

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

July 26, 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:
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:
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 26-31		
Sunday 26th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
Tues. 28th School	10:00 am	Seymour High 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

Next week: August 2-8		
Sunday 2nd	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Congregation Quarterly Meeting
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Anniversary Committee
Thurs. 6th	8:30 am	Devotion service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 7th	Davis/Rushton wedding rehearsal in Bloomington	
Sat. 8th	7:00 am	Via de Cristo using church (until 4:00 pm)
	2:30 pm	Davis/Rushton wedding in Bloomington

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.

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!

175th Anniversary Committee

Sunday, August 2 6:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School

We will not meet again until August 9

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.

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.

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

August 2 • 9:00 a.m.

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



Fair Displays

August 9

**NEW
DATE**

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!

Devotion Service

Thursday, August 6 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.

Sunday School Kickoff and Picnic

August 9

Students will lead the 10:15 a.m. service at the picnic woods this day before their picnic fun and games! **Please bring a side dish to share.**

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

10:15 a.m. **Service at the Picnic Woods**
(Mission Trip Presentation)

11:00 a.m. (approx) Meal - grilled burgers, hotdogs & pitch-in sides

11:30 a.m. (approx) Sunday School Games begin

Please contact Jamie if your student would like to help with readings or leading.
Regular Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, August 16 at 9 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning August 9

Romans: Living in the Power of God's Grace

Paul's Letter to the Romans is one of the most influential and profound books of the New Testament. Written to a diverse community of Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome, Paul's letter explores the heart of the Christian faith and the transforming power of God's grace. Together we will discover how Romans speaks about God's righteousness, justification by grace through faith, the power of the cross, life in the Holy Spirit, the place of Israel in God's saving plan, and what it means to live as disciples in response to God's mercy. Along the way, we will consider how this ancient letter continues to shape the Church and our daily lives today.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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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Borchers Preschool Registration

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

**July 26,
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:

1 Kings 3:5-12: When God invites Solomon to ask for anything, Solomon requests not wealth, power, or long life, but wisdom to govern God's people with justice and discernment. Pleased with this humble request, God grants Solomon exceptional wisdom, demonstrating that true greatness begins with seeking God's purposes above personal gain.

Romans 8:26-39: Paul offers one of Scripture's most powerful affirmations of hope, reminding believers that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when words fail and that God works through all circumstances for good according to God's purposes. The passage culminates in the assurance that nothing—not hardship, suffering, death, nor any power in creation—can separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52: Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure, a priceless pearl, and a fishing net. These parables reveal that God's reign often begins in humble and hidden ways, grows beyond expectation, is worth sacrificing everything to obtain, and ultimately calls for discernment as God's purposes are fulfilled.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—Where in your life are you being invited to seek God's wisdom rather than relying on your own desires or understanding? (1 Kings 3:5-12)

2—How does the promise that nothing can separate you from God's love shape the way you face uncertainty or hardship? (Romans 8:26-39)

3—What "treasure" of God's kingdom are you being called to value more deeply, even if it requires letting go of something else? (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 8:38-39

³⁸⁻³⁹For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 7/26

Ezekiel 11:1-25

Luke 24:1-53

✦ world peace

Monday 7/27

Ezekiel 12:1-28

John 1:1-51

✦ Kevin Wheatley, Ben Rapp, Eli Fox, Kayla Franke

✦ Turning Point

Tuesday 7/28

Ezekiel 13:1-23

John 2:1-25

✦ Laberta Otte

✦ missionaries

Wednesday 7/29

Ezekiel 14:1-23

John 3:1-36

✦ Ben Fox, Sam Hoene

✦ teachers

Thursday 7/30

Ezekiel 15:1-8

John 4:1-54

✦ Mayor Matt Nicholson

Friday 7/31

Ezekiel 16:1-63

John 5:1-47

✦ Marc Fountain, Mandy Kleffman

✦ judges

Saturday 8/1

Ezekiel 17:1-24

John 6:1-34

✦ Christians in Ukraine

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Paige Runge (bike accident)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Bernie Beesley (Jennifer Rorick's father)

Carol Mansfield (foot surgery)

Debbie Rust (surgery)

Ellen Kraftchick (lymphoma-friend of Doris Sparks)

Jim Hoffmeier (father of Mark Hoffmeier)

Leon Seitz (pancreas 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)

Myra & Jerry Mellencamp

(health issues—friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wonnig)

Florence Otte

Olga Otte (surgery)

Marilyn Saum (friend of Doris Sparks)

Donald Schnitter (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 Ward)

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)

Linda Lloyd (medical—Tim England's aunt)

Olivia Sons (epileptic seizures—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 Engela)

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 19— 8:00 service: 99 10:15 service: 42

Financial Report:

July 19— Spending Plan: \$ 4,965 Other giving: \$240 New parsonage: \$75
TOTAL: \$5,280

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 2:

Communion Assistant:

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Alstatt family (10:15)

Lectors:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolytes:

Claire Engelau & Emily Morris (8:00)

Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Michelle Wood (10:15)

Sunday School Leader:

Ruth Ann Hendrix

Sunday School Snacks:

Ruth Ann Hendrix & Skye Zakrzewski

Altar flowers are provided by:

Sam Plumlee

READINGS FOR AUGUST 2:

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

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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