Weekly Church News

August 30, 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:
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

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 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
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
Thurs. 3rd	8:30 am	Devotional service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 4th	9:00 am	Preschool

This week: September 6-11

Sunday 6th	9:00 am	1 worship service No Sunday School
Monday 7th	Office Closed No Preschool	
Tues. 8th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 9th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Youth
Thurs.10th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	4:30 pm	Cell Phone Rescue (until 5:30)
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible study
Friday 11th	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 September are items for Anchor House East. These items include tuna packets, chicken packets, beef jerky, Slim Jims, packs of whole nuts, fruit cups, chips, juice boxes, and Gatorade. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations will be taken to Anchor House East.

TURNING POINT—In September, we are collecting nail clippers, Chaptick, Q-tips for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

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.

Labor Day Weekend

September 6

One Worship Service -- 9:00 a.m.
No Sunday School

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

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.

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.

Wednesday Youth Night

NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY

Beginning September 2
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Devotional Service

Thursday, September 3 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.

Kids Bells

Every Tuesday beginning September 8
6:30-7:00 p.m.

New ringers are welcome to join us! Contact Jamie Baker with questions

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Cell Phone Rescue

Thursday, September 10
4:30 to 5:30
in the narthex seating area

Cell Phone Rescue is here! Do you have questions about how to use your cell phone? Are you frustrated because you can't seem to get it to function as you want? Help is on the way! Karen Brigdon will be in the Fellowship Room to answer questions. Please limit your rescue question to one, so that several folks can be helped. We'll see what happens with the first rescue session and make plans accordingly for the next one.

The Museum of Miniature Houses & Other Collectibles

Wednesday, September 23
Carmel, Indiana

We will enjoy lunch at Woody's Library Restaurant, a unique experience of an eatery created in an old Carnegie Library, and a stop at Coxhall Gardens before heading home. If you are interested, find out details and sign up at the Welcome Center.

Women's In-depth Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Mandy Otte with any questions.

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.

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.

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: September 21. (No September 7 due to library closed for Labor Day)

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.

Book Buzz

September 28 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. All are welcome! Any questions, talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Mission Festival

September 13

Ridge Swaney, US Military Vets Motorcycle Club

We continue the tradition of the Mission Festival—where we have a ministry come and share how they are making a difference for the kingdom of God. Ridge and his family worship regularly with us at the 8:00 Service. Ridge is a chaplain for a US Military Vets Motorcycle Club in Columbus, IN. He will share his testimony of how God called him into this ministry and what he is doing for the people in the club. In this, we see how God can call us to ministries we may not have thought about and how we are all called to be servants in our communities.

A breakfast will take place between services.
Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to provide food and volunteer to help.

Going Deeper

August 30, 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:

Jeremiah 15:15-21: Jeremiah speaks candidly to God about the suffering, isolation, and rejection he has experienced because of his prophetic calling. In response, God calls Jeremiah to return and remain faithful, promising to strengthen him like a fortified wall and to deliver him from those who oppose him.

Romans 12:9-21: Paul describes what genuine Christian love looks like in everyday life: honoring others, practicing hospitality, sharing in both joy and sorrow, living peaceably, and caring even for enemies. Rather than returning evil for evil, followers of Christ are called to overcome evil with good, entrusting judgment to God.

Matthew 16:21-28: After Peter confesses Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus explains that his mission will lead through suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection. Jesus then tells the disciples that following him involves taking up the cross, letting go of self-centered definitions of success, and discovering that true life is found in faithful discipleship.

Questions To Ponder:

1— When faithfulness becomes difficult or costly, where do you find the strength to continue trusting God? (Jeremiah 15:15-21)
2— What is one concrete way you can "overcome evil with good" in a difficult relationship or situation this week? (Romans 12:9-21)
3— What might "taking up your cross" look like in the ordinary choices and relationships of your life? (Matthew 16:21-28)
4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Notes

Memory Verse: Romans 12:9

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

Going Deeper in Prayer

Sunday 8/30
Ezekiel 46:1-24
Acts 13:1-52
✞ world peace

Monday 8/31
Ezekiel 47:1-23
Acts 14:1-28
✞ Gerald Wayt
✞ teachers

Tuesday 9/1
Ezekiel 48:1-35
Acts 15:1-41
✞ Betty Moorman, Bryce Rorick
✞ new parents

Wednesday 9/2
Daniel 1:1-21
Acts 16:1-40
✞ Jack Rosenberger
✞ Borchers' Preschool

Thursday 9/3
Daniel 2:1-49
Acts 17:1-34
✞ campus ministries

Friday 9/4
Daniel 3:1-30
Acts 18:1-28
✞ Linda Newkirk, PK Morrison
✞ people affected by flooding

Saturday 9/5
Daniel 4:1-37
Acts 19:1-41
✞ Christians in South Africa

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 & Joanah Yerrell* (Roger Douglass' grandson & wife); *Seth Douglass, Isaac Rust*

Prayer List

Recent Hospitalizations:
Lindy Jo Wayt (daughter of RC & Taylor Wayt)
Nola Grube
(brain surgery—friend of Elsie Herbert & Ella Kruse)
Levi Hickey (amputation – friend of Jennie Hoene)
Jan Smith (cancer--Holly Otte's aunt)

Other Prayer Requests:
Family and friends of Alyssa & Waylon Osborn *(friends of Leah Otte)*
Alice Bayman *(hospice – sister of Olga Otte)*
Jennie Hoene *(upcoming heart cath)*
Hunter Matheny
(being deployed to Japan - fiancé of Sarah England)
Pam Underwood
(health issues—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix)
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)*
Melissa Newberry *(brain surgery—friend of Kathy England)*
Darrin Davis (cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt)
Myra & Jerry Mellencamp
(friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wonning)
Olga Otte *(healing from 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)*
Bev Alstatt *(health issues—mother of Kendall Alstatt)*
Barbara Otte *(health—aunt of Ruth Ann Hendrix)*
Maura Alicia Amador *(health—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix)*
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)*
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)*

Our Response to God's Love

We Worshipped:
August 23 — 8:00 service: 84 10:15 service: 57

Financial Report:
August 23— Spending Plan: $2,613.20 Other giving: $175.00 New parsonage: $160.00
TOTAL: $2,948.20

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

Worship Leaders for September 6:

ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

SIGN UP AT WELCOME CENTER TO HELP WITH WORSHIP

Communion Assistant:
Ruth Ann Newkirk

Communion Prep:
Need volunteer

Lector:
Mandy Otte

Acolyte:
Need volunteer

Projectors:
Need volunteer

Altar flowers are provided by:
Need volunteer

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Readings for September 6:

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

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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Pastor Steve: 812-498-7827

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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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