

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 23, 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**

Leader:

Pastor Steve Wood

Organist:

Olga Otte

Deacons:

Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:

Doug Fish (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Lectors:

Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolytes:

Kasen Nichalson (8:00)

NEED VOLUNTEER (10:15)

Projectors:

Jemma Otte (8:00)

Thomas & Ruth Ann Hendrix (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

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: August 23-28

Sunday 23rd 8:00 am Communion
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Worship

Monday 24th 9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm Book Buzz

Wed. 26th 9:00 am Preschool

Thurs. 27th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Friday 28th 9:00 am Preschool

This week: August 30-September 4

Sunday 30th 8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Worship

Monday 31st 9:00 am Preschool

Wed. 2nd 9:00 am Preschool

Thurs. 3rd 8:30 am Devotional service
 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi

Friday 4th 9:00 am Preschool

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 August is boxed macaroni and cheese. 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 August, we are collecting deodorant (women's and men's) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hiley Obermeyer and Luke Lanam who were married yesterday at the farm of Cathy & Tony Schafstall (Luke's grandparents).

Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Plan to provide snacks for 60.
 Suggestions are: fruit, muffins, donuts
 and prepackaged snacks.

Adult Sunday School Class

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.

Book Buzz

Monday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss books we've read over the summer and choose books to read for the next few months. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Labor Day Weekend

September 6 One Worship Service -- 9:00 a.m.

Worship help needed! Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Come celebrate the birthday of Betty Moorman

Saturday, August 29
2:00-4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Stop by to say Happy Birthday, have some dessert and enjoy viewing a selection of quilts by Betty. No gifts please.

NAMI Walk

Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.
Crossroads Park, Seymour

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is having its annual NAMI Walk in Seymour. If you would like to show your support for this grass-roots organization, please let Trish Tangman know. You could sign up to be a volunteer during the event, or register to walk as a participant. By doing so it lets others know you care about the importance of issues surrounding mental illness.

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.

Needed: Volunteers for Jr. High Sunday School

Jr High Sunday School class is looking for volunteers to lead classes for a few weeks at a time. Lesson materials are provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Jamie for details. August's topic will be "Unlabeled", a back to school series that helps students break free from false labels placed on them by others or themselves and discover their true identity in Christ.

Devotional Service

Thursday, September 1 at 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome for our devotional service and then join us at Borchers Breakfast Club for yummy food and great fellowship.

Lutheran World Relief

A great big thank you to all who have donated supplies for the school and personal care kits! We currently have enough supplies for **77** school kits and **45** personal care kits.

To complete additional school kits we need:

- 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled) **MUST BE SPIRAL** notebooks

To complete additional personal care kits we need:

- bath towels (lightweight cotton or cotton blend between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended)

Please put items in the Lutheran World Relief box near the kitchen.

Thank you again for all your donations and support of Lutheran World Relief.

BOOKMOBILE NOW COMING TO ST. PAUL

Every other Monday the Jackson County Library Bookmobile will visit our Borchers Preschool from 10:30-11:00 a.m. During that time, the public is invited to visit the Bookmobile as well! Upcoming dates are: August 24 and September 21. (No September 7 due to library closed for Labor Day)

Contacting College Students

We like to mail care packages to our college students. If your student would like to be a part of this, please supply the church office with their address.

CANCELLED: Olga's Labor Day Pitch-in

Due to Olga's continued healing from surgery, she has decided NOT to hold the Labor Day Pitch-in this year. She'll reevaluate for next year.

Looking for Borchers Supper & Bazaar Turkeys

We are still looking for **2 turkeys** which Jan Otte purchased and stored with a church member. 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!

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.

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.

Help Needed:

ELCA Indiana/Kentucky Synod Flooding Relief

In recent days, severe storms, flooding, and winds have caused significant damage across Indiana, affecting more than 60 counties and many communities within our Synod. We have heard reports of homes, churches, vehicles, and neighborhoods damaged by water and wind. At this time, our Synod's most helpful immediate response is the purchase of flood buckets. Each bucket costs approximately \$50 and provides basic cleaning supplies for homes damaged by floodwaters. Congregations and individuals who are able are invited to give to the IN-KY Disaster Response Fund here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/403455. Please select "IN-KY Disaster Response" in the dropdown menu. You can also make your check out to "St. Paul Lutheran" and put "flooding" in the Memo line. We will forward these donations to the IN/KY Synod office.

