

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 13, 2023

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**

Leaders:
Pastor Steve Wood
Intern Quentin Surace

Organist: Olga Otte

Deacons:
Josh Lanam; Elias Hendrix

Communion Assistant:
Chris Otte (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lectors:
Mandy Otte (8:00)

Acolytes:
Bryce Rorick (8:00)

Projectors:
Michaela Smith (8:00)

Camera:
Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:
Tammi Reinbold

**10:15 service is at picnic grove
with youth as worship helpers**

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 171 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
Quentin Surace.....Pastoral Intern
Trish Tangman.....Care Team Director
Jamie Baker.....Youth & Family Ministries
and Technology Director
Maddie Engela.....Youth & Family Ministries
Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director
Michelle Wood.....Secretary
Jennifer Duncan & Emily Reinbold.....Custodians

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 13-19

Sunday 13th	Newsletter deadline	
	Sunday School Kickoff & Picnic	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Students prep for worship
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship at picnic grove
	11:00 am	Meal
Mon. 14th	11:30 am	Games begin
	5:30 pm	Borchers Preschool
		Back-to-School Night
Mon. 14th	9:00 am	Preschool (first day for 3/4 & 4/5)
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues. 15th	7:00 pm	WINGS
Wed. 16th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 17th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
Friday 18th	9:00 am	Preschool (first day for 2/3)

Next week: August 20-26

Sunday 20th	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Regular Sunday School begins
	10:15 am	Communion
Mon. 21st	9:00 am	Preschool
Wed. 23rd	9:00 am	Preschool
	9:30 am	Bus leaves for James Whitcomb Riley trip
Thurs. 24th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
Friday 25th	9:00 am	Preschool

HEARING ASSISTANCE—We have head phones 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CONTINUES—We are continuing our study of faith, government and civic engagement, or what does discipleship look like in a democracy. While this study is not to arrive at specific answers—the goal is to look at how we should be able to talk about issues and what our faith tradition has to say about government and the role it should play. The basis for this study is the ELCA document ‘Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy.’ All are welcome to join this thoughtful and interesting discussion.

VASES NEEDED—Care Team is in need of used vases for flower arrangements. Sizes needed are large and medium. No bud vases are needed at this time. Leave in the church office or with Trish.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED—Debbie Rust has been taking care of the displays in the planters under the projector screens for many years and she now wishes to pass this on to someone else. All materials are provided. Planter displays are changed seasonally. If you are interested, please talk to Michelle Wood.

DESSERTS NEEDED—Jan Otte needs desserts for a veterans’ dinner on August 15. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS TODAY— Please give info to the church office.

FOOD PANTRY—The food pantry item being collected in August is macaroni and cheese. 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 given to Anchor House or Provisions.

TURNING POINT—In August we are collecting men’s and women’s deodorant for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

JACKSON COUNTY GERMAN CLUB will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Schwatzer’s German Restaurant in Seymour. Their most recent newsletter is on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

OLGA’S 16th ANNUAL LABOR DAY PITCH-IN will be on September 3 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Olga Otte, 8575 N. Base Rd., Seymour. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring food to share and your lawn chairs. **RSVP by August 27 to Olga** — 812-497-2253 or text 812-525-4741.

Sunday, August 13

Sunday School Kickoff and Picnic

Students will lead the 10:15 a.m. service at the picnic grove this day before their picnic fun and games! **Please bring a side dish to share.**

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:00 a.m. Students arrive to setup and prep for worship

10:15 a.m. Service at the Picnic Woods

11:00 a.m. (approx) Meal - grilled burgers, hotdogs & pitch-in sides

11:30 a.m. (approx) Sunday School Games begin

*Regular Sunday School classes will resume on
Sunday, August 20 at 9 a.m.*

Recap of Mission Trip to Colorado

Youth will talk about their experience on the Mission Trip during the 10:15 service at the picnic grove

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Sunday School teachers will be installed during the 10:15 service at the picnic grove

WINGS (*Women in God's Service*)

Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school room

All women are welcome! We do a Bible study which is not continuous so people can miss a meeting and not feel behind. We also schedule times for fellowship. We try to keep meetings to 60-90 minutes long.

James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home

Wednesday, August 23 — Greenfield, IN.

We will tour the home, have lunch at a historic mill that has been re-modeled to house a restaurant, and end our trip by viewing an old jail and chapel in Riley Park, presented by the Hancock County Historical Society. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Borchers Preschool Mum Fundraiser

Borchers Preschool is selling chrysanthemums for \$12 each. Colors available are: red, yellow, orange, purple and white. Payment due when ordering. Information is available at the Welcome Center.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Saturday, October 14
Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre



This Andrew Lloyd Webber musical follows the biblical story of Jacob's preferred son Joseph. We have reserved 20 tickets for the show.

Check out the details on the Welcome Center and ***sign up by August 27***. A 25% deposit is required by September 2.

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. This includes students who are living at home and attending college.

Lutheran World Relief

It's time again to collect items for Lutheran World Relief school kits and personal care kits. Please put items in the Lutheran World Relief box near the kitchen.

