

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

October 19, 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:**
Linda Guinn (10:15)
- Lectors:**
Amy Rotert (8:00)
Micah Wayt (10:15)
- Acolytes:**
Wyatt & Willie Hoevener (8:00)
Henry Fountain (10:15)
- Projectors:**
Natalie Fish (8:00)
Marc Fountain (10:15)
- Camera:**
Hannah Baker
- Altar flowers are provided by:**
Tammi Reinbold

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 19-24

Sunday 19th		Confirmation Retreat forms & deposit due Newsletter deadline 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Communion 6:30 pm Adult Bells 7:00 pm Choir
Monday 20th	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Church Council
Tues. 21st	11:30 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Ladies Lunch at Mi Casa Prayer Shawl Kids Bells
Wed. 22nd	9:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Preschool Wednesday Youth Night Words Bible study
Thurs. 23rd	9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	Borchers Breakfast Club Tai Chi Women's In-depth Bible study
Friday 24th	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Preschool Luther League Bonfire & Movie Night

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of James & Tammi Reinbold's 30th wedding anniversary.

Next week: October 26-November 1

Sunday 26th		Reformation Sunday Give out 2nd grade Bibles Deadline for College Care Package items 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Muffin Morning 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Communion 11:15 am Congregation Quarterly Meeting
	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Adult Bells Choir
Monday 27th	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Preschool Book Buzz
Tues. 28th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 29th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 30th	9:00 am 9:30 am	Borchers Breakfast Club Tai Chi
Friday 31st	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Trunk or Treat

October 17-21

Trish Tangman is gone

Afternoon October 26-October 28

Pastor Steve and Intern Beth will be at the Internship Cluster meeting in North Carolina.

October 31-November 1

Pastor Steve will be at a Lutheran Outdoor Ministries meeting.

Magnifying Devices

We now have magnifying devices available on the bulletin table.

Confirmation Retreat Forms & Deposit

DUE TODAY

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

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!

Newsletter Deadline is TODAY

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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Kids Bells

Tuesday, October 21 and 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, October 21 at 11:30 a.m.
at Mi Casa, 101 S. Broadway, Seymour

All are welcome for a short devotion, lunch and fellowship. Everyone pays for themselves.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, October 21 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.

Wednesday Youth Night

October 22 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 22—Forgiveness 2
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, Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be going over Week One and watching the video session on pages 40-41 of our study guide. We are going to attempt to meet twice a month.

OUR MEETING DATES ARE:

NOV. 13 — NOV. 20 — DEC. 4 — DEC. 11 — JAN. 8 — JAN. 22

If you have questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Luther League Bonfire & Movie Night

Friday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Bonfire and Movie in the picnic grove. Bring friends! We will sign up for food and vote for a movie in the GroupMe App. Questions, talk to Karen Dringenburg, Kasthy England or Jamie Baker.

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.

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.

Muffin Morning

Sunday, October 26
9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

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

Reformation Sunday

October 26

This day celebrates the anniversary of Martin Luther and the other reformers who went against the church of the day to call the church and all Christians back to the core of the gospel message—that we are saved by grace through faith and not of our works. As part of this celebration, we are asking people to wear something **RED** (which is the color of the day). We use red on Reformation as a sign of the Spirit—because the reformation is a time when the Holy Spirit blew across the church to bring about renewal within the church.

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.

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.

Pet Supplies Plus Factory Tour

Tuesday, November 18

After the tour lunch will be enjoyed at Mae's Townhouse. The Care Team will provide \$5 toward each attendee's lunch. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested.

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.



Borchers Supper & Bazaar

November 7 • 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

HELP NEEDED:

- Kitchen Crew—prepare food and place in roasters
 - 9:00 am-4:00 pm —2 spots need filled
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Dishwashers (keep items washed & ready for re-use)
 - Noon-3:00 pm
 - 3:00-5:30 pm
 - 5:30-8:00 pm
- Bus tables (clear & clean tables)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Carrying Assistance (help carry trays & fill carryout boxes)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
- Wipe trays (wipe trays off for re-use)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Serving drinks
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Serving Line Tables (monitor serving line & notify kitchen if getting low)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Salads (replenish serving line)
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Table decorations
- Bazaar area (collect money and oversee crafts/baked goods)
 - 3:45-5:30 pm
 - 5:15-7:00 pm
- Box up shut-in meals — need 1 more
- Deliver shut-in meals — need 2 more
- Clean up fellowship hall at end—need 3 more
- Clean up kitchen at end — need 6

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

- Turkey bakers—turkeys and baking bags provided — carve and slice turkey—**save broth and bring to church to be used in the noodles**
 - 7 people needed
- Deviled eggs—1 dozen each—containers must have lids
 - 4 dozen needed
- Green beans — 1 gallon each
 - 24 needed
- Lettuce salad—20 servings each (overnight salad, taco salad, etc.) **NO TOSSED SALAD**
 - 6 needed
- Vegetable salads—20 servings each (broccoli salad, coleslaw, etc.)
 - 7 needed
- Jello salad—20 servings each
 - 13 needed
- Cranberry salads
 - 4 needed
- Pasta salads
 - 2 needed
- Desserts
 - 8 Crème pies
 - 4 fruit pies
 - 2 pumpkin pies
 - 6 pecan pies
 - 1 lemon Robert Redford
 - 3 cheesecakes
 - 2 blackberry cobbler
 - 1 apple crisp
 - 2 peach cobbler
 - 2 brownies/bars

**Sign-up sheets are located
on the tables in the narthex.**

Thanks for your help!

