April 12 thru the evening of April 14 at the Internship Cluster in North Carolina.

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 April are peanut butter and jelly. 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 April, we are collecting underwear (all sizes—women, children, teen men) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Easter Flowers Donations

Flowers can be taken home after the 10:15 service.

Anniversary Committee

TODAY 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!



CONCESSIONS
WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

PRIZES AND RAFFLE
ITEMS WILL ALSO
BE AVAILABLE

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

First Communion

Congratulations to those who celebrated their First Communion on Maundy Thursday: Lila Anderson, Thomas Hendrix, Willie Hoevener, Wyatt Hoevener, Annabelle Johnson, Kasen Nichalson, Dugan Otte, Owen Otte, Addie Sanders, Connor Shaw and Addi Thompson.

NEW

Group for Widows

NEW

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.

Bless the New Parsonage with Prayers and Scripture!

Everyone is invited to stop by and write a favorite Bible verse or prayer on the studs. There is a container with Sharpies within the house.



PICNIC GROVE LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS

are needed April through October.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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.

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.*

Ruth Circle

Thursday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Group

Thursday, April 16 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.

Trip to Hilltop Garden and Nature Center

Indiana University, Bloomington

Tuesday, May 19

A tour and lunch at Lennie's Brewpub will be enjoyed as well as a quick trip on campus for photographs. Look for more details and sign up at the Welcome Center.

Changes to the April Calendar

UPDATE

Bishop Tim Graham will be here on April 26 and he travels to churches within the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. So a couple of things have been changed.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

is now on
April 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Muffin Morning

is now on
April 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Daycamp

June 8-12

Register now!

Volunteers needed too!

Information at the
display in the narthex.



**April 5,
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:

Acts 10:34-43: Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, 'receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Colossians 3:1-4: Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

Matthew 28:1-1: Sorrow gives way to 'fear and great joy' when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!
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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— How is it important to you this Easter that Jesus truly embodies God? (Acts 10:34-43)
- 2—How is God a shelter for you? (Colossians 3:1-4)
- 3—How do you understand the supernatural elements of the resurrection account? (Matthew 28:1-10)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 28:10

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 4/5

Isaiah 24:1-23

James 4:1-17

✦ the joy of Easter

Monday 4/6

Isaiah 25:1-12

James 5:1-20

✦ Parker Runge, Paige Runge, Joy Carr,

Heather Morris

✦ world peace

Tuesday 4/7

Isaiah 26:1-21

I Peter 1:1-25

✦ Gib Claycamp

✦ farmers

Wednesday 4/8

Isaiah 27:1-13

I Peter 2:1-25

✦ Robin Tormoehlen, Jennie Hoene, Henry

Fountain

✦ countries experiencing conflict

Thursday 4/9

Isaiah 28:1-29

I Peter 3:1-22

✦ confirmation students

Friday 4/10

Isaiah 29:1-24

I Peter 4:1-19

✦ Zach Rorick, Beth Claycamp

✦ church musicians

Saturday 4/11

Isaiah 30:1-33

I Peter 5:1-14

✦ Christians in Saudi Arabia

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

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

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

Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)

Dave Bode (*eye surgery*)

Betty Toxey (*broken hip—aunt of Erik Zakrzewski*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Dakota Swaney

Kathy England (*shoulder surgery*)

Barbara Otte (*health—aunt of Ruth Ann Hendrix*)

Kim Dringenburg (*surgery*)

Mauro 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*)

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*)

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);

Andrew & Joanah Yerrell (Roger Douglass'

grandson & wife); *Seth Douglass*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

March 25— 34

March 29 — 8:00 service: 120 10:15 service: 74

Financial Report:

March 25 — \$275.00 (Benevolence)

March 22— Spending Plan: \$3,949.00 Other giving: \$160.00 New parsonage: \$1,170.00

TOTAL: \$5,279.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL 12:

Communion Assistant:

Doug Fish (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)

Lectors:

Amy Rotert (8:00)

Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Emily Morris & Claire Engelau (8:00)

Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Melina Engelau (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR APRIL 12:

Acts 2:14, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

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

Facebook:

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Services are available on YouTube:

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