Weekly Church News

November 22, 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:
Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lector:
Amy Rotert (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolyte:
Grant Wheatley & Emily Morris (8:00)
Need volunteer (10:15)

Projectors:
Jemma Otte (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Sunday School Snacks:
Wheatley family

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 22-27

Sunday 22nd	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	New Parsonage Blessing
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Christmas program parts passed out)
	10:15 am	Worship
Monday 23rd	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
	8:00 pm	Dartball at Immanuel Darty
Tues. 24th	1:00 pm	Blood Drive (until 6:00 pm)
	NO KIDS BELLS	
Wed. 25th	NO PRESCHOOL	
	NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH	
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
	NO ADULT BELLS	
Thurs. 26th	Thanksgiving Day	
	OFFICE CLOSED	
	NO BBC	
	NO TAI CHI	
Friday 27th	OFFICE CLOSED	
	NO PRESCHOOL	

This week: November 29-December5

Sunday 29th	1st Sunday of Advent	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Muffin Morning
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Communion
Monday 30th	9:00 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Bookmobile
	8:00 pm	Dartball at home (Dudleytown Mets)
Tues. 1st	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 2nd	9:00 am	Preschool
	NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH	
	7:30 pm	Adult Bells
Thurs. 3rd	8:30 am	Devotional service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 4th	9:00 am	Preschool
Sat. 5th	9:00 am	Church Christmas Decorating
	9:00 am	Borchers Chapel Christmas Decorating

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 Samantha & Tyler Plumlee on the birth of their son, Joel Kenneth, born November 17. He joins big brother, Trey. Grandparents are Teresa & Kenny Browning.

God's Global Barnyard Banks

Drop off November 25 or November 29

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.

Please Pick Up Dishes

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

New Parsonage Blessing

TODAY at 9:00 a.m.

Join us between services at the new parsonage.

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.

Children's Christmas Program

Parts will be passed out on November 22. Please let Sunday School teacher know if you will be participating.

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.

WORSHIP HELP NEEDED – Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

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!

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.

Bookmobile at St. Paul

November 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!

Derby Dinner Playhouse: "A Christmas Story"

Friday, December 11
Clarksville, Indiana

We will enjoy the matinee show based on the movie classic that runs round-the-clock on television every Christmas. This funny and heart-warming musical is set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana. It follows 9-year-old Ralphie and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts---an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. We'll leave the church parking lot in the bus at 10:15 a.m. and arrive for a meal and the show. We should return around 4:30 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center. $47 per ticket is due at sign-up.

Devotional Service

Thursday, December 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Join us afterwards at Borchers Breakfast Club for breakfast, games and fellowship.

Christmas Decorating

Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers are welcome to help the Luther League decorate the church for the Christmas season.

Borchers Chapel Christmas Decorating

Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP!

Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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

Altar Flower Schedule for 2027

The altar flower schedule sheet for 2027 is now available at the Welcome Center. You must provide your own flowers. Please mark if they can be given away. We give flowers to shut-ins, people on prayer list, etc.

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.

Advent Devotionals

Special devotionals for the Advent season can be found at the Welcome Center.

Angel Tree for Jackson County Sertoma Christmas Miracle

Due December 13

Check the Christmas tree near the kitchen for angels. These will supply gifts for last-minute applications. Please return UNWRAPPED items and place in container by the tree near the kitchen.

Wednesday Night Youth

We won't meet again until January 13

Going Deeper

November 22, 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:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24: God promises to be a loving shepherd who searches for the lost, gathers the scattered, heals the injured, and strengthens the weak. God also promises to judge between the sheep, confronting those who have taken advantage of others. Through the promise of a shepherd like David, God offers a vision of leadership rooted in justice, compassion, and care for all.

Ephesians 1:15-23: Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith and love of the believers, asking that God grant them wisdom and understanding to recognize the hope and power found in Christ. He reminds them that Christ has been raised above all earthly powers and authorities and reigns as the head of the church. Through Christ, the church is called to live in the hope and power of the resurrection.

Matthew 25:31-46: Jesus describes the final judgment, when the Son of Man separates the nations as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The surprising revelation is that acts of compassion toward the hungry, thirsty, stranger, sick, imprisoned, and vulnerable are acts of service to Christ himself. Jesus reminds us that our response to those in need reveals how our faith is lived out in everyday life.

Questions To Ponder:

1*— How are we called to reflect God's care for the lost, the hurting, and the vulnerable in our congregation and community?** ***(Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

2*— How does knowing that Christ reigns above all earthly powers give us hope and shape the way we live as people of faith?** ***(Ephesians 1:15-23)

3*— Where might Christ be present among the people we encounter each day, and how can we respond with compassion and love?** ***(Matthew 25:31-46)

***4*—How do these texts speak to you today?**

Notes

Memory Verse: Matthew 25:40

40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Going Deeper in Prayer

Sunday 11/22
Genesis 3:1-24
I Thessalonians 3:1-13
✞ Tyler Gerometta, Micah Wayt, Bill McIntire
✞ world peace

Monday 11/23
Genesis 4:1-26
I Thessalonians 4:1-18
✞ Robert Rust, Grant Alstatt
✞ safety for people traveling

Tuesday 11/24
Genesis 5:1-32
I Thessalonians 5:1-28
✞ Casey Engelau
✞ volunteer firefighters

Wednesday 11/25
Genesis 6:1-22
II Thessalonians 1:1-12
✞ seminary professors

Thursday 11/26
Genesis 7:1-24
II Thessalonians 2:1-17
✞ Jason Knoke
✞ things that we are thankful for

Friday 11/27
Genesis 8:1-22
II Thessalonians 3:1-18
✞ the economy

Saturday 11/28
Genesis 9:1-29
I Timothy 1:1-20
✞ Cindy Smith, Angie Mousa
✞ Christians in Bangledesh

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:
Jennie Hoene *(back surgery)*

Other Prayer Requests:
Kay Hoene *(broken leg and ankle)*
Jamie Kiel *(cancer)*
Pastor Steve *(upcoming back surgery)*
Olga Otte *(hip replacement)*
Jill Mikles *(cancer—friend of Heidi & Kevin Wheatley)*
Scott Sparks *(car accident/burns – son of Doris Sparks)*
Bufard Fields *(step-father of Gerald Wayt)*
Adelee Davis *(cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)*
Debbie Wineinger (health issues)
Don Claycamp
Mark Anderson (health issues)
Mark Rorick (back surgery)
Donald Schnikter *(knee replacement)*
Marsha Bode *(eye surgery)*
Jennie Hoene
Nola Grube *(friend of Elsie Herbert & Ella Kruse)*
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)*
Mark Gillespie *(cancer-friend of Charlotte Guinn)*

Our Response to God's Love

We Worshipped:
November 15 — 8:00 service - 93 10:15 service - 44

Financial Report:
No financial report this week

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

Worship Leaders for November 29:

Communion Assistant:
Tammi Reinbold (8:00)
Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Phyllis Cupp (8:00)
Nina Franke (10:15)

Lector:
Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)
Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolyte:
Layne Thompson & Wade Rapp (8:00)
Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:
Natalie Fish (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:
Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:
Muffin Morning

Readings for November 29:

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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.

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

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Services are available on YouTube:
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