

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

July 12, 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:
Ruth Ann Newkirk

Lectors:
Laberta Otte

Acolytes:
Need volunteer

Projectors:
Matt Tangman

Camera:
Need volunteer

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Altar flowers are provided by:
Shirley Lewis

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
Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director
and Custodian
Michelle Wood.....Secretary

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: July 12-17

Sunday 12th 9:00 am

**One Service
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Newsletter deadline
 Reception for Beth after service
 6:00 pm Packing for
 Intern Beth

Tues. 14th 8:00 am Youth leave for
 King's Island
 7:00 pm Men's Group

Wed. 15th 1:00 pm Anna Circle
 (Widows Group)

Thurs. 16th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Next week: July 19-25

Sunday 19th 8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Communion

Tues. 21st 11:30 am Ladies Lunch at
 Cracker Barrel
 1:00 pm Blood Drive
 (until 6:00)

Thurs. 23rd 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Pastor Steve and Michelle are on vacation
 July 13-17 and July 21-31

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 items being collected in July are oatmeal, cereal and syrup. 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 July, we are collecting laundry detergent (small containers) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Newsletter Deadline

TODAY

Intern Beth's Final Sunday for Internship

TODAY

Everyone is invitd to join us for a meal afterwards in the fellowship hall.

Intern Moving Day

TODAY 6:00 p.m.

Intern Beth would love help loading the moving truck. Come if you can! She lives in the white house behind the Cortland elevator. Food and drinks will be provided.

Office Help Needed

Help is needed in the church office from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. while Michelle & Pastor Steve are gone. Volunteers will copy and staple bulletins, Weekly News and answer the phone. Dates that help is needed are: July 24, 27, 29 and 31. Please talk to Michelle if you can help.

King's Island Trip

Jr. High, Sr. High & College students

TODAY IS DEADLINE TO SIGN UP

Tuesday, July 14

Cost: \$20 for students

Spots on the bus are first come, first served. Extra drivers and chaperones may be needed. Extra tickets can be purchased at the group rate (\$40) if other family members would like to visit on the same date. For extra attendees, you must provide your own transportation and supervision.



Men's Group

Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, talk to Chis Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

Adult Sunday School

We will not meet again until August 9

Anna Circle

(Group for Widows)

Wednesday, July 15 1:00 p.m.

Our group has chosen the name Anna Circle based on Luke 2:36-37. Anna was a widow who never left the temple but worshiped there night and day. Grief is hard. You may find that caring support from other widows can help you on your grief journey. Come join us! For info talk to Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 21

1:00 – 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall

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.

Group for Widowers

If you are interested in participating in a Men's Widower Group, let Trish Tangman or Pastor Steve know. Newly-discovered resources are available.

Women's Bible Study

A new Women's In-Depth Bible study will start this Fall. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, July 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Cracker Barrel in Seymour

Tour of Seymour High School

Tuesday, July 28

School administrator Aaron Floyd will host a private tour of Seymour High School. We'll see the most recent additions and changes to the building as well as what's remained the same. Meet at 10:00 AM at the main entrance (Entrance 1) for the tour. Lunch will be enjoyed at Lola's Modern Kitchen.

PICNIC GROVE MOWING VOLUNTEERS

ARE NEEDED FOR JULY

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Summer Garden Share

On Sundays in July and August, there will be a table set up outside the front doors. If you have extra produce/vegetables from your garden, feel free to leave it there on Sunday mornings for others to take! Anything remaining after second service will be removed and taken to the Anchor House Food Pantry on Monday morning, by some of our congregation youth.



CORN NEEDED

We are in need of 40 gallons of freshly frozen corn for the Borchers Supper in November. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you can help.

Lutheran World Relief

It's time again to collect items for Lutheran World Relief school kits and personal care kits. **Please put items in the Lutheran World Relief box near the kitchen.**

School Kit Supplies:

- 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled)
- 30 cm rulers
- black **OR** blue ball point pens (no gel ink) ink pens
- boxes of 16 **OR** 24-count crayons
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- UNSHARPENED #2 pencils
- 2 1/2 inch erasers

Personal Care Kit Supplies:

- bath towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended)
 - bars of soap (4-4 1/2 oz.)
 - metal nail clippers (with **OR** without attached file)
 - Adult-size toothbrushes
 - Sturdy comb
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NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness

Sunday, August 2
Sermon by Mark Teike

NAMI is an organization that works to de-stigmatize mental illness by providing free education, support, and advocacy for families. His sermon will share with us how we can support families in our community facing mental illness.