School Supplies (for 200 kits):

- 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled) — 800 needed
- 30 cm rulers — 125 needed
- black **OR** blue ball point pens (no gel ink) ink pens — 150 needed
- boxes of 16 **OR** 24-count crayons — 120 boxes needed

Personal Care Kits (for 100 kits):

- bath towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended) — 60 needed
- bars of soap (4-4 1/2 oz.) — 200 bars needed
- metal nail clippers (with **OR** without attached file) — 100 needed

September Bus Trip to Bloomington

Tuesday, September 19

A guided tour of the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center is planned with lunch afterwards at Farm, in downtown Bloomington. Sign up at the Welcome Center and take advantage of an opportunity to experience a different culture! Bus leaves at 9:00 AM and returns between 2:00 and 3:[00.PM](#).



CORN NEEDED

We are in need of 14 gallons of freshly frozen corn for the Borchers Supper in November. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you can help. We have room in the church freezer. Please freeze corn before placing in church freezer. Thank you.

Book Buzz

August 28 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss books we've read over the summer and choose books for upcoming months. All are welcome! Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

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2023**

GOING DEEPER

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:

I Kings 19:9-18: On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in 'sheer silence.' God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

Romans 10:5-15: A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving action.

Matthew 14:22-33: Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of 'little faith,' who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— How do you hear the voice of God? (I Kings 19:9-18)
- 2—How do you confess Jesus in your life? (Ro. 10:5-15)
- 3—What are the storms in your life? (Matthew 14:22-33)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 10:13

¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 8/13

Song of Solomon 4:1-16

Luke 12:1-59

✦ Jessica Howard

✦ World Peace

Monday 8/14

Song of Solomon 5:1-16

Luke 13:1-35

✦ Leo Cupp

✦ church council members

Tuesday 8/15

Song of Solomon 6:1-13

Luke 14:1-35

✦ David Rotert

✦ the youth ministry of the congregation

Wednesday 8/16

Song of Solomon 7:1-13

Luke 15:1-32

✦ Abram Engellau

✦ college students returning to school

Thursday 8/17

Song of Solomon 8:1-14

Luke 16:1-31

✦ John Knoke, Rhonda Marshall, Weston

Claycamp, Andrew Shaw

✦ elected officials

Friday 8/18

Isaiah 1:1-31

Luke 17:1-37

✦ Linda Claycamp, Emmett McCorry, Hannah

Davis

✦ Habitat for Humanity

Saturday 8/19

Isaiah 2:1-22

Luke 18:1-43

✦ Courtney Mansfield, Tyson Lawles, Emerson

Ingle

✦ Christians in India

Prayers for those in Military Service:

Noah Hendrix (nephew of KY Hendrix); *Nate Otte* (Chris Otte's cousin); *Adrian Sanders* (husband of Jessica (Rotert) Sanders); *Kyle Albert* (grandson of Karen Hoene); *Zachary Rieker* (grandson of the late Jerry & Pixie Otte); *Andrew Yerrell* (Roger Douglass' grandson)

PRAYER LIST

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:

Helen Carter; Andy Runge; Pauline Isaacs (mother of Jack Guffey); *Gavin Brown* (friend of Leah Otte); *Robert Noblitt* (Chris Kleffman's father), *Kile McKee* (car accident—nephew of Susie Schnitker)

Recent Hospitalizations:

Violet Wischmeier (cancer—mother of Susan Kaiser)

Other Prayer Requests:

Rylee Hendrix (relative of KY Hendrix)

Jean Max (pancreatic cancer—sister of Larry Isbell)

Sandy Smith (broken arm & leg—mother of Robert Smith)

Steve Smith (cancer—brother-in-law of Mark Rorick)

Blake Hackman (brain cancer—teacher at Brownstown High School)

Lois Bryden

Mikala Robinson & unborn baby (high blood pressure)

Mitchell Scarlett (friend of Carrie Morrison)

Joe Baker (brain tumor—nephew of Jo McGrew)

John Knoke (stroke)

Emie Kleffman (back surgery)

Bev Alstatt (mother of Kendall Alstatt)

Terry Melloncamp (cancer—friend of Delores Douglass)

Bonnie Herkamp (cancer—relative of Carmen Herkamp)

Gilbert & Mary Pardieck (friends of Kathy England)

Merrell Otte

Connie & Mike Lovins (friends of Bill Kidd)

Nate Herkamp (colon cancer)

Joe Herkamp (colon cancer)

Robert Wischmeier (cancer—father of Susan Kaiser)

Greg Hatton (stroke—friend of Kevin Wheatley)

Carol Browning

Arin Hupp (accident—co-worker of Cathy Wente)

Tony Herkamp

Kenny Claycamp (cancer—Don Claycamp's cousin)

Greg Prange (cancer—Principal of Seymour High)

Jerry Fields (cancer—Tim England's unde)

Floyd Smith (cancer—Robert Smith's dad)

Treva Edwards (cancer—Robert Smith's aunt)

Alice Bayman (cancer—Olga Otte's sister)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

August 6—8:00 service: 101 10:15 service: 84

Financial Report:

August 6—Spending Plan: \$6,157.00 Other giving: \$110.00 TOTAL: \$6,267.00

{The weekly amount needed to cover expenses in the
2023 Spending Plan is \$7,328.51}

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 20:

Communion Assistant:

Alstatt family (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Alstatt family (10:15)

Lectors:

Audrey Newkirk (8:00)

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Owen Newkirk (8:00)

Rusty Harris (10:15)

Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Owen Kruse (10:15)

Camera:

Training

Altar flowers are provided by:

Joe & Kay Hoene

READINGS FOR AUGUST 20:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

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

Intern Quentin: (704) 280-9921

Email: stpaul Lutheran@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:

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Services are available on YouTube:

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