

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 17, 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:
Larry Guinn (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

Altar flowers are provided by:
Lacey Lanam

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 17-23

Sunday 17th	Newsletter Deadline	
	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	New Adult Sunday
		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 Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center
Wed. 20th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 21st	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	WELCA meeting
Friday 22nd	9:00 am	Preschool

Next week: September 24-30

Sunday 24th	LWR Ingathering	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Acolyte Training
	10:15 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Kids Bells
	6:30 pm	Jr/Sr. High Dinner
	NO ADULT BELLS	
	7:00 pm	Choir
Mon. 25th	9:00 am	Preschool
Tues. 26th	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
Wed. 27th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 28th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
Friday 29th	9:00 am	Preschool

Pastor Steve and Intern Quentin will be gone the evening of September 24 thru September 26 at the Indiana/Kentucky Synod Professionals Leaders Conference. For ministry needs, please contact Trish Tangman 812-371-1018.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS TODAY—Please give info to Michelle or leave in the church office.

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

SOME NEW TOPICS IN CARE NOTES are available on the Welcome Center. Check them out for yourself or take one for someone you know. They include *Loving Someone with Mental Illness*, *Feeling Overwhelmed When One Loss Follows Another*, *Social Media and Technology: Are You Using Them Responsibly?*, *When a Family Pet Dies*, and *Coping with Chronic Pain*.

The Jewishness of Jesus

BEGINNING TODAY

9:00 a.m. in the adult Sunday school room

This Adult Sunday School Class 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.

Sundays are Music Group Night

This is a change from what is printed in the September Newsletter - we hope this allows more folks to join us!

Kids Bells Practice at 6:00 pm
Adult Bells Practice at 6:30 pm
Choir Practice begins at 7:00 pm

*Bell groups will not meet on weeks with Confirmation Classes

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.

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.

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!

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 24

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.

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 go all over the world to those in need.

Book Buzz

September 25 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "The Sweetness of Forgetting" by Kristen Harmel. 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.

Anointing Service

Sunday, October 1

5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

This is a special service that focuses upon prayer for healing. The service has time for people to be anointed with oil and prayed over. You can either come to the altar or stay in the pew for this prayer for healing. You can share with pastor specific requests or the prayer for healing can be for overall health.

The Book of James tells us that if any are sick, call the elders of the church and have them pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14). Thus, we are offering this opportunity for people to come and be anointed. You can be anointed for any type of healing: physical, emotional, relationship, spiritual.

Questions? Talk to Pastor Steve

Muffin Morning

Sunday, October 1

9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

Everyone is invited to stop in for fellowship time! Bring a dozen of your favorite muffins (mini or regular size) to share. Enjoy coffee, muffin sampling, and visiting. Sunday School students will enjoy leftovers during their snack time!

Small Phone Directory

We will be updating our small phone directory soon. Please give address and phone changes to the church office.

YOUTH INFORMATION

Jr. High Youth Group

TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m.

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 24 at 9:15 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.

Jr/Sr High Group Dinners

September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

ELCA Youth Gathering

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.

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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:

Genesis 50:15-21: After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Romans 14:1-12: This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all and will judge each of us.

Matthew 18:21-35: When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—How to you bless God's holy name? (Psalm 103:1)
- 2—What are some ways you look down on the spiritual or religious practices of others? (Romans 14:1-12)
- 3—Who do you need to forgive? (Matthew 18:21-35)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 103:1

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 9/17

Isaiah 31:1-9

John 21:1-25

✦ Nathan Newkirk, Carrie Morrison

✦ World Peace

Monday 9/18

Isaiah 32:1-20

Acts 1:1-26

✦ Military personnel

Tuesday 9/19

Isaiah 33:1-24

Acts 2:1-47

✦ Marcus Taulman

✦ Lutheran Word Relief

Wednesday 9/20

Isaiah 34:1-17

Acts 3:1-26

✦ Bethany Rust

✦ The stewardship of the congregation

Thursday 9/21

Isaiah 35:1-10

Acts 4:1-37

✦ Quinn Otte, Zoey Hendrix

✦ School board members

Friday 9/22

Isaiah 36:1-22

Acts 5:1-42

✦ James Reinbold

✦ Campus ministries

Saturday 9/23

Isaiah 37:1-38

Acts 6:1-15

✦ Alvin Otte

✦ 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:

*Barbara Davis (broken hip—mother of Susie Alstatt)
Family & friends of Patty Bailey (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 10—8:00 service: 113 10:15 service: 82

Financial Report:

September 10—Spending Plan: \$3,701.00 Other giving: \$265.00 TOTAL: \$3,966.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 24:

Communion Assistant:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Lectors:

Amy Rotert (8:00)

Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes:

Grant Wheatley (8:00)

Rusty Harris (10:15)

Projectors:

Kayla Baker (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

Camera:

Training

Altar flowers are provided by:

Wilma Claycamp

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 24:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

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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