

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

January 25, 2026

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; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:

Donald Schnitker (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Lou Ann Hoevenner (8:00)

Lectors:

Leah Otte (8:00)
Marj Rust (10:15)

Acolytes:

Claire Engelau & Emily Morris (8:00)
Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Kaelynn & Henry Engelau (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Camera:

Jamie Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Nancy & Kenny Rotert

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 174 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.

Next week: January 25-30

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| Sunday 25th | Valentine Dinner tickets go on sale |
| 8:00 am | Communion |
| 9:00 am | Sunday School |
| 9:00 am | Adult Sunday School—Daniel |
| 10:15 am | Worship |
| 11:15 am | Congregation Annual Meeting |
| 1:00 pm | Jr. High to Perfect North Slopes |
| 6:30 pm | Adult Bells |
| 7:00 pm | Choir |
| Monday 26th | 9:00 am Preschool |
| | 1:00 pm Blanket Making |
| | 1:00 pm Book Buzz |
| | 8:00 pm Dartball at home (Redeemer S) |
| Tues. 27th | 6:30 pm Kids Bells |
| Wed. 28th | 9:00 am Preschool |
| | 6:30 pm Wednesday Youth Night |
| Thurs. 29th | 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club |
| | 9:30 am Tai Chi |
| Friday 30th | 9:00 am Preschool |
| | 1:00 pm Blanket Making |

Next week: February 1-7

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| Sunday 1st | 8:00 am Worship |
| | 9:00 am Sunday School |
| | 9:00 am Adult Sunday School—Daniel |
| | 10:15 am Communion |
| | 6:30 pm Luther League Mission Trip meeting (parents and youth) |
| | 6:30 pm Adult Bells |
| | 7:00 pm Choir |
| Monday 2nd | Ladies' Craft & Fellowship Retreat |
| | 9:00 am Preschool |
| | 1:00 pm Blanket Making |
| | 8:00 pm Dartball at Jonesville |
| Tues. 3rd | Ladies' Craft & Fellowship Retreat |
| | 6:30 pm Kids Bells |
| Wed. 4th | Ladies' Craft & Fellowship Retreat |
| | 9:00 am Preschool |
| Thurs. 5th | 8:30 am Devotional service |
| | 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club |
| | 9:30 am Tai Chi |
| Friday 6th | 9:00 am Preschool |
| | 1:00 pm Blanket Making |

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 February are canned soup or soup mixes. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations are taken to Provisions, Anchor House or Jamestown Apartments.

TURNING POINT—In February, we are collecting dish soap (small containers please) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Valentine Dinner

Friday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

Ticket are available at the Welcome Center:
\$10 single, \$20 couple, \$25 couple with kids

This is our annual fundraiser for Jr High Youth Activities.
Jr High families should check GroupMe to sign up for food donations and volunteer spots.

Congregation Annual Meeting

TODAY after the 10:15 service

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School class is studying the **Book of Daniel**. Daniel speaks to people of faith living in uncertain times—calling us to wisdom, courage, and steadfast hope when following God feels countercultural. All adults are welcome—whether Daniel is familiar or brand new to you. Join us as we listen for God's promises, ask questions, and encourage one another in faith.

Jr. High Snow Tubing

TODAY

We will leave for Perfect North at 1:00 p.m. Ticket cost and bus transportation is provided for Jr. High youth. Additional tickets may be purchased at the group rate of \$30. Sign up in GroupMe or contact Jamie for details.

College Care Packages

Boxes will be available for filling in the narthex. There are 20 student boxes. Items are due by Sunday, February 8.

BOOK BUZZ

January 26 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "*The Queens of Crime*" by Marie Benedict. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!! Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Wednesday Youth Night

January 28 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.

Lutheran World Relief Blanket-Making

Monday and Friday at 1:00

We will meet thru the end of March to make blankets for Lutheran World Relief to send all over the world. Anyone is welcome to come help! No sewing experience required.

Our Library Now Has Jigsaw Puzzles

Enjoy a fun winter activity! Borrow a jigsaw puzzle from our church library. Please check out just like a book. If you have puzzles you wish to donate, please leave on the library desk.