Additional Borchers Supper & Bazaar Info

**Flyers advertising the Bazaar are on the table in the narthex.
Feel free to take some to give away or hang up at businesses.**

Youth Helping

Youth are also encouraged to help at the bazaar. (Jr High going on the retreat should choose an early shift.) Volunteering is a great way to thank the congregation for supporting our youth activities!

Suggested jobs for younger helpers:

Carrying assistance — Bus tables — Wipe trays — Drink station

Shut-in Meals

If you know of shut-in individuals who would appreciate a meal, please sign-up.

Salads & Desserts

Need to be at church by 1:00 p.m.

Table Set-up

Sunday, November 2
6:00 p.m.

Everyone invited to help!

Turkey Pick-Up

Sunday, October 26 between services

Making Dressing

If making dressing, please buy your own ingredients. Please use the recipe on the sign-up table.

Turkey & Dressing

Need to be at church by 9:00 a.m.

Bazaar items

Begin preparing now! Homemade crafts, canned goods and baked goods. Deadline for items is 12:00 pm on November 7. Items can be put in the container in the church office.

CRAFT SUPPLIES AVAILABLE

Leah Otte has some craft supplies available for anyone to use!
They are in the first room in the Sunday School hallway.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Michelle will be making the worship helper rotation list for December 2025-May 2026 soon.

***If you have any changes, dates to avoid, etc.,
please let her know.***

Job descriptions are listed below:

- Communion Assistant — helps distribute communion during worship service
- Communion Prep—helps prepare communion before the worship service & cleans up after
- Lector—reads the lessons during worship service
- Projectors—runs the slides on the projector screens during worship service
- Cameras—operates the cameras remotely during live streaming at 8:00 worship service

***We can always use new volunteers!
If you're interested, please talk to Michelle.***



October 31

7:00 p.m. in main parking lot

Costume contest begins at 7:00 with winners chosen for different age groups& group/couple/family costumes. We will also choose a winner for best truck decorations!

Please park with your trunk facing the aisle and bring treats for 80 kids.

If you want to donate prizes/awards for the contests, please contact Jamie.

**October 19,
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:

Genesis 32:22-31: Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to 'Israel,' a name that means 'he wrestles with God.'

II Timothy 3:14-4:5: The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

Luke 18:1-8: Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—How is it that you wrestle with God? (Genesis 32:22-31)
- 2—How do you understand that scripture is 'God breathed'? (II Timothy 3:14-4:5)
- 3—How do you understand this parable? (Luke 18:1-8)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: II TIMOTHY 3:16

¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 10/19

Psalm 64:1-10

Luke 12:1-59

✦ Thomas Hendrix

✦ world peace

Monday 10/20

Psalm 65:1-13

Luke 13:1-35

✦ Doug Fish

✦ seminaries

Tuesday 10/21

Psalm 66:1-20

Luke 14:1-35

✦ Jeanette Kruse

✦ people who experience food insecurity

Wednesday 10/22

Psalm 67:1-7

Luke 15:1-32

✦ Marj Rust

✦ Anchor House

Thursday 10/23

Psalm 68:1-35

Luke 16:1-31

✦ Debbie Rust

✦ Lutheran World Relief

Friday 10/24

Psalm 69:1-36

Luke 17:1-37

✦ EMTs

Saturday 10/25

Psalm 70:1-5

Luke 18:1-43

✦ Issac Rust, Shane Kleffman

✦ Christians in India

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Dillon Williams (*son-in-law of Tim & Kathy England*)

Wayne Rust (*back surgery*)

Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)

Don Ray (*friend of Larry Guinn*)

Steve McGrew (*fall*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Gene Kruse (*hip replacement*)

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

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 (*epileptic seizures—friend of Kathy England*)

Ed Engela (*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*

Linda Guinn)

Debbie Schroer (*kidney cancer-mother of Tracey Engela*)

Carol & Floyd Browning

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:

October 12 — 8:00 service: 80 10:15 service: 41

Financial Report:

Oct. 12— Spending Plan: \$2,977.00 Other giving: \$175.00 New parsonage: \$85.00
TOTAL: \$3,237.00

{The weekly amount needed to cover expenses in the
2025 Spending Plan is \$7,354.00}

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 26:

Communion Assistant:

Chris Otte (8:00)
Tim England (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)
Teresa Browning (10:15)

Lectors:

Leah Otte (8:00)
Leon Seitz (10:15)

Acolytes:

Caleb Baker & Kasen Nicholson (8:00)
Deacon (10:15)

Projectors:

Michaela Smith (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Kendall & Susie Alstatt

Sunday School Snacks:

Muffin Morning

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 26:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

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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