Red Cross Blood drive

Tuesday, September 15
1:00-6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen or sign-up on the Red Cross website. Tell your friends and family! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.

GOING DEEPER

August 23, 2026

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 56:1-6: Isaiah envisions God's people as a community shaped by justice, righteousness, faithfulness, and welcome. Those who might have considered themselves outsiders are assured that faithful devotion to God brings them into the covenant community and gives them a place among God's people.

Romans 12:1-8: Paul urges believers to offer their whole lives to God as a "living sacrifice," allowing their minds and lives to be transformed rather than simply conforming to the world around them. Within the body of Christ, each person has different gifts, and those gifts are meant to be used faithfully for the good of the whole community.

Matthew 16:13-20: When Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds by confessing Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus blesses Peter and speaks of building the church upon this confession, giving the community of faith the responsibility to bear witness to Christ and participate in the work of God's kingdom.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— How might God be calling us to widen our understanding of who belongs within the community of faith? (Isaiah 56:1-6)
- 2— What gifts has God given you, and how might you use them to strengthen the body of Christ? (Romans 12:1-8)
- 3— If Jesus asked you, "Who do you say that I am?" how would you answer—not only with your words, but with the way you live? (Matthew 16:13-20)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 12:1

¹²I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 8/23

Ezekiel 39:1-29

Acts 6:1-15

✦ Kathy Kleffman, Robert Smith

✦ world peace

Monday 8/24

Ezekiel 40:1-49

Acts 7:1-60

✦ Kayla Baker, Greta Brown, Alice Rapp

✦ Provisions

Tuesday 8/25

Ezekiel 41:1-26

Acts 8:1-40

✦ Shelli Plummer, Derek Hoene, Cali Fox

✦ people who struggle for daily bread

Wednesday 8/26

Ezekiel 42:1-20

Acts 9:1-43

✦ Luther League advisors

Thursday 8/27

Ezekiel 43:1-27

Acts 10:1-48

✦ Drake Kleffman, Wade Rapp

✦ chaplains

Friday 8/28

Ezekiel 44:1-31

Acts 11:1-30

✦ Leo Tormoehlen, Mayleigh Briner

✦ college students returning to school

Saturday 8/29

Ezekiel 45:1-25

Acts 12:1-25

✦ Christians in India

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Nola Grube

(brain surgery—friend of Elsie Herbert & Ella Kruse)

Levi Hickey (amputation – friend of Jennie Hoene)

Other Prayer Requests:

Hunter Matheny

(being deployed to Japan - fiancé of Sarah England)

Nathan Herkamp (cancer – relative of Carmen Herkamp)

Pat Otte (fall)

Paige Runge

Florence Otte

Barbara Davis (cancer—mother of Susie Alstatt)

Maryellen Pollett (cancer—friend of Tim Hoevener)

Ellen Kraftchick (lymphoma-friend of Doris Sparks)

Jim Hoffmeier (father of Mark Hoffmeier)

Leon Seitz (pancreas and kidney cancer)

Calleigh Kidd (relative of Kathy Kidd)

Lisa Bergman (brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke)

Amelia Jessup (heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz)

George Rorick (cancer—brother of Mark Rorick)

Leai Easley (granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp)

Melissa Newberry (brain surgery—friend of Kathy England)

Darin Davis (cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt)

Myra & Jerry Mellenkamp

(friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wonnig)

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)

Bev Alstatt (health issues—mother of Kendall Alstatt)

Alice Bayman (cancer—Olga Otte's sister)

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)

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)

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch,

Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wente, 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 & Joannah Yerrell (Roger Douglass'

grandson & wife); *Seth Douglass, Isaac Rust*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

August 16 — 8:00 service: 104 10:15 service: 67

Financial Report:

August 16— Spending Plan: \$7,502.05 Other giving: \$410.00 New parsonage: \$665.00
TOTAL: \$8,577.05

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 30:

Communion Assistant:
NO COMMUNION

Communion Prep:
NO COMMUNION

Lectors:
Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)
Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes:
Warren Newkirk (8:00)
Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:
Natalie Fish (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:
Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:
Jacelyn & Nate Otte

READINGS FOR AUGUST 30:

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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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