

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

July 19, 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

Organist: Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:
Leon Seitz (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Robin Tormoehlen (10:15)

Lectors:
Ruth Ann Newkirk (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

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
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 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

Next week: July 26-31

Sunday 26th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
Tues. 28th	10:00 am	Seymour High School tour
Thurs. 30th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi

Pastor Steve and Michelle are on vacation
July 21-31

Trish Tangman is on vacation
July 29-August 4

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.

Help Needed: Mailing Cards

Share Summer joy this season! Pick up a bag of ten cards TODAY in the narthex and let folks on our prayer list know we're thinking about them.

Adult Sunday School

We will not meet again until August 9

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.

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.

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.

Looking for Borchers Supper & Bazaar Turkeys

Jan Otte purchased turkeys for this year's Borchers Supper & Bazaar however we don't know where all of them are being stored. If you have turkeys, please let the church office know. Please supply your name and how many you have. We need to know by August 31. Thank you!

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.

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.

Borchers Preschool Registration

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

REMINDER

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

August 2 • 9:00 a.m.

*One item of business is discussing
the condition of the parking lot.*



Fair Displays

August 2



Show off your 4-H projects, Family Arts entries, ribbons, 10 year displays or anything else fair related in the fellowship hall between services. Borchers is blessed with amazing talent; thank you for sharing it with us!

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.

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.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

Wednesday, August 19

We'll visit the recently renovated museum. Cost to enter the new museum, as well as a private bus tour to the track will be covered by the Care Team. You don't want to miss this opportunity! Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



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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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.

Gerkenmeyer Scholarship Recipients

Recipients of the Gerkenmeyer Scholarship this year are: Jay Herbert, Audrey Newkirk, Cami Kleffman, Annie Engellau and Katie Otte.

**July 19,
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 44:6-8: God declares, "I am the first and I am the last," affirming that there is no other God who can compare in power, faithfulness, or knowledge. In the face of uncertainty, God's people are called not to fear but to trust the One who has always been their Rock and Redeemer.

Romans 8:12-25: Paul reminds believers that through the Holy Spirit we are adopted as God's children and made heirs with Christ. Though creation and humanity continue to experience suffering, we live with confident hope, waiting for the fullness of God's promised redemption and the renewal of all creation.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43: In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus teaches that good and evil often exist side by side in the present age. Rather than rushing to judgment, God patiently allows time for growth, promising that justice and righteousness will ultimately prevail in God's kingdom.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— *Where do you need to remember God's steadfast presence and trust that God alone is your secure foundation?* (Isaiah 44:6-8)
- 2—*How does the promise of being God's beloved child give you hope as you face present struggles?* (Romans 8:12-25)
- 3—*How can you practice patience, faithfulness, and hope while trusting God to bring about ultimate justice?* (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 8:14

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 7/19

Ezekiel 4:1-17

Luke 18:1-43

✦ Lyra Claycamp, Mary Eglan

✦ world peace

Monday 7/20

Ezekiel 5:1-17

Luke 19:1-48

✦ firefighters

Tuesday 7/21

Ezekiel 6:1-14

Luke 20:1-47

✦ Olga Otte

✦ preschool teachers

Wednesday 7/22

Ezekiel 7:1-27

Luke 21:1-38

✦ seminary professors

Thursday 7/23

Ezekiel 8:1-18

Luke 22:1-34

✦ Dean Dringenburg, Ryder Seay

✦ summer camps

Friday 7/24

Ezekiel 9:1-11

Luke 22:35-71

✦ Larry Guinn, Amelia Shaw, Karen Davis

✦ local elected officials

Saturday 7/25

Ezekiel 10:1-22

Luke 23:1-56

✦ Jess Otte, John Harris Jr.

✦ Christians in Pakistan

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Other Prayer Requests:

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 Wanning*)

Florence Otte

Olga Otte (*surgery*)

Marilyn Saum (*friend of Doris Sparks*)

Donald Schnicker (*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 Gricius (*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 12— 163

Financial Report:

July 12— Spending Plan: \$4,137.40 Other giving: \$125 New parsonage: \$1,160
TOTAL: \$5422.40

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 26:

Communion Assistant:

Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)

Lectors:

Leah Otte (8:00)

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Wade Rapp (8:00)

Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Need volunteer (8:00)

Kathy England (10:15)

Sunday School Leader:

Ruth Ann Hendrix

Sunday School Snacks:

Ruth Ann Hendrix & Skye Zakrzewski

Altar flowers are provided by:

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READINGS FOR JULY 26:

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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Services are available on YouTube:

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