Weekly Church News

November 8, 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:
Kendall Alstatt

Organist:
Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:
Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Lector:
Leah Otte (8:00)
Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolyte:
Lettie Morrison &
Kasen Nichalson (8:00)
Emma Franke (10:15)

Projectors:
Henry Engelau (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:
Kendall & Susie Alstatt

Sunday School Snacks:

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: November 8-14

Sunday 8th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	Approx. 12:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat youth return
	6:00 pm	Anniversary Committee
Monday 9th	9:00 am	Preschool
	8:00 pm	Dartball at Dudleytown N
Tues. 10th	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	NO KIDS BELLS	
Wed. 11th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Youth
	7:00 pm	Bazaar Re-cap meeting
	NO ADULT BELLS	
Thurs. 12th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Cybersecurity Seminar at BBC
	10:00 am	Tai Chi
	4:30 pm	Cell Phone Rescue (until 5:30)
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible study
Friday 13th	9:00 am	Preschool (Doughnuts with Dad)

This week: November 15-20

Sunday 15th	Newsletter deadline	
	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	NO CONFIRMATION CLASS	
	6:30 pm	Luther League
Monday 16th	9:00 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Bookmobile
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Dartball at home (Lutheran Lake)
Tues. 17th	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch at Little Red Kitchen
	6:30 pm	Kids bells
Wed. 18th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Anna Circle
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Youth
	7:30 pm	Adult Bells
Thurs. 19th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
	6:15 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible study
Friday 20th	9:00 am	Preschool

Trish Tangman will be gone November 12-17

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.

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 November, we are collecting microwave mac & cheese/SpaghettiO's. 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 November, we are collecting diapers and pull-ups (all sizes) for Turning Point Domestic Violence Services. Donations may be placed in the box marked "Turning Point" near the kitchen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Melody Black and Josh Tunis who were married at Borchers Chapel on October 31.

God's Global Barnyard Banks

Barns are available by the bulletin table

We are once again collecting money in barn banks for Thanksgiving to purchase animals through ELCA Good Gifts to help those in developing countries. Please return your bank at our Thanksgiving Eve service on **November 25**. Banks can also be left in in the bin at the sanctuary entrance by **November 29**. Sunday School classes will vote on animals to purchase with the donations.

Bazaar Recap Meeting

Wednesday, November 11 7:00 p.m.

Please Pick Up Dishes

Please pick up your dishes from the Bazaar. They are on a table in the narthex.

Anniversary Committee

TODAY at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Talk to Michelle Wood

Cyber Security Seminar at Breakfast Club

Thursday, November 12th, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Matt Scholber and Bryan Kovener of Prosperity Financial will present a half-hour Cyber Security seminar during Borchers Breakfast Club. The program will highlight current methods for securing computer accounts against scammers, with no product pitch involved. Matt and Bryan will also join us for breakfast and devotions that morning. ***Please note that Tai Chi will be moved to 10:00 AM on November 12th to accommodate the presentation. ALL ARE WELCOME!***

Cell Phone Rescue

Thursday, November 12
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the narthex seating area

Another session of help with cell phone questions is being offered! Karen Brigdon is again volunteering her time. Bring your phone and your questions and Karen will try to help!

It's Dartball Season Again!

Dartball is a game in which darts are thrown at a large wooden board that resembles a baseball field with colored areas which denote bases. We play other Lutheran churches in the area. Games are on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. Contact Merrell Otte if you are interested in playing.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 24

1:00 – 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen directly to schedule your donation time. Tell your friends and family about the next blood drive date at St. Paul! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, November 15

Please give info to the church office.

Elementary Group

November 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Luther League

November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Bookmobile at St. Paul

November 16 and 30 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Every other Monday the Jackson County Library Bookmobile will visit our Borchers Preschool. During that time, the public is invited to visit the Bookmobile as well!

Ladies Lunch

Tuesday, November 17 at 11:30 a.m.
Little Red Kitchen, 11 E. Walnut, North Vernon

Ruth Circle

Thursday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Watch bulletin and text message for details

Choir Practice

November 19 at 6:15 p.m.

Men's Group

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

All men are welcome! Questions – talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

Book Buzz

Monday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss *"The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post"* by Allison Pataki. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

New Parsonage Blessing

November 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Join us between services at the new parsonage.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

We thank God for good harvests and prosperity. Please bring items for the food pantry. We will also be collecting the banks for God's Global Barnyard.

Muffin Morning

Sunday, November 29

9:00 a.m.in the fellowship hall

Everyone is invited! Stop in for fellowship time! Bring a dozen of your favorite muffins (mini or regular size) to share. Enjoy coffee, muffins sampling and visiting. Sunday School students will enjoy leftovers during their snack time!

