

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

May 24, 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:
Ruth Ann Newkirk

Communion Prep:
Wanda Engelau

Lectors:
Leah Otte

Acolytes:
Need volunteer

Projectors:
Michaela Smith

Altar flowers are provided by:
Delores & Roger 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: May 24-30	
Sunday 24th	Pentecost Sunday 9:00 a.m. 1 worship service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Short choir practice after worship
Monday 25th	OFFICE CLOSED
Thurs. 28th	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi

Next week: May 31-June 6	
Sunday 31st	Graduation recognition 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Summer Sunday School begins 10:15 am Communion
Wed. 3rd	8:00 am Flush & test sprinkler system
Thurs. 4th	8:30 am Devotion service 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi
Sat. 6th	9:00 am Luther League Golf Scramble

Intern Beth is on vacation May 30-June 3

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.

MAGNIFYING SHEETS are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

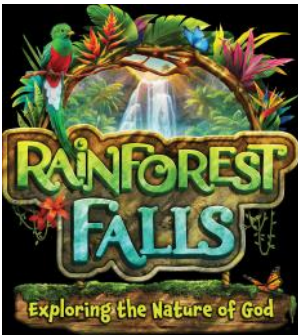
GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS—We have gluten-free communion wafers available. Indicate to the pastor when you come up for communion if you need these.

FOOD PANTRY—The food pantry item being collected in June is canned fruit. 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 June, we are collecting hair brushes, combs, hair spray, hair mousse, hair gel for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cole & Harleigh Kleffman on the birth of their son, Graham Reed, born on May 14. Grandparents are Toby Kleffman and Amy Kleffman. Great-grandparents are Benny and Kathy Kleffman.

Office Closed
Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day



Daycamp

June 8-12

You can still register!

Volunteers needed!

Supply donations needed!

See the display for ways to help and registration! Register online or use the paper forms on the display table. ALL campers, volunteers and counselors should register to help us in planning.

Choir Practice

TODAY after the service

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

May 31 at both services

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

May 31 at both services

Did you know that 1 in 5 U.S. adults experiences mental illness each year? Mark Teike will be with us at worship to highlight NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, an organization that works to de-stigmatize mental illness in our community. NAMI provides education, support, and advocacy for families faced with mental illness.

Summer Sunday School

Beginning May 31

Needed:

Volunteers to lead
Volunteers to supply snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center

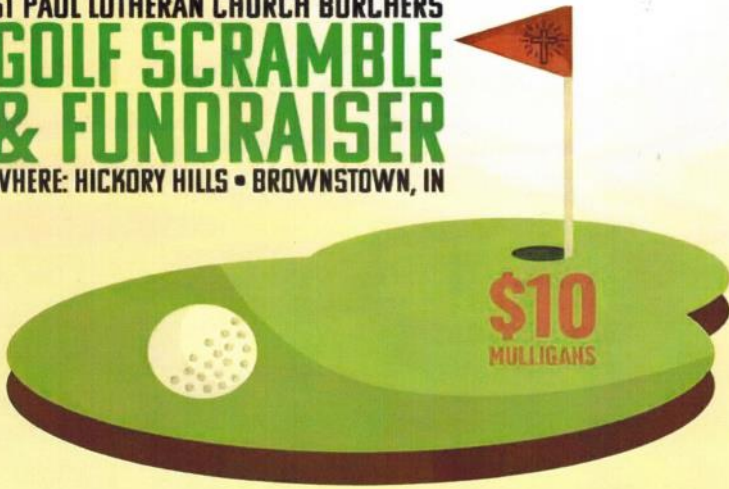
Any questions, talk to Jamie Baker

Flush & Test the Sprinkler System

Wednesday, June 3 8:00 a.m.

If anyone wants to see how this is done, they are welcome to attend.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH BORCHERS
**GOLF SCRAMBLE
& FUNDRAISER**
WHERE: HICKORY HILLS • BROWNSTOWN, IN



WHEN: JUNE 6, 2026
CHECK-IN: 7:30AM • SHOTGUN START: 8:00AM
MORE INFO: STPAUL-BORCHERS.ORG

\$50 PER PERSON • 6 PERSON TEAMS
PRIZES / RAFFLES / SILENT AUCTION

THIS FUNDRAISER WILL HELP SUPPORT OUR LUTHER LEAGUE
MISSION TRIP COPPERHILL TN THIS SUMMER!

Golf Scramble Hole Sponsors

\$100 each

Please sign up at the Welcome Center

Devotion Service

Thursday, June 4 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.

Help Needed: Funeral Dinners

WELCA is asking for 4 volunteers to be on a rotation for funeral dinner kitchen leader. The leader will be responsible for overseeing the dinner. The current sign-up sheet for donations and helpers will continue. If willing to be a leader or have questions, contact Linda Newkirk.

