

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

April 12, 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:

Doug Fish (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Jodi Brown (8:00)

Lectors:

Amy Rotert (8:00)
Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Emily Morris & Claire Engelau (8:00)
Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Melina Engelau (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Jan & Paul Otte

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.

This week: April 12-17

Sunday 12th	Newsletter deadline	
	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	NO ADULT BELLS	
	7:00 PM	Choir
Monday 13th	9:00 am	Preschool
Tues. 14th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 15th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 16th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Friday 17th	9:00 am	Preschool (Doughnuts with Dad)

Pastor Steve and Intern Beth will be gone the afternoon of April 12 thru the evening of April 14 at the Internship Cluster in North Carolina.

Next week: April 19-24

Sunday 19th	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Quarterly Congregation Meeting
	10:15 am	Communion
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	5:00 pm	Confirmation class (ALL)
	6:00 pm	Confirmation walk-through
	6:15 pm	Stole-making
	6:30 pm	Luther League
Monday 20th	9:00 am	Preschool
	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch at Tiemeyers Farm Market
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues. 21st	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 22nd	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
Thurs. 23rd	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	WELCA meeting
Friday 24th	9:00 am	Preschool

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 April are peanut butter and jelly. 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 April, we are collecting underwear (all sizes—women, children, teen men) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Jan & Paul Otte's 46th anniversary.

Newsletter Deadline is TODAY

Please give info to the church office.

Ruth Circle

Thursday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Group

Thursday, April 16 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.

Changes to the April Calendar

UPDATE

Bishop Tim Graham will be here on April 26 as he travels to churches within the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. So a couple of things have been changed.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

is now on
April 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Muffin Morning

is now on
April 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited!

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!



PICNIC GROVE LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS

are needed April through October.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

NEW

Group for Widows

NEW

Grief is hard. If you are a widow, you may find that caring support from other widows can help you on your grief journey. No matter how long you've been on your journey, if you feel sharing your experiences with other widows would be helpful, please reach out to Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman.

Bless the New Parsonage with Prayers and Scripture!

Everyone is invited to stop by and write a favorite Bible verse or prayer on the studs. There is a container with Sharpies within the house.

Please Pick Up Puzzles

If you donated puzzles to the library, please take them back home. Thanks to everyone who donated puzzles for the winter. Everyone enjoyed this new winter activity offering from our library.

Elementary Group

April 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class Walk-through & Stole-Making

April 19

- 5:00 pm Confirmation class (**ALL**)
- 6:00 pm Confirmation walk-through
- 6:15 pm Stole-making

Walk-through and stole-making are for those being confirmed. Parents are encouraged to come to walk-through and stole-making.

Remember: Confirmation is May 3 — 1 service at 9:00 a.m.

Luther League

April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Lunch

Monday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m.
Tiemeyers Farm Market, 3147 S. 300 W, Vallonia



Trip to Hilltop Garden and Nature Center

Indiana University, Bloomington

Tuesday, May 19

A tour and lunch at Lennie's Brewpub will be enjoyed as well as a quick trip on campus for photographs. Look for more details and sign up at the Welcome Center.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

May 31
at both services

We need information about high school and college graduates.

For high school graduates: name, high school, and future plans.

For college graduates: name, school, degree earned.

Please call or email the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Night

April 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.

WELCA MEETING

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

All women are invited to attend!!

BOOK BUZZ

Monday, April 27

1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "The Women of the Post" by Joshunda Sanders. Everyone is welcome!! Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.



Daycamp

June 8-12

Register now!

Volunteers needed too!

**Register by May 17
to be guaranteed a t-shirt.**

See the display for ways to help and registration! Register online or use the paper forms on the display table. **ALL** campers, volunteers and counselors should register to help us plan for supplies and t-shirt orders.

Seymour Community Health & Wellness Expo

April 17

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Point—Family Center
311 Myers St., Seymour

Free Health Screenings — Community Resources
Door Prizes — Refreshments & More

Sponsored by Thrive Alliance

BLANKETS TO BE TIED

We're needing people to knot blankets for Lutheran World Relief.

