

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

October 4, 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:
Chris Otte

Organist:
Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:
Mike Kruse (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Gretchen Lawles (10:15)

Lector:
Amy Rotert (8:00)
Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolyte:
Grant Wheatley & Kasen Nichalson (8:00)
Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:
Natalie Fish (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Sunday School Snacks:
Susie Alstatt

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: October 4-10

Sunday 4th	LWR Ingathering
	8:00 am Worship
	9:00 am Sunday School
	10:15 am Communion
	5:00 pm Elementary Group
	5:00 pm Confirmation class 1
	6:00 pm Anniversary Comm.
	6:30 pm Confirmation class 2
	6:30 pm Luther League
Monday 5th	9:00 am Preschool
	10:30 am Bookmobile
Tues. 6th	6:30 pm Kids Bells
Wed. 7th	9:00 am Preschool
	6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth
	7:30 pm Adult Bells
Thurs. 8th	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am Tai Chi
	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Friday 9th	NO PRESCHOOL Dringenburg/Peek wedding rehearsal
Sat. 10th	Dringenburg/Peek wedding

This week: October 11-16

Sunday 11th	Newsletter Deadline
	New Parsonage open to view
	8:00 am Communion
	9:00 am Sunday School
	10:15 am Worship
Monday 12th	NO PRESCHOOL
Tues. 13th	11:30 am Ladies Lunch at Oleysa's Kitchen
	NO KIDS BELLS
Wed. 14th	NO PRESCHOOL NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH NO ADULT BELLS
Thurs. 15th	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am Tai Chi
	1:00 pm Ruth Circle
	7:00 pm Men's Group
	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Friday 16th	NO PRESCHOOL
Sat. 17th	Moving Day to New Parsonage

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.

Coat Drive**TODAY ONLY**

Lyla O'Neal is collecting gently used coats for her Columbus North High School senior project to create 50 Kindness Kits for homeless individuals in Columbus to be prepared for the winter weather.

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.

Luther League Pumpkin Fundraiser

Luther League is offering pumpkins for a free-will donation. Pumpkins are available by the main church entrance or can be delivered by a Luther League member - contact Jamie, Kathy, or any student member for details. Thank you to Toby Kleffman for donating pumpkins for a youth fundraiser!

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Today

We dedicate the quilts, school kits, personal care kits, baby kits and fabric kits which are assembled for Lutheran World Relief. These items all over the world to those in need.

After 10:15 service, please help carry items to the fellowship hall.

HELP NEEDED:

***Delivering to Concordia Lutheran in Greenwood
Friday, October 16 between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.***

If you can help, please let church office know.

Elementary Group

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Classes

TODAY at 5:00 OR 6:30 p.m.

Anniversary Committee

TODAY at 6:00 p.m.

Luther League

TODAY at 6:30 p.m.

Date Change: Cell Phone Rescue

Cell Phone Rescue date has changed. Watch your bulletin for an update.



Borchers Supper & Bazaar

**November 6
4:00—7:00 p.m.**

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!

Sign-up sheets available in the narthex

Everyone helping in some way makes the event run more smoothly

There are flyers to take and distribute

Turkey distribution: October 18

If you are baking a turkey, please save the broth and bring for us to use cooking noodles.

Table Set-up: November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

If you're canning items from your garden, remember that some can be sold in our Craft/Bake Sale area.

We sold out of lots of items last Fall, so we need people to be crafty! Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

New Parsonage Updates

October 11

On Sunday morning, everyone is invited to tour the new parsonage.

October 17 -- Moving Day

We are waiting on some materials, so please watch for details in case the date changes. Everyone is invited to help. Bring trucks, trailers, dollies, etc. Time to start will be given soon.

Moving Day Food

Check the signup at the Welcome Center to help with refreshments on move-in day at the new parsonage.

Jackson County Library Trip

**Tuesday, October 20
10:30 a.m.**

We will meet at Jackson County Public Library for a tour led by Information Services Coordinator Kristi Gray. Lunch will follow at Mae's Townhouse, compliments of St. Paul-Borchers Care Team. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Funeral Meal Help

Four ladies have volunteered to be kitchen leaders on a rotation for funeral meals. Now we are asking for 4 teams of 3 additional people (male or female) to help in the kitchen. This would be set up, serve and clean up. These teams would be under a leader and rotate with the leader. The sign-up sheet for food would continue. If you have a conflict when it is your team's time to serve, no problem, there would be a pool of people to fill in from the other teams. If you would like to be on a funeral meal team, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Any questions, see or call Linda Newkirk.