PICNIC GROVE MOWING VOLUNTEERS

are needed through October.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Bazaar Craft & Bake Sale Area

We sold out of lots of items last Fall, so we need people to be crafty this summer and think about homemade canned goods when planting and harvesting their gardens. Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Updated Small Phone Directory

Copies are available at the Welcome Center.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Summer Camps

Information is available at the Welcome Center.

Thank You

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards during my recovery from a broken ankle. Special thanks to Pastor Wood and Intern Beth for all your visits and prayers.
Odom (Red) Angel

Borchers Preschool Registration

Forms for 2026-27 school year are available at the Welcome Center.

May 24,
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 2:1-21: Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

I Corinthians 12:3-13: Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

John 20:19-23: The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? (Acts 2:1-21)

2—What gifts do you think that you have been given by the Spirit? (I Corinthians 12:3-13)

3—What are the differences between the coming of the Spirit in the John text and the Acts text? (John 20:19-23 & Acts 2:1-21)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: I CORINTHIANS 12:13

¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jew or Greek, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 5/24

Jeremiah 7:1-34
Matthew 10:1-42
✦ Ella Kruse, Caleb Wheatley, Grant Wheatley
✦ world peace

Monday 5/25

Jeremiah 8:1-22
Matthew 11:1-29
✦ Eli Ingle, Gina Goodwin, Nixie Findley
✦ thanks for those who have given their life for the country

Tuesday 5/26

Jeremiah 9:1-26
Matthew 12:1-50
✦ Chris Herbert
✦ safety for people traveling

Wednesday 5/27

Jeremiah 10:1-25
Matthew 13:1-58
✦ Teresa Brown
✦ preparations for DayCamp

Thursday 5/28

Jeremiah 11:1-23
Matthew 14:1-36
✦ Selma Mellenbruch
✦ Habitat for Humanity

Friday 5/29

Jeremiah 12:1-17
Matthew 15:1-39
✦ Patty Herkemp, Annie Engelau
✦ nurses

Saturday 5/30

Jeremiah 13:1-27
Matthew 16:1-28
✦ Pat Otte
✦ Christians in Tanzania

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

*Patty Herkemp; 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 & Joana Yerrell (Roger Douglass'
grandson & wife); Seth Douglass*

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

KY Hendrix (*pneumonia*)
Calleigh Kidd (*relative of Kathy Kidd*)
Lisa Bergman (*brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke*)
Melissa Newberry (*brain surgery—friend of Kathy England*)
Amelia Jessup (*heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Emmi Jo Franke (*accident—daughter of Alex & Heather Franke*)
Hannah Ray (*friend of Mindy Siffard*)
Darrin Davis (*cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt*)
Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)
Myra & Jerry Mellencamp
(*health issues—friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Woning*)
Florence Otte
Olga Otte (*surgery*)
Marilyn Saum (*friend of Doris Sparks*)
Donald Schnikker (*knee*)
Phil Hardwick (*cancer—brother-in-law of Tim Hoevener*)
Sharon Carpenter (*cancer—mother of Holly Otte*)
Lori Hatfield (*knee replacement*)
Betty Toxey (*broken hip—grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)
Bev Alstatt (*health issues—mother of Kendall Alstatt*)
Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)
Dave Bode (*eye 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*)
Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)
Paul Franke (*heart—Clayton Franke's father*)
Haylee Stuckwisch
(*pregnancy issues—friend of Carrie Morrison*)
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*)
Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)
Jaxon Reinhart (*cancer—friend of Grant & Caleb Wheatley*)
Patricia Lewis (*cancer—Tim England's mother*)
Bobby Akemon (*cancer—friend of Jennie Hoene*)
Brooke Elmore (*cancer—friend of Tammi Reinbold*)
Linda Lloyd (*medical—Tim England's aunt*)
Olivia Sons (*epileptic seizures—friend of Kathy England*)
Monty Reynolds (*prostate cancer—friend of Kathy England*)
Paul Lewis (*melanoma—step-dad of Tim England*)
Mark Gillespie (*cancer—friend of Charlotte Guinn*)
Ernie Kleffman (*back*)
Treva Edwards (*health issues—relatives of Robert Smith*)
Michelle Sallee (*cancer—friend of Gretchen Lawles &
Linda Guinn*)
Debbie Schroer (*kidney cancer—mother of Tracey Engelau*)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

May 17 — 8:00 service: 83 10:15 service: 57

Financial Report:

May 17— Spending Plan: \$2,690.00 Other giving: \$130.00 New parsonage: \$1,110.00
TOTAL: \$3,930.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY 31:

Communion Assistant:
NO COMMUNION

Communion Prep:
NO COMMUNION

Lectors:
Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)
Marj Rust (10:15)

Acolytes:
Ben Rapp & Layne Thompson (8:00)
Need volunteer (10:15)

Projectors:
Baker/Engelau(8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Sunday School Leader:
Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:
Need volunteer

Altar flowers are provided by:
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READINGS FOR MAY 31:

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

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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