*Blankets are located on a table in the narthex.
Place in Mission Outreach Closet when finished.*

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.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH BORCHERS
**GOLF SCRAMBLE
& FUNDRAISER**
WHERE: HICKORY HILLS • BROWNSTOWN, IN



WHEN: JUNE 6, 2026
CHECK-IN: 7:30AM • SHOTGUN START: 8:00AM
MORE INFO: STPAUL-BORCHERS.ORG
\$50 PER PERSON • 6 PERSON TEAMS
PRIZES / RAFFLES / SILENT AUCTION

**THIS FUNDRAISER WILL HELP SUPPORT OUR LUTHER LEAGUE
MISSION TRIP COPPERHILL TN THIS SUMMER!**

Updates for Offerings to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

For donations, please indicate which account you want offerings given to:

- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries—Reading Camp

**April 12,
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:

Acts 2:14, 22-32: After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

1 Peter 1:3-9: This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

John 20:19-31: The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—How have you seen the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, alive and ongoing, happening in your life or the congregation? (Acts 1:14, 22-32)

2—What does it mean to you to be a Christian in modern society? (1 Peter 1:3-9)

3—What are some doubts about God, Jesus, or religion you are carrying right now? (John 20:19-31)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing. Amen.*

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ACTS 1:23

²³But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 4/12

Isaiah 31:1-9
II Peter 1:1-21
✦ world peace

Monday 4/13

Isaiah 32:1-20
II Peter 2:1-22
✦ Emily Schnitker, Caleb Baker
✦ Luther League

Tuesday 4/14

Isaiah 33:1-24
II Peter 3:1-18
✦ David Warfield, Brooks Briner
✦ military personnel

Wednesday 4/15

Isaiah 34:1-17
I John 1:1-10
✦ people who are incarcerated

Thursday 4/16

Isaiah 35:1-10
I John 2:1-29
✦ Danielle Hill, Maverick McIntosh
✦ health care workers

Friday 4/17

Isaiah 36:1-22
I John 3:1-24
✦ Merrell Otte, Dennis Rust, Christe Kleffman,
Emmi Fox
✦ the mission of the congregation

Saturday 4/18

Isaiah 37:1-38
I John 4:1-21
✦ Aaron Claycamp, Matthew Cupp, John
Harris
✦ Christians in Afghanistan

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Lori Hatfield (knee replacement)
Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)
Amelia Jessup (*heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz*)
Betty Toxey (*broken hip—grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Dave Wright
(*grandfather of a friend of Alicia Seay*)
Bev Alstatt (*health issues—mother of Kendall Alstatt*)
Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)
Dave Bode (*eye surgery*)
Kathy England (*shoulder surgery*)
Barbara Otte (*health—aunt of Ruth Ann Hendrix*)
Kim Dringenburg (*surgery*)
Maura Alicia Amador (*health—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix*)
Bufard Fields (*heart issues—step-father of Gerald Wayt*)
Lisa Magaha (*cancer—friend of Amy Rosenberger*)
Tucker Wathen (*brain cancer—friend of Karen Brigdon*)
Sandy Smith (*Robert Smith's mother*)
Paul Franke (*heart—Clayton Franke's father*)
Haylee Stuckwisch
(*pregnancy issues—friend of Carrie Morrison*)
Darren Davis (*heart attack—Susie Alstatt's brother*)
Randall Frost
(*cancer—uncle of Chris Otte and friend of Dave Bode*)
Sandy Kovener (*heart—friend of Shirley Lewis*)
Stephanie Gricius (*cancer—friend of Karen Dringenburg*)
Ben Fox (*surgery*)
Kay Hoene (*back surgery*)
Red Angel (*ankle surgery*)
Bonnie Herkamp (*cancer-relative of Carmen Herkamp*)
August Herkamp (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)
Jaxon Reinhart (*cancer—friend of Grant & Caleb Wheatley*)
Dillon Williams (*son-in-law of Tim & Kathy England*)
Florence Otte (*health*)
Patricia Lewis (*cancer—Tim England's mother*)
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*)
Bob Butcher (*health issues—friend of Susie Alstatt*)
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*)
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, Shirley Runge*

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:

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

Prayers for those in Military Service:

*Noah Hendrix (nephew of KY Hendrix);
Andrew & Joannah Yerrell (Roger Douglass'
grandson & wife); Seth Douglass*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

Maundy Thursday— 90 **Good Friday**— 111 **Easter Sunrise** — 85
April 5 (Easter) — 8:00 service: 224 10:15 service: 102

Financial Report:

Maundy Thursday — \$333.00 (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries)
Good Friday — \$770.00 (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries)
March 29 (Palm Sunday) — Spending Plan: \$3,233.00 Other giving: \$125.00
New parsonage: \$130.00 **TOTAL: \$3,488.00**

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL 19:

Communion Assistant:

Bill Woning (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Teresa Browning (10:15)

Lectors:

High School Youth (8:00)

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Wade Rapp & Grant Wheatley (8:00)

Kayla Franke (10:15)

Projectors:

Michaela Smith (8:00)

Thomas & Ruth Ann Hendrix (10:15)

Camera:

Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

Need volunteer

READINGS FOR APRIL 19:

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

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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Wednesday—8:30-2:30

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