Wednesday Youth Night

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY FUN!

Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, IN is presenting "The Christmas Story" at a special matinee showing on Friday, December 11th. Dinner starts at 11:45 AM and the show at 1:00 PM. Plan ahead and don't miss this fun event with church friends! See Trish for details. Signup will be out in late October.

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: October 5 and 19.

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

October 25 at 11:15 a.m.

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Costume contest begins at 7:00 with winners chosen for different age groups & group/couple/family costumes. We will also choose a winner for best trunk decorations. Please park with your trunk facing the aisle and bring treats for 80 kids. If you would like to donate prizes/awards for the contests, please contact Jamie Baker.

GOING DEEPER

October 4, 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 5:1-7: Isaiah describes God's people as a carefully planted and lovingly tended vineyard. Although God provided everything necessary for the vineyard to flourish, it produced wild grapes; instead of the justice and righteousness God desired, the people produced bloodshed and cries of distress.

Philippians 3:4-14: Paul recounts the religious credentials and accomplishments that once gave him confidence, but he now regards them as insignificant compared with knowing Christ. Rather than relying on what he has already achieved, Paul continues pressing forward, trusting in Christ and seeking to grow more fully into the life to which God has called him.

Matthew 21:33-46: Jesus tells of tenants who refuse to give the landowner the fruit of the vineyard and violently reject the servants—and finally the son—sent to them. The parable warns against treating God's gifts as our possessions and emphasizes that God desires a people whose lives produce the fruits of God's kingdom.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— What "fruit" is God seeking from our lives, and where might God be calling us to greater justice, faithfulness, and compassion? (*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*)
- 2— What accomplishments, identities, or past experiences might we need to loosen our grip on so that we can continue growing in Christ? (*Philippians 2:1-13*)
- 3— What has God entrusted to us, and how are we using those gifts to bear the fruits of God's kingdom?
(*Matthew 21:23-32*)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 3:12

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 10/4

Amos 4:1-13
I Corinthians 4:1-21
✦ world peace

Monday 10/5

Amos 5:1-27
I Corinthians 5:1-13
✦ Phyllis Cupp
✦ Lutheran World Relief

Tuesday 10/6

Amos 6:1-14
I Corinthians 6:1-20
✦ Carvin Otte, Brayden Rorick
✦ people suffering from long term health issues

Wednesday 10/7

Amos 7:1-17
I Corinthians 7:1-40
✦ Sam Engelau, Henry Engelau
✦ the homeless

Thursday 10/8

Amos 8:1-14
I Corinthians 8:1-13
✦ Wendy Rotert
✦ firefighters

Friday 10/9

Amos 9:1-15
I Corinthians 9:1-27
✦ Ernie Kleffman, Cassie Fox
✦ teachers

Saturday 10/10

Obadiah 1-21
I Corinthians 10:1-33
✦ Christians in Chile

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, Hunter Matheny (fiancé of Sarah England); Isaac Rust

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Debbie Rust
Mark Rorick (back surgery)
Adelee Davis (cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family and friends of Florence Otte
Donald Schnitter (knee replacement)
Marsha Bode (eye surgery)
Lindy Jo Wayt (daughter of RC & Taylor Wayt)
Jennie Hoene
Nola Grube
(brain surgery—friend of Elsie Herbert & Ella Kruse)
Levi Hickey (amputation – friend of Jennie Hoene)
Jan Smith (cancer—Holly Otte's aunt)
Pam Underwood (health issues—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix)
Nathan Herkamp (cancer—relative of Carmen Herkamp)
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)
Darin Davis (cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt)
Myra & Jerry Mellencamp
(friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wanning)
Olga Otte (healing from surgery)
Marilyn Saum (friend of Doris Sparks)
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—sister 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)
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)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

September 27 — 8:00 service - 74 10:15 service - 54

Financial Report:

September 20— Spending Plan: \$6,606.50 Other giving: \$170.00 New parsonage: \$270.00
TOTAL: \$7,046.50

September 27— Spending Plan: \$3,469.00 Other giving: \$140.00 New parsonage: \$100.00
TOTAL: \$3,709.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 11:

Communion Assistant:

Chris Otte (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)

Lector:

Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolyte:

Emily Morris (8:00)

Need volunteer (10:15)

Projectors:

Susie Schnitker (8:00)

Michelle Wood (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

Linda Guinn

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 11:

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

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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