

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 27, 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 (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Phyllis Cupp (10:15)

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

Acolytes:
Caleb Baker (8:00)
Valerie McIntosh (10:15)

Projectors:
Susie Schnitker (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Camera:
Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:
Joe & Kay Hoene

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 27-September 2

Sunday 27th	Deadline for Olga's party	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
Mon. 28th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
Wed. 30th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 31st	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
Friday 1st	9:00 am	Preschool

Next week: September 3-9

Sunday 3rd	9:00 am	ONE SERVICE
		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
	5:00 pm	Olga's Labor Day Pitch-in
Mon. 4th		OFFICE CLOSED
		NO PRESCHOOL
Wed. 6th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 7th	8:30 am	Devotions in the sanctuary
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	7:00 pm	Ruth Circle
Friday 8th	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.

GERKENSMEYER SCHOLARSHIP—Congratulations to the recipients of the Gerkenmeyer Scholarship: Eliana Baker, Trenton and Kayla Brigdon, Ryan Cosby, Luke Lanam, Kourtney Otte, and Eli Wood.

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. **TODAY IS LAST DAY TO RSVP TO OLGA — 812-497-2253 or text 812-525-4741.**

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.

DEVOTIONS IN THE SANCTUARY will be on Thursday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m. Join us afterwards for breakfast with Borchers Breakfast Club.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Linda Guinn is Bible study leader.

FOOD PANTRY—The food pantry items being collected in September are items for Anchor House East. These items include tuna packets, chicken packets, beef jerky, slim jims, packs of whole nuts, fruit cups, chips, juice boxes, and Gatorade. 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.

TURNING POINT—In September we are collecting nail clippers, Chapstick and Qtips for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS new sign-up sheet is now at the Welcome Center. Thank you for providing this wonderful fellowship time each week!

TODAY IS LAST DAY TO SIGN UP

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. A 25% deposit is required by September 2.

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.

Labor Day Weekend One Worship Service

September 3 • 9:00 a.m.

(No Sunday School)

Worship help is needed. Please 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.

MISSION FESTIVAL

September 10

Pastor Steve Flynn, Director of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Indiana/Kentucky, will share information with us about outdoor ministry in our synod. ***A picnic will take place at the picnic grove after the 10:15 service. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to provide food and volunteer to help.***

YOUTH EVENTS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10

Elementary Group

5:00-6:15 pm

We will talk about the Fruit of the Spirit through games, crafts and snacks.

Confirmation Class

5:00-6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 1

6:30-7:45 p.m. Confirmation Class 2

Confirmation/Jr. High Parent Meeting

6:00 p.m.

This meeting will go over plans for Confirmation, retreat and volunteer opportunities.

Luther League

6:30 p.m.

This group is for youth in grades 9-12.

WINGS (Women in God's Service)

Sunday, Sept. 10

Bible study 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the high school room

WINGS (Women in God's Service) is changing their schedule. We will meet one month at church for Bible study and the following month we will meet at 1852 Café in Seymour for fellowship. Our Bible study does not build on each other, so you will not miss anything if you miss a month. All ladies are welcome!

We are meeting during the Elementary Group time. Bring the kids and then enjoy some Bible time and fellowship for you!

Red Cross Blood Drive

September 12 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Please check the sign-up at the Welcome Center, sign up online, or call Joe Tormoehlen at 812-520-7964 to reserve a time slot.

Monday Nights are now Music Group Night

Beginning September 11

6:00 p.m.	Kids Bells
6:30 p.m.	Adult Bells
7:00 p.m.	Choir

All are welcome! Any questions, talk to Jamie Baker.

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.

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.

Safety Protocol Handbook

We are in the process of developing safety protocols for various situations and compiling these guidelines in a handbook. Church council is looking for comments/changes to this document. It will be voted upon for approval at the October Quarterly Congregational Meeting. Copies of the Safety Protocol Handbook are available at the Welcome Center. Please share comments with Church Council Chairperson Donald Schnitker or Pastor Steve.

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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:

Isaiah 51:1-6: Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come and will never end.

Romans 12:1-8: In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

Matthew 16:13-20: At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is 'the Messiah, the Son of the living God,' and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—What does it mean to give thanks with our whole heart? (Psalm 138:1)

2—In what ways have you been transformed by the power of God? (Romans 12:1-2)

3—If someone asked you who Jesus is, what would you say? (Matthew 15:10-28)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 12:2

²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 8/27

Isaiah 10:1-34

John 1:1-51

✦ Drake Kleffman, Wade Rapp

✦ World Peace

Monday 8/28

Isaiah 11:1-16

John 2:1-25

✦ Leo Thormoehlen, Mayleigh Briner

✦ people impacted by natural disasters

Tuesday 8/29

Isaiah 12:1-6

John 3:1-36

✦ the youth ministry of the congregation

Wednesday 8/30

Isaiah 13:1-22

John 4:1-54

✦ new parents

Thursday 8/31

Isaiah 14:1-32

John 5:1-47

✦ people seeking employment

Friday 9/1

Isaiah 15:1-9

John 6:1-34

✦ Betty Moorman, Bryce Rorick

✦ safety for people traveling

Saturday 9/2

Isaiah 16:1-14

John 6:35-71

✦ Jack Rosenberger

✦ Christians in Thailand

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:

Bob Schafstall

Other Prayer Requests:

Nora Trapp (cancer-neighbor of Ruth Ann & KY Hendrix)

Oakleigh Bigler (Erb's Palsy-friend of Susie Alstatt)

Family and friends of Daryl Elliott (brother of Robin Tormoehlen)

Florence Otte

Susie Alstatt (foot surgery)

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

Mitchell Scarlett (friend of Carrie Morrison)

Joe Baker (brain tumor-nephew of Jo McGrew)

John Knoke (stroke)

Ernie 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

Greg Prange (cancer-Principal of Seymour High)

Jerry Fields (cancer—Tim England's uncle)

Floyd Smith (cancer—Robert Smith's dad)

Treva Edwards (cancer—Robert Smith's aunt)

Alice Bayman (cancer—Olga Otte's sister)

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)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

August 20—8:00 service: 80 10:15 service: 66

Financial Report:

August 20—Spending Plan: \$9,315.00 Other giving: \$645.00 TOTAL: \$9,960.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 3:

HELP NEEDED

**Please sign up
at the Welcome Center**

**Remember . . .
1 service at 9:00 a.m.**

Altar flowers are provided by:
Need volunteer

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 3:

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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:

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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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