

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 10, 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:**  
Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

**Communion Prep:**  
Jodi Brown (8:00)

**Lectors:**  
Amelia Shaw (8:00)  
Judy Wanning (10:15)

**Acolytes:**  
Ben Rapp (8:00)  
Kayla Franke (10:15)

**Projectors:**  
Melina Engelau (8:00)  
Isaac Rust (10:15)

**Camera:**  
Tim England

**Altar flowers are provided by:**  
Need volunteer

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at the 10:15 a.m. service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Engelau.....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 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<br>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<br>Parent Meeting      |
|             | 6:30 pm          | Confirmation 2                               |
| Mon. 11th   | 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<br>(until 6:00 pm)               |
| Wed. 13th   | 9:00 am          | Preschool                                    |
| Thurs. 14th | 9:00 am          | Borchers Breakfast<br>Club                   |
| Friday 15th | 9:00 am          | Preschool                                    |

**Next week: September 17-23**

|             |                     |  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|
| Sunday 17th | Newsletter Deadline |  |
|             | 8:00 am             | Worship  |
|             | 9:00 am             | Sunday School  |
|             | 9:00 am             | New Adult Sunday<br>School class begins                            |
|             | 10:15 am            | Communion  |
|             | 6:00 pm             | Kids Bells   |
|             | 6:30 pm             | Jr. High Group   |
|             | 6:30 pm             | Adult Bells  |
|             | 7:00 pm             | Choir  |
|             |                     |  |
| Mon. 18th   | 9:00 am             | Preschool  |
| Tues. 19th  | 9:00 am             | Bus leaves for<br>Tibetan Mongolian<br>Buddhist Cultural<br>Center |
|             |                     |  |
| Wed. 20th   | 9:00 am             | Preschool  |
| Thurs. 21st | 9:00 am             | Borchers Breakfast<br>Club   |
|             | 7:00 pm             | Men's Group  |
|             | 7:00 pm             | WELCA meeting  |
| Friday 22nd | 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.

**WE WELCOME** Hollis Dean Lucas, son of Stacy Findley and Bryant Lucas, who is baptized today. He was born on March 30, 2021. His sponsors are Samantha Moore and Palik Findley.

**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.

# MISSION FESTIVAL

We welcome Pastor Steve Flynn, Director of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Indiana/Kentucky. He 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.***

## YOUTH EVENTS BEGIN TONIGHT

### 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)

### TODAY

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!***

## Offering Envelopes

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

## **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 **TODAY** 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

## **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.

## **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.

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Michelle will be making the worship helper rotation list for December-May soon. We can always use new volunteers! If you're interested, please talk to Michelle. If you have any changes, dates to avoid, etc., please let her know.

## **Acolyte Training**

Sunday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

The training is for anyone who is interested in being an acolyte. Even if you are unsure about your youth acolyting, you can come to the training to see all that it entails and then later make a decision about whether or not the youth will acolyte. Parents are also welcome to sit in on the training.

While it is not a requirement to be an acolyte, it is a wonderful way for youth to learn to be a servant of the church and a way that they can live out their baptismal promises.

## **Lutheran World Relief Ingathering**

Sunday, September 24

**Join us to set-up on:**

*Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m.*

We dedicate the quilts, school kits, personal care kits, baby kits and fabric kits which are assembled for Lutheran World Relief. These items all over the world to those in need.

### **Items needed for kits:**

#### **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

***Please put items in the Lutheran World Relief box by the kitchen.***

## **New Adult Sunday School Class**

Beginning September 17  
9:00 a.m.

The Adult Sunday School Class will be starting a new study focusing on the Jewishness of Jesus.

This study will look at the life and teachings of Jesus through the lens of the fact that Jesus was a Jew. Within the study we will examine the following ideas:

- Insights on how Jesus' contemporaries understood him
- Exploring how Jesus' Jewishness shaped him
- Look at new perspectives on the Lord's Prayer
- Understanding why it is important to remember that Jesus was Jewish

In encountering Jesus and understanding his Jewish heritage, you may see Jesus differently, gaining a better understanding of his message and enriching your own faith.

## **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

## **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

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

We need someone to take care of the displays in the planters under the projector screens. All materials are provided. If you are interested, please talk to Michelle Wood.

## **Men's Group**

September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. Come for Bible study and fellowship. **All men are welcome** Questions? Talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

## **WELCA Meeting**

Thursday, September 21  
at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

All women of the church 18 and older are welcome!

## **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.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m.

This ministry makes prayer shawls for those on our prayer list and others we learn of in need. If you are interested, please talk to Michelle Wood.

## **Items for Bazaar**

Begin preparing now! Remember we will have craft items, canned goods and bake sale items at our Borchers Supper & Bazaar on Friday, November 3.

## **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.

**September 10,  
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:**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11:** God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

**Romans 13:8-14:** The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ' and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

**Matthew 18:15-20:** Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

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## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

1—What does it mean to you, this week, to live from God's desire for life and mercy for you? (Ezekiel 33:7-11)

2—How could you love and honor others more fully, this week? (Romans 13:8-14)

3—Who do you need to reconcile with? (Matthew 18:15-20)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation. Amen.*

## **NOTES**

## **MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 12:21**

<sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 9/10

Isaiah 24:1-23

John 14:1-31

✦ Jim Eglen, Charlotte Warfield

✦ World Peace

## Monday 9/11

Isaiah 25:1-12

John 15:1-27

✦ Dugan Otte

✦ our country

## Tuesday 9/12

Isaiah 26:1-21

John 16:1-33

✦ Jacob Rotert, Sophia Hoene

✦ Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

## Wednesday 9/13

Isaiah 27:1-13

John 17:1-26

✦ Mandy Otte, Noah Rorick

✦ for spiritual growth

## Thursday 9/14

Isaiah 28:1-29

John 18:1-40

✦ Jessica Sanders, Kennedy Engela, Susan

Kaiser, Trenton Bridgon

✦ special needs students

## Friday 9/15

Isaiah 29:1-24

John 19:1-42

✦ congregational councils

## Saturday 9/16

Isaiah 30:1-33

John 20:1-31

✦ Mark Cupp

✦ Christians in India

## 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:**

*Patty Bailey (cancer—friend of Darla Rorick) 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*

*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:**  
**September 3—107**

### **Financial Report:**

**September 3—**Spending Plan: \$1,829.00    Other giving: \$60.00    TOTAL: \$1,889.00

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

### **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 17:**

**Communion Assistant:**  
Milton Otte (10:15)

**Communion Prep:**  
Judy Wonning (10:15)

**Lectors:**  
Dot Goodwin (8:00)  
Matt Tangman (10:15)

**Acolytes:**  
Layne Thompson (8:00)  
Micah Wayt (10:15)

**Projectors:**  
Kaelynn Engela (8:00)  
Aden Kruse (10:15)

**Camera:**  
Jamie Baker

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### **READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 17:**

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103: 1-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### **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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