

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

October 11, 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:

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:

Sunday School Snacks:

Linda Guinn

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 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 8:30 am Moving Day to New
 Parsonage

This week: October 18-23

Sunday 18th Turkey Distribution
 Confirmation Retreat forms
 and deposits due
 8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Communion

Monday 19th 9:00 am Preschool
 10:30 am Bookmobile
 7:00 pm Church Council

Tues.20th 10:30 am Trip to library
 6:30 pm Kids bells

Wed. 21st 9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm Anna Circle
 6:30 pm Wednesday Night
 Youth
 7:30 pm Adult Bells

Thurs.22nd 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
 Club
 9:30 am Tai Chi
 4:30 pm Cell Phone Rescue
 (until 5:30)
 6:15 pm Choir practice
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Friday 23rd 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 – In October, we are collecting salt, pepper, spices, flour, sugar, and cooking oil. 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 Provisions, Anchor House, or Jamestown Apartments.

TURNING POINT – In October, we are collecting trash bags (13 gal. and larger) for Turning Point Domestic Violence Services. Donations may be placed in the box marked "Turning Point" near the kitchen.

Confirmation Retreat Forms and Deposit

Due October 18

\$25 deposit and medical release forms need to be put in Pastor Steve's mailbox.
 Extra copies of forms and packing lists are available online and at the YFM bulletin board.

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!

New Parsonage Updates

TODAY

Everyone is invited to tour the new parsonage until 12:00 p.m.

Moving Day October 17 – 9:00 a.m.

Bring trucks, trailers, dollies, etc. Watch church website and Facebook for changes.

Moving Day Food

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

Newsletter Deadline

TODAY

Please give information to the church office.

College Care Packages

Deadline is October 25

It's time to send our first care packages to our college students! Boxes to fill are in the narthex. Please add snacks, notes, etc. Our students love to receive them!

Ladies Lunch

Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m.
Oleysa's Kitchen, 908 C 25th St., Columbus

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.

MEMORY BOOK FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

As part of the morning worship service for All Saints Day on November 1, we will be remembering those who died in the past year. Please add names of those to be remembered to the memory book on the Welcome Center. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

Men's Group

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Questions? Talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

Fish Fry -- St. Peter Lutheran Church

11750 W. County Road 930 S, Waymansville

Sunday, October 18 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Menu: fish sandwiches, hot dogs, coleslaw, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, chips, pie and drinks
Freewill donation Dine in – Carryout – Drive Thru

Free Legal Advice Phone Clinic

Tuesday, October 13.

See information on Welcome Center for instructions. Sponsored by Thrive Alliance.

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.

Anna Circle

(Group for Widows)

Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Talk to Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman

Cell Phone Rescue

October 22 – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Bring your phone and your questions and Karen Brigdon will try to help!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Talk to Michelle Wood

Energy Assistance

Human Services is now accepting applications for energy assistance during the upcoming heating season. Dates and times are available through December. See information on Welcome Center for details.

Lutheran World Relief Totals

268 quilts -- 147 school kits -- 88 personal care kits -- 25 baby care kits
Thanks for your support!

Congregational Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, October 25 at 11:15 a.m.

Items to be discussed:

- Election of Church Council

Church Council positions to be filled:

Financial Secretary – Secretary – Elder – Trustee -- Deacon (8:00)

- 2027 spending plan
 - Parsonage update
 - Applying for an intern for 2027-28 school year
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Michelle will be making the worship helper rotation list for December-May soon. If you have any changes, dates to avoid, etc., please let her know.

Job descriptions are listed below:

- **Communion Assistant** — helps distribute communion during worship service
- **Communion Prep**—helps prepare communion before the worship service & cleans up after
- **Lector**—reads the lessons during worship service
- **Projectors**—runs the slides on the projector screens during worship service
- **Cameras**—operates the cameras remotely during live streaming at 8:00 worship service

We can always use new volunteers! If you're interested, please talk to Michelle.