Welcome New Church Council Members

The following were elected at the October 25 Quarterly Congregation Meeting to serve on Church Council beginning January 1, 2027:

Financial Secretary – Teresa Browning
Secretary – Casey Engelau
Elder – Paul Otte
Trustee – Joby Johnson
Deacon (8:00) – Aaron Waltz

Going Deeper

November 8, 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:

Amos 5:18-24: Through the prophet Amos, God warns the people of Israel that the coming Day of the Lord will bring judgment rather than the deliverance they expect. God rejects their worship and religious celebrations because they have neglected justice and righteousness, reminding them that genuine faith must be reflected in how they treat others.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18: Paul offers comfort and hope to Christians grieving the death of loved ones, assuring them that because Jesus died and rose again, those who have died in Christ will also share in the resurrection. The promise of Christ's return reminds believers that death does not have the final word and that they will be reunited with Christ and one another.

Matthew 25:1-13: Jesus tells the parable of ten bridesmaids waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom, five of whom are prepared with enough oil for their lamps and five who are not. Through this parable, Jesus encourages his followers to remain watchful and prepared, living faithfully in anticipation of God's promised future, even when the waiting is longer than expected.

Questions To Ponder:

1*— How does our worship of God inspire us to practice justice, righteousness, and compassion in our daily lives?** ***(Amos 5:18-24)

2*— How does the promise of resurrection and eternal life with Christ bring us comfort in times of grief and uncertainty?** ***(I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

3*— What does it mean for us to remain spiritually prepared and faithful as we wait for Christ's promised return?** ***(Matthew 25:1-13)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Notes

Memory Verse: Amos 5:24

24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Going Deeper in Prayer

Sunday 11/8
Zechariah 7:1-14
Ephesians 3:1-21
✞ Carol Jones, Sawyer McIntire
✞ world peace

Monday 11/9
Zechariah 8:1-23
Ephesians 4:1-32
✞ police officers

Tuesday 11/10
Zechariah 9:1-17
Ephesians 5:1-33
✞ Doris Otte
✞ Those who struggle for daily bread

Wednesday 11/11
Zechariah 10:1-12
Ephesians 6:1-24
✞ Judy Burke
✞ Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Indiana-Kentucky

Thursday 11/12
Zechariah 11:1-17
Philippians 1:1-30
✞ Pam Huffman, Sarah Carr
✞ Provisions

Friday 11/13
Zechariah 12:1-14
Philippians 2:1-30
✞ Lexi Morris
✞ the stewardship of St. Paul

Saturday 11/14
Zechariah 13:1-9
Philippians 3:1-21
✞ Shawn Plummer
✞ Christians in Turkey

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:
Scott Sparks *(car accident/burns – son of Doris Sparks)*
Bufard Fields *(step-father of Gerald Wayt)*
Adelee Davis *(cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)*

Other Prayer Requests:
Family & friends of Leon Seitz
Family & friends of Nita Bridges
(friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix & Shirley Lewis)
Olga Otte *(upcoming hip replacement)*
Jill Mikles *(cancer—friend of Heidi & Kevin Wheatley)*
Debbie Wineinger (health issues)
Pam Claycamp *(heart procedure)*
David Bode *(eye surgery)*
Don Claycamp
Mark Anderson (health issues)
Mark Rorick (back surgery)
Donald Schnikter *(knee replacement)*
Marsha Bode *(eye surgery)*
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)
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)*
Lisa Bergman *(brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke)*
Amelia Jessup *(heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz)*
George Rorick *(cancer—brother of Mark Rorick)*
Darrin Davis (cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt)
Myra & Jerry Mellencamp
(friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wonning)
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)*
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)*
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)*
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:
November 1 — 8:00 service - 107 10:15 service - 56

Financial Report:
November 1— Spending Plan: $3,597.00 Other giving: $80.00 New parsonage: $280.00
TOTAL: $3,957.00

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

Worship Leaders for November 15:

Communion Assistant:
Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Robin Tormoehlen (10:15)

Lector:
Mandy Otte (8:00)
Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolyte:
Warren Newkirk & Kasen Nichalson (8:00)
Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:
Susie Schnitker (8:00)
Marc Fountain (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:
Linda Guinn

Sunday School Snacks:
Need volunteer

Readings for November 15:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

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:

Office: 522-7364
2nd Line: 522-7484
Pastor Steve: 812-498-7827

Email: stpaullutheran@stpaul-borchers.org

Web Site: stpaul-borchers.org

Michelle's office hours:
Monday—8:30-2:30
Wednesday—8:30-2:30
Friday—8:30-12:30

Facebook:
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Borchers

Services are available on YouTube:
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Borchers