

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

October 5, 2025

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 Beth Sheedy

Organist: Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Karen Dringenburg

Communion Assistant:
Tim England (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Marj Rust (10:15)

Lectors:
Mandy Otte (8:00)
Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes:
Sam Engelau (8:00)
Deacon (10:15)

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

Camera:
Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

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 173 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
Beth Sheedy.....Pastoral Intern
Trish Tangman.....Care Team Director
Jamie Baker.....Youth & Family Ministries
and Technology Director
Maddie Whiteside.....Youth & Family Ministries
Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director
Michelle Wood.....Secretary
Jennifer Duncan & Sam Plumlee.....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: October 5-10

Sunday 5th	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Communion
	1:00 pm	Luther League trip and meeting
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	5:00 pm	Confirmation 1
	6:30 pm	Confirmation 2
Monday 6th	9:00 am	Preschool
Tues. 7th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 8th	9:00 am	Preschool
		(trip to Johnson's Farm)
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
	6:30 pm	Words Bible study
Thurs. 9th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Women's In-depth Bible study
Friday 10th	NO PRESCHOOL	

Next week: October 12-17

Sunday 12th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Anniversary Committee meeting
	5:00 pm	Anointing at Borchers Chapel (until 6:00)
	NO ADULT BELLS NO CHOIR	
Monday 13th	NO PRESCHOOL	
Tues. 14th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
	7:00 pm	Internship Committee
Wed. 15th	7:00 am	Bus leaves for Covered Bridge Festival
	NO PRESCHOOL	
Thurs. 16th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle at church
	7:00 pm	Women's In-depth Bible study
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Friday 17th	NO PRESCHOOL	
	9:00 am	Deliver LWR boxes to Greenwood

HEARING ASSISTANCE—We have headphones 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.

FOOD PANTRY—The food pantry items being collected in October are salt, pepper, spices, flour, sugar and oil. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors. Items will be taken to either Anchor House, Provisions or Jamestown Apartments.

TURNING POINT—In October, we are collecting trash bags (13 gallon and larger) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

HELP NEEDED: Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Plan to provide snacks for 60.

Suggestions are: fruit, muffins, donuts and prepackaged snacks.

Magnifying Devices

We now have magnifying devices available on the bulletin table.

Adult Sunday School

The book of Judges

The book of Judges recounts the turbulent period in Israel's history between the death of Joshua and the rise of the monarchy, when Israel had no king and "everyone did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges 21:25). It follows a recurring cycle of sin, oppression, repentance, and deliverance as God raises up judges — military leaders and deliverers — to rescue the Israelites from their enemies. The book highlights God's faithfulness and the growing moral and spiritual decline of the people.

Luther League Trip and Meeting

TODAY — Leave church at 1:00 p.m.

We will take a trip to Huber's Orchard to visit their Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch. We will return to church for pumpkin carving and our monthly meeting.

Elementary Group

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Classes

TODAY

Confirmation 1—5:00 p.m. Confirmation 2—6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat Forms & Deposit

Due October 19

Please give \$25 deposit and medical release forms to Pastor Steve.

Parents & Families: Time to Connect

We see you—sitting in your cars, scrolling the socials, catching up on messages. During all youth meetings, we will now have snacks and drinks available in the kitchen. We encourage you to come in, grab a snack and just say hi! A few minutes to connect with each other can brighten everyone's day!

College Care Packages

Deadline is October 26

It's time to send our first care packages to our college students! We have 21 boxes to fill in the narthex. Please add snacks, notes, etc. Our students love to receive them!

Meg Brown Senior Project: Turning Point Smile Supply Kit

Meg is collecting items to make kits for Turning Point Domestic Violence Services. Items needed are for adults and children:

toothbrushes — toothpaste — toothbrush covers — floss — tooth necklaces

Please put items in the container near the Welcome Center. Meg is also accepting monetary donations for this project.

Kids Bells

Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Night

October 8 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday night gathering for students in grades 6-12. Teens will have a chance to unwind, learn some new songs and participate in a Bible study. Please talk to Jamie Baker or Maddie Whiteside with any questions.

Bible Study Series: Words We Use, Words We Need to Understand

October 8—Forgiveness 1
Every Other Wednesday from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Bring: Your Bible, a notebook, and your questions! Led by Pastor Steve

Women's In-depth Bible Study

Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Anointing for Healing and Private Communion

October 12 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Borchers Chapel

Pastor Steve is making available time for the opportunity to be anointed with oil and prayed over for healing. During this hour, people are invited to drop by any time. Communion will also be available. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Trip: Covered Bridge Festival

in Bridgeton, IN

Wednesday, October 15

Indiana's largest festival is packed with arts and crafts and foods GALORE! Vendors and historic buildings line the street of this quaint little town, with beautiful fall foliage as the backdrop. Don't miss this event! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Snacks for ESL Classes

If you are willing to provide 2-3 dozen cookies or bars for participants in the English as a Second Language (ESL) class being offered at Brown Elementary, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Delivery information is on the sign-up sheet. Any questions, please talk to Ruth Ann Hendrix.

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, October 26 11:15 a.m.

