

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 24, 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:
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

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 24-30

Sunday 24th LWR Ingathering
 8:00 am Communion
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 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.

Next week: October 1-7

Sunday 1st 8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Communion
 5:00 pm WINGS
 5:00 pm Elementary Group
 6:00 pm Kids Bells
 6:30 pm Adult Bells
 6:30 pm Luther League
 6:30 pm Jr. High Group
 7:00 pm Choir

Mon. 2nd 9:00 am Preschool

Wed. 4th 9:00 am Preschool

Thurs. 5th 8:30 am Devotions
 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
 7:00 pm Ruth Circle

Friday 6th 9:00 am Preschool

Sat. 7th Via de Cristo at church
 8:00 am—4:00 pm

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Wilma & Don Claycamp's 62nd wedding anniversary.

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*.

ELEMENTARY GROUP will meet on October 1 at 5:00 p.m.

LUTHER LEAGUE will meet on October 1 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

JR. HIGH GROUP will meet on October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

HELP NEEDED with lunch for Via de Cristo on Saturday, October 7. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

Today 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.

After the 10:15 service, please help take items to the fellowship hall.

Acolyte Training

TODAY at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary

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.

The Jewishness of Jesus

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.

Jr/Sr High Group Dinners

TODAY 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.**

DEADLINE IS TODAY

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

WINGS (Women in God's Service)

Sunday, October 1
5:00 pm in the high school room

The group has decided to meet for Bible study each time the Elementary Group meets. Drop off the kids and come join us!



Borchers Supper & Bazaar

November 3 • 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Supper includes a turkey and ham dinner
with all the trimmings

FREE-WILL DONATION
25% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT WORLD HUNGER

***Everyone's help, in some way,
makes it go smoother***

**Sign-up sheets are available
in the narthex.**

***PLEASE SIGN-UP NOW!
DON'T WAIT!***

*The sign-up sheets include a description
of the job duties above each section.*

Bazaar items

Begin preparing now! Homemade crafts, canned goods and baked goods. Deadline for items is 12:00 pm on November 3. Items can be put in the container in the church office.

Shut-in Meals

Meals will be shared with shut-ins in the neighborhood again this year. Please sign up at table or talk to Trish Tangman.

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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:

Jonah 3:10-4:11: After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

Philippians 1:21-30: Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

Matthew 20:1-16: Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—What does the text from Jonah teach us about grace? (Jonah 3:10-4:11)

2—How do you live in a manner worthy of the gospel? (Philippians 1:27)

3—Who do you understand this parable? (Matthew 20:1-16)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 20:15-16

¹⁵⁻¹⁶Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 9/24

Isaiah 38:1-22

Acts 7:1-34

✦ Samantha Plumlee, Eli Wood, Michaela Smith,

Lucy Burgess

✦ World Peace

Monday 9/25

Isaiah 39:1-8

Acts 7:35-60

✦ Deryl Paswater, Lois Bryden, Toby Kleffman,

Jodi Brown

✦ school teachers

Tuesday 9/26

Isaiah 40:1-31

Acts 8:1-40

✦ Robert Runge

✦ the ministry of the congregation

Wednesday 9/27

Isaiah 41:1-29

Acts 9:1-43

✦ Heifer International

Thursday 9/28

Isaiah 42:1-25

Acts 10:1-48

✦ Angie Rorick

✦ farmers

Friday 9/29

Isaiah 43:1-28

Acts 11:1-30

✦ Anna Claycamp

✦ mental health therapist/counselors

Saturday 9/30

Isaiah 44:1-28

Acts 12:1-25

✦ Christians in Nepal

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:

Wanda Englau (surgery)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Don Warfield (brother of David Warfield)

Family & friends of Dorothy McDonald (friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix)

Barbara Davis (broken hip—mother of Susie Alstatt) Bob Schafstall

Larry Isaacs (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)

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 17—8:00 service: 97 10:15 service: 65

Financial Report:

September 17—Spending Plan: \$3,884.00 Other giving: \$471.00 TOTAL: \$4,400.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 1:

Communion Assistant:

Bill Wunning (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Teresa Browning (10:15)

Lectors:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Leon Seitz (10:15)

Acolytes:

Bryce Rorick (8:00)

Valerie McIntosh (10:15)

Projectors:

Emily Reinbold (8:00)

Owen Kruse (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Teresa Brown

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 1:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

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.

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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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