Borchers Supper & Bazaar

**November 6
4:00—7:00 p.m.**

There are flyers to take and distribute to advertise

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!

Sign-up sheets available in the narthex

Everyone helping in some way makes the event run more smoothly

Turkey distribution: October 18

*Please save the broth from your turkey.
We use in cooking noodles*

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

Youth Helping

Youth are also encouraged to help at the bazaar. (Jr High going on the retreat should choose an early shift.) Volunteering is a great way to thank the congregation for supporting our youth activities!

Suggested jobs for younger helpers:

Carrying assistance — Bus tables — Wipe trays — Drink station

Craft/Bake Sale items

We sold out of lots of items last fall, so we need people to be crafty! If you're canning items from our garden remember that some can be sold in our Craft/Bake Sale area. Deadline for items is 12:00 pm on November 6. Items can be put in the container in the church office.

Shut-in Meals

Meals will be shared with shut-ins in the neighborhood again this year.
Please sign up at table or talk to Trish Tangman.

GOING DEEPER

October 11,
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 25:1-9: Isaiah offers a song of praise to God, who overturns oppressive powers, provides refuge for the vulnerable, and prepares a rich feast “for all peoples.” The passage reaches its climax with the extraordinary promise that God will destroy death, wipe away tears, and bring salvation for which the people have long waited.

Philippians 4:1-9: Paul encourages the Philippians to stand firm in the Lord, seek reconciliation, rejoice, and bring their worries to God through prayer. He then invites them to shape their lives by dwelling on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, and worthy of praise, trusting that the God of peace will be with them.

Matthew 22:1-14: Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a royal wedding banquet whose original guests refuse the king’s invitation, leading the invitation to be extended broadly to others gathered from the streets. The parable emphasizes both the astonishing breadth of God’s invitation and the seriousness of responding to that invitation with a life transformed by grace.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1— Where do you most need to hear Isaiah’s promise that God will overcome death, wipe away tears, and bring new life? (*Isaiah 25:1-9*)

2— How might Paul’s invitation to prayer and to focus on what is true, honorable, just, and gracious change the way you respond to anxiety or conflict? (*Philippians 4:1-9*)

3— What does it mean not simply to receive God’s invitation, but to allow that invitation to change the way you live? (*Matthew 22:1-14*)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 10/11

Jonah 1:1-17
I Corinthians 11:1-34
✦ Troy Engelau
✦ world peace

Monday 10/12

Jonah 2:1-10
I Corinthians 12:1-31
✦ Caroline Gentry
✦ people who struggle for daily bread

Tuesday 10/13

Jonah 3:1-10
I Corinthians 13:1-13
✦ Borchers Preschool

Wednesday 10/14

Jonah 4:1-11
I Corinthians 14:1-40
✦ Gus Kleffman, Lou Ann Hoevener, Rich Anderson
✦ Luther League

Thursday 10/15

Micah 1:1-16
I Corinthians 15:1-34
✦ people in hospice

Friday 10/16

Micah 2:1-13
I Corinthians 15:35-58
✦ Lizzie Morris
✦ seminary professors

Saturday 10/17

Micah 3:1-12
I Corinthians 16:1-24
✦ David Rust, Karen Brigdon, Aaron Waltz
✦ Christians in Indonesia

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

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Bufard Fields (*step-father of Gerald Wayt*)
Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Mark Rorick (*back surgery*)
Debbie Rust
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 Woning*)
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—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*)
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:

October 4 — 8:00 service - 80 10:15 service - 68

Financial Report:

October 4— Spending Plan: \$4,112.60 Other giving: \$130.00 New parsonage: \$7,910.00
TOTAL: \$12,152.60

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 18:

Communion Assistant:

Mike Kruse (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Judy Wonning (10:15)

Lector:

Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)

Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolyte:

Claire Engelau & Annabelle Johnson (8:00)

Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Jemma Otte (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Tammi Reinbold

Sunday School Snacks:

Mandy Otte

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 18:

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

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

Facebook:

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Services are available on YouTube:

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