Luther League Mission Trip Parent/Youth Meeting

Sunday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.

At the meeting, make deposit payments (\$50) and ask any questions. Payment can also be made during Sunday School that morning. We are going to Copperhill, TN (June 28-July 4). This trip is for Luther League members and current 8th graders! Regular meeting and fundraiser participation is required to attend. See GroupMe for details or contact Jamie Baker or Kathy England for questions.

Devotional Service

Thursday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Afterwards, come join us at Borchers Breakfast Club for food, fellowship and activities.

First Communion Class

Reply form due February 8

There will be a class during the Lenten Season to provide instruction for youth prior to receiving Holy Communion. ***We need to order curriculum for each student. Please return the reply form by February 8 to tell us if your student will be attending the class.*** The class will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:00 AM). The first class will be on **February 22**. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

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.

Sunday School Valentine's Day Party

Sunday February 15
at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

The Sunday School teachers are hosting a Valentine's Day party. This will be in place of our normal classroom schedule that day. Come join us!!!

Chili Cook-off

Sunday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to bring a pot of your best chili! Entries should be dropped off in the kitchen before 10:15 worship service, no sign-up needed. (Luther League members will set up for the contest during 10:15 service) **TASTE them all and VOTE for your favorite chili with donations.** Whichever soup raises the most money get a trophy!

Fat Tuesday at The Brick & Ladies' Lunch

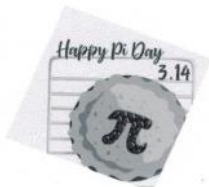
Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Plan on a unique lunch celebration with a dessert directly from Mardi Gras territory in New Orleans. Everyone in attendance gets Mardi Gras beads and a chance to be king for a day by getting the prize piece of king cake. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

"PIE DAY"

Sunday, March 1
at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome! Bring your favorite pie or pie bars to share... or just come hungry! Looking forward to another tasty 'Pie Day!'



WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Church services will be held, unless a travel ban has been issued for Jackson County. Please make your own decision if you want to venture out in inclement weather. **WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE! *If there is a travel ban in Jackson County, all church activities will also be cancelled.***

BORCHERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Borchers Breakfast Club will coincide with the Seymour School Corporation's decisions for school closings and delays. If Seymour schools are closed OR delayed, Borchers Breakfast Club will be CANCELLED. Please listen to WZZB 1390 AM or 99.3 FM, or watch for closings on television stations.



Ladies Craft & Fellowship Retreat

February 2, 3 and 4

*Are you looking for some fellowship time to
get through the winter blues?*

Grab your crafting supplies and let's get to work in the fellowship hall!!

- ◆ Sign-up at the Welcome Center
- ◆ You will get your own table to spread out your supplies
- ◆ Be sure to bring all of your own supplies
(especially an extension cord/power strip if you need it)
- ◆ Come 1 day or stay all 3 — Come and go as you wish
- ◆ Plan to bring a sack lunch
- ◆ Bring a snack one day to share
- ◆ Craft ideas might include; sewing, quilting, scrapbooking,
card making, needlepoint, crocheting, coloring, artwork, etc.
- ◆ If you don't have a craft to work on stop by and help tack
blankets for LWR or learn a new hobby!
- ◆ This is a great opportunity to get a start on planning/working
on the church 175th anniversary celebration for 2027

Questions? Contact: Lou Ann Hoeverner or Heidi Wheatley

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Join Us For A

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP FAIR

Friday, February 13, 2026

10 am -2 pm

Hosted By:

**Jamestown Apartments
In the Upstairs Rec Room
at 715 Miller Lane**



Seymour, IN 47274



First Building on the Left

**FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS
55+**

We will offer FREE:

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Diabetes Screening
- Cholesterol Screening
- Gait Assessment & Fall Prevention
- Hearing, Vision & Memory Screens
- Community Resources
- Door Prizes & Agency SWAG
- Social Time, Refreshments, & More!

**Questions?
Call, text, or email
Cassie Wicker
812-718-1963
sc103@glickco.com**

Transportation Available!