Items to be discussed:

- Election of Church Council

Church Council positions to be filled:

Chairman—Treasurer—Elder—Trustee—Deacon (10:15)

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| • 2026 spending plan | • Parsonage update |
| • Hiring of Financial Manager | • Applying for an intern for 2026-27 school year |
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BOOK BUZZ

Monday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! We will discuss "*The Paris Library*" by Janet Skeslien Charles. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Memory Book for All Saints Day

November 2

As part of the morning worship service for All Saints Day, we will be remembering those who died in the past year. Please add names of those to be remembered to the memory book on the Welcome Center. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH BORCHERS**

SUPPER & BAZAAR

Friday, November 7 • From 4-7pm
10792 North 210 East, Seymour, IN 47274 • 812-522-7364

Dine-in & carryout is available.

Supper includes a turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings.

Bazaar area features homemade crafts, baked goods, and canned goods.

Free-will donations accepted.



25% OF THIS YEARS PROFIT GOES TO WORLD HUNGER

Borchers Supper & Bazaar

Friday, November 7

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex

Please sign up!

Everyone's help is needed to make things go smoothly!

It's not too soon to begin making items for our Craft Sale area! Also, remember to bring preserved goods and baked goods to be sold in our Bake Sale area.

Turkey Pick-up

October 26 between services

Dressing

For making dressing, please use the recipe on this sign-up table. You will need to purchase your own supplies.

Table Set-up

Sunday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to help!!

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2025**

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:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4: Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

II Timothy 1:1-14: This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 17:5-10: On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—Do you relate to Habakkuk's cry to God? Why or Why not?
(Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

2—Who in your life do you know needs encouragement? What can you do to encourage them this week? (II Timothy 1:1-14)

3—How do you understand what it means to have faith the size of a mustard seed? (Luke 17:5-10)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: LUKE 17:6

⁶The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 10/5

Psalm 50:1-23

Mark 15:1-47

✦ Phyllis Cupp

✦ world peace

Monday 10/6

Psalm 51:1-19

Mark 16:1-20

✦ Carvin Otte, Brayden Rorick

✦ struggling congregations

Tuesday 10/7

Psalm 52:1-9

Luke 1:1-38

✦ Sam Engelau, Henry Engelau

✦ Luther League

Wednesday 10/8

Psalm 53:1-6

Luke 1:39-80

✦ Wendy Rotert

✦ the homeless

Thursday 10/9

Psalm 54:1-7

Luke 2:1-52

✦ Ernie Kleffman, Cassie Fox

✦ the stewardship of the congregation

Friday 10/10

Psalm 55:1-23

Luke 3:1-38

✦ state legislators

Saturday 10/11

Psalm 56:1-13

Luke 4:1-44

✦ Troy Engelau

✦ Christians in Laos

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Gene Kruse

Don Ray (*friend of Larry Guinn*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Larry & Paul Canada (*cousins of Bill Kidd*)

Dillon Williams (*health concern—relative of Tim & Kathy England*)

Bobby Akemon (*cancer—friend of Jennie Hoene*)

Brooke Elmore (*cancer—friend of Tammi Reinbold*)

Dennis Otte (*surgery*)

Kevin Trask (*cancer—friend of Chris Otte*)

Linda Lloyd (*medical—Tim England's aunt*)

Olivia Sons (*pediatric epileptic seizures—friend of Kathy England*)

Ed Engelau (*cancer*)

KY Hendrix (*kidney stone*)

Cody Wayt (*health issues*)

Angie Lucas (*cancer*)

Steve Smith (*brain cancer—brother-in-law of Mark Rorick*)

Pam Claycamp (*broken arm*)

Betty Toxey (*fall-grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

Wanda Zakrzewski (*fall-grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

Dan Anderson (*father of Rich Anderson*)

Charlie Fox (*father of Ben Fox*)

Pastor John Wanamaker (*cancer*)

Bob Butcher (*health issues—friend of Susie Alstatt*)

Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)

Gary Mellencamp (*heart*)

Courtney Hardebeck (*illness—friend of Cassie Fox*)

Pegi Bricker (*spinal surgery—friend of Kendra Harris*)

Megan White (*leukemia—friend of Kendra Harris*)

Monty Reynolds (*prostate cancer—friend of Kathy England*)

Hallie Crane (*leukemia—friend of Heidi Wheatley*)

Annie Walton (*friend of Carrie Morrison*)

Hannah & Jimmy Whitaker

(*medical concerns—friends of Kathy England*)

Paul Lewis (*melanoma-step-dad of Tim England*)

Mark Gillespie (*cancer-friend of Charlotte Guinn*)

Ernie Kleffman (*back*)

Treva & Danny Edwards

(*health issues—relatives of Robert Smith*)

Michelle Sallee (*cancer—friend of Gretchen Lawles and*

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch, Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wentz

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:

Helen Carter; Andy Runge; Gavin Brown (*friend of Leah Otte*); Robert Noblitt (*Chris Kleffman's father*)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

September 28— 8:00 service: 118 10:15 service: 72

Financial Report:

Sept. 21— Spending Plan: \$3,337.50 Other giving: \$105.00 New parsonage: \$135.00
Mission Festival: \$1,209.00 TOTAL: \$4,786.50

Sept. 28— Spending Plan: \$21,623.00 Other giving: \$16,405.00 New parsonage: \$67,059.79
TOTAL: \$105,087.79

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 12:

Communion Assistant:

Chris Otte (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Lectors:

Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)

Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolytes:

Abe Engelau (8:00)

Deacon (10:15)

Projectors:

Kaelynn Engelau (8:00)

Isaac Rust (10:15)

Camera:

Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:

Carmen Herkamp

Sunday School Snacks:

Connie Knoke

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 12:

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

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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