

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 3, 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:
Intern Quentin

Communion Prep:
Lou Ann Hoevener

Lector:
Mandy Otte

Acolyte:
Caleb Baker

Projectors:
Jamie Baker

Camera:
Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:
Ruth Ann Newkirk

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: 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.

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.

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

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.

Next week: September 10-16

Sunday 10th Mission Festival
8:00 am Communion
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Mission Festival meal
at the picnic grove
5:00 pm Elementary Group
5:00 pm Confirmation 1
5:00 pm WINGS at church
6:00 pm Confirmation/Jr. High
Parent Meeting
6:30 pm Confirmation 2
6:30 pm Luther League
7:00 pm Choir

Mon. 11th 9:00 am Preschool
7:00 pm Church Council

Tues. 12th 1:00 pm Blood Drive
(until 6:00 pm)

Wed. 13th 9:00 am Preschool

Thurs. 14th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast
Club

Friday 15th 9:00 am Preschool

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.***

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Please sign up today at the Welcome Center! You can also sign up online or call Joe Tormoehlen at 812-520-7964 to reserve a time slot.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

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.

UPDATE: Music Group Night

After discussions with participants, Music Group Night will now be held weekly on SUNDAY EVENINGS. This is a change from what is printed in the September Newsletter - we hope this allows more folks to join us!

Choir Practice begins SUNDAY, Sept 10 at 7:00 pm

Kids Bells Practice begins SUNDAY, September 17 at 6:00 pm

Adult Bells Practice begins SUNDAY, September 17 at 6:30 pm

*Bell groups will not meet on weeks with Confirmation Classes

Offering Envelopes

Please help our Financial Secretary by filling out the front of your offering envelope. Thank you!

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.

Youth Gathering Planning has begun!

Information is now available in the high school room, on the YFM bulletin board and online for our trip to the Youth Gathering, July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans! Current 8th - 12th graders are invited to join us. We will have a Q&A session on October 1 at 9:00 for interested families. Deposits of \$150 will be due on October 22 to secure our early registration discount.

Jr/Sr High Group Dinners

Grades 6-12 are invited to join us on the 4th Sunday of the month to eat together, share a devotion and unwind! This month we will be playing Borchers Jeopardy after the meal.

We are also looking for volunteers and food donations to help prepare and serve these meals each month - please talk to Jamie if you can help. Our first meal is September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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!

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.

Book Buzz

We've chosen book for the next few months. Please join us!!

Sept. 25—The Sweetness of Forgetting by Kristen Harmel

Oct. 23—The Master Craftsman by Kelli Stuart

Nov. 27—The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry

Any questions, talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

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

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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:

Jeremiah 15:15-21: Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, 'I am with you.'

Romans 12:9-21: Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others we seek to live at peace with all people.

Matthew 16:21-28: After Peter confesses that Jesus is 'the Messiah, the Son of the living God,' Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a 'rock.'

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—How do you walk in faithfulness to God? (Psalm 26:3)

2—How can you show love to others this week? (Romans 12:9-21)

3—When have you felt you must 'carry your cross?' (Matthew 16:21-28)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 12:21

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 9/3

Isaiah 17:1-14

John 7:1-52

✦ World Peace

Monday 9/4

Isaiah 18:1-7

John 8:1-59

✦ Linda Newkirk, Preston Morrison

✦ people in Hawaii impacted by wildfires

Tuesday 9/5

Isaiah 19:1-25

John 9:1-41

✦ Lutheran Disaster Relief

Wednesday 9/6

Isaiah 20:1-6

John 10:1-42

✦ the ministry of the congregation

Thursday 9/7

Isaiah 21:1-17

John 11:1-57

✦ The Indiana-Kentucky Synod

Friday 9/8

Isaiah 22:1-25

John 12:1-50

✦ seminaries

Saturday 9/9

Isaiah 23:1-18

John 13:1-38

✦ Linda Seitz, George Mansfield IV, Lori Hatfield,

Ben Simmons

✦ Christians in Tanzania

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:

Other Prayer Requests:

Bob Schafstall

Larry Isaacs (complications from surgery—friend of Laberta & Milton Otte)

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

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

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)

Mitchell Scarlett (friend of Carrie Morrison)

Joe Baker (brain tumor-nephew of Jo McGrew)

John Knoke (stroke)

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)

Robert Wischmeier (cancer—father of Susan Kaiser)

Greg Hatton (stroke—friend of Kevin Wheatley)

Carol Browning

Arlin 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)

(Names will be on the prayer list for 4 weeks, if you want the request extended, you may re-submit your request.)

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 27—8:00 service: 96 10:15 service: 76

Financial Report:

August 27—Spending Plan: \$3,909.00 Other giving: \$60.00 TOTAL: \$3,969.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 10:

Communion Assistant:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)

Judy Wonning (10:15)

Acolytes:

Ben Rapp (8:00)

Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Melina Engellau (8:00)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 10:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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Services are available on YouTube:

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