**Call Seymour Transit to
schedule at 812-522-7433
by 2/12/2026 at 4pm!**



JOIN US FOR OUR FUNDRAISER!

BORCHERS

CHILI

COOK-OFF



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TASTE them all and **VOTE** for your favorite chili with donations. Whichever soup raises the most money gets a trophy!



**SUNDAY
FEB 15**

STARTS AT 11:30 AM

**BORCHERS
LUTHER
LEAGUE
THANKS YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

**January 25,
2026**

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:

Isaiah 9:1-4: The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

I Corinthians 1:10-18: Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

Matthew 4:12-23: Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—How might God be calling you to remember ways God's promises have already been fulfilled? (Isaiah 9:1-4)

2—What would it mean for the congregation to grow further into being 'one in Christ'? (I Corinthians 1:10-18)

3—How do you fish for people? (Matthew 4:12-23)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Holy God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 4:19

¹⁹And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 1/25

Proverbs 5:1-23
 II Corinthians 2:1-17
 ✦ Pastor Steve, Jason Engelau, Abby Hoene
 ✦ world peace

Monday 1/26

Proverbs 6:1-35
 II Corinthians 3:1-18
 ✦ Pierce McCory
 ✦ seminary students

Tuesday 1/27

Proverbs 7:1-27
 II Corinthians 4:1-18
 ✦ new parents

Wednesday 1/28

Proverbs 8:1-36
 II Corinthians 5:1-21
 ✦ Brandy Rotert
 ✦ school resource officers

Thursday 1/29

Proverbs 9:1-18
 II Corinthians 6:1-18
 ✦ teachers

Friday 1/30

Proverbs 10:1-32
 II Corinthians 7:1-16
 ✦ St. Paul's youth ministry

Saturday 1/31

Proverbs 11:1-31
 II Corinthians 8:1-24
 ✦ Delores Douglass
 ✦ Christians in Turkey

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Sarah Rotert (*fall*)
 Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Lois Rust (*RSV*)
 Kay Hoene (*back surgery*)
 John Rust (*fall/broken elbow*)
 Valerie McIntosh (*knee surgery*)
 Red Angel (*ankle surgery*)
 Olga Otte (*cataract surgery*)
 Ed Engelau (*cancer*)
 Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
 August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)
 Susie Alstatt (*gall bladder surgery*)
 Tammi Reinbold (*knee replacement surgery*)
 Waldron Rust (*fall*)
 Gib Claycamp (*fall*)
 Jaxon Reinhart (*cancer—friend of Grant & Caleb Wheatley*)
 Dillon Williams (*son-in-law of Tim & Kathy England*)
 Randy Bridgewater
 (*motorcycle accident—brother-in-law of David Bode*)
 Florence Otte (*health*)
 Kim Dringenburg (*health*)
 Patricia Lewis (*cancer—Tim England's mother*)
 Don Ray (*friend of Larry Guinn*)
 Bobby Akemon (*cancer—friend of Jennie Hoene*)
 Brooke Elmore (*cancer—friend of Tammi Reinbold*)
 Kevin Trask (*cancer—friend of Chris Otte*)
 Linda Lloyd (*medical—Tim England's aunt*)
 Olivia Sons (*epileptic seizures—friend of Kathy England*)
 Angie Lucas (*cancer*)
 Pastor John Wanamaker (*cancer*)
 Bob Butcher (*health issues—friend of Susie Alstatt*)
 Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)
 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 Engelau*)

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch, Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wente, Shirley Runge

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:

January 18 — 8:00 service: 123 10:15 service: 59

Financial Report:

Jan. 18 — Spending Plan: \$4,201.00 Other giving: \$220.00 New parsonage: \$85.00
TOTAL: \$4,506.00

{The weekly amount needed to cover expenses in the
2026 Spending Plan is \$8,149.00}

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY 1:

Communion Assistant:

Leon Seitz (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Marj Rust (8:00)

Lectors:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)

Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolytes:

Ben Rapp & Caleb Baker (8:00)

Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Marc Fountain (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

need volunteer

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 1:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Facebook:

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Services are available on YouTube:

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