**July 12,
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 55:10-13: God's Word is compared to rain and snow that water the earth, bringing growth and abundance. In the same way, God's promises always accomplish their purpose, transforming lives and creation with joy, peace, and hope. The passage reminds us that God's work is dependable and fruitful, even when we cannot immediately see the results.

Romans 8:1-11: Paul proclaims the good news that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit, believers are set free from the power of sin and death and are invited to live according to God's life-giving presence rather than the desires that pull them away from God. The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead continues to give life and hope to God's people today.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23: Jesus' Parable of the Sower illustrates that God's Word is generously scattered among all people, yet the condition of the heart determines how it is received. While distractions, hardship, or competing priorities may hinder its growth, hearts that remain open and receptive produce lives marked by faithful and abundant fruitfulness. The emphasis is not on the skill of the sower but on God's generous sowing and the transformative power of the seed.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— *Where have you seen God's Word quietly bringing growth or renewal in your life? (Isaiah 55:10-13)***
- 2—*How is the Holy Spirit inviting you to experience the freedom and new life that God offers through Christ? (Romans 8:1-11)***
- 3—*What distractions or obstacles might be keeping God's Word from taking deeper root in your life, and what practices could help you become more receptive to it? (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)***
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?**

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 8:1

¹Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 7/12

Lamentations 3:1-33

Luke 11:1-54

✦ world peace

Monday 7/13

Lamentations 3:34-66

Luke 12:1-59

✦ people who work outdoors

Tuesday 7/14

Lamentations 4:1-22

Luke 13:1-35

✦ Ronni Rotert

✦ hospital workers

Wednesday 7/15

Lamentations 5:1-22

Luke 14:1-35

✦ Nate Otte, Rachel Hoevener

✦ people undergoing cancer treatments

Thursday 7/16

Ezekiel 1:1-28

Luke 15:1-32

✦ St. Paul's youth ministry

Friday 7/17

Ezekiel 2:1-10

Luke 16:1-31

✦ Anchor House

Saturday 7/18

Ezekiel 3:1-27

Luke 17:1-37

✦ Christians in China

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Other Prayer Requests:

Carol Mansfield (foot surgery)

Debbie Rust (surgery)

Ellen Kraftchick (lymphoma-friend of Doris Sparks)

Jim Hoffmeier (father of Mark Hoffmeier)

Leon Seitz (cancer)

Calleigh Kidd (relative of Kathy Kidd)

Lisa Bergman (brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke)

Amelia Jessup (heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz)

Dave Bode (eye surgery)

George Rorick (cancer—brother of Mark Rorick)

Leai Easley (granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp)

Melissa Newberry (brain surgery—friend of Kathy England)

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 Schnikter (knee)

Phil Hardwick (cancer—brother-in-law of Tim Hoevener)

Sharon Carpenter (cancer—mother of Holly Otte)

Lori Hatfield (knee replacement)

Bev Alstatt (health issues—mother of Kendall Alstatt)

Alice Bayman (cancer—Olga Otte's sister)

Barbara Otte (health—aunt of Ruth Ann Hendrix)

Kim Dringenburg (surgery)

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 Griecus (cancer—friend of Karen Dringenburg)

Kay Hoene

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)

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)

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)

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch,
Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wentte, Shirley Runge,
Betty Toxey (grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski)

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; Isaac Rust

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

July 5— 68

Financial Report:

July 5— Spending Plan: \$2,464.00 Other giving: \$145.00 New parsonage: \$5,110.00

TOTAL: \$7,719.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 19:

Communion Assistant:

Leon Seitz (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Robin Tormoehlen (10:15)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)

Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes:

Layne Thompson (8:00)

Need volunteer (10:15)

Projectors:

Jemma Otte (8:00)

Michelle Wood (10:15)

Sunday School Leader:

Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR

JULY 19:

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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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