

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

May 3, 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:
Intern Beth

Communion Prep:
Lou Ann Hoevener

Lectors:
Mandy Otte

Acolytes:
Wheatley family

Projectors:
High school youth

Camera:
Tim England

Altar flowers are provided by:
Ruth Ann Newkirk

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: May 3-8		
Sunday 3rd	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. — 1 service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:00 pm Anniversary Committee	
Monday 4th	9:00 am	Preschool
Wed. 6th	9:00 am	Preschool
Thurs. 7th	8:30 am	Devotional service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 8th	9:00 am	Preschool (last day for 2's)

Next week: May 10-15		
Sunday 10th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
Monday 11th	9:00 am	Preschool
Tues. 12th	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 pm	Internship Committee
Wed. 13th	9:00 am	Preschool (last day for 3/4/5's)
	11:00 am	Preschool picnic
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Youth Night
Thurs. 14th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 15th	10:30 am	Preschool Graduation

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.

MAGNIFYING SHEETS 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 May are canned meats, ravioli and Spaghetti-O's. 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 May we are collecting new bed pillows for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

Updated Small Phone Directory

Copies are available at the Welcome Center.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Today we celebrate those being confirmed:
Caleb Michael Baker — Presley Anne Ebener
Abram Dale Engelau — Becca Marie Herbert
Liza Jane Lanam — Hadley Jo Siffard
Leah Renee Wenté

A reception will be in the narthex after the service.

Anniversary Committee

TODAY at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Custodian Position Open

Sam Plumlee, our custodian, is stepping down. Anyone interested in applying for the position should submit a resume to the church office by May 17. any questions, please contact Pastor Steve.

Devotional Service

Thursday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 19

1:00 – 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen directly to schedule your donation time. Tell your friends and family about the next blood drive date at St. Paul!



PLANT GIVEAWAY

Saturday, May 23

9:00-10:30 a.m.
under the Picnic Grove shelter

Bring extra flowers and plants, seeds, bulbs, pots,
garden tools and decorations to be given away.

Bring what you can and take what you want!

All items are FREE!

Tell your friends to mark the date on their calendars!

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, May 12 1:00 p.m.

Group for Widows

Wednesday, May 13 1:00 p.m.

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.

Wednesday Youth Night

May 13 6:30 p.m.

NEW
DATE!

BOOK BUZZ

NEW
DATE!

Monday, May 18 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "James" by Percival Everett. Everyone is welcome!! Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

NEW
DATE!

Ladies Lunch

NEW
DATE!

Wednesday, May 20 at 11:30 a.m.
Lola's Modern Kitchen, 820 A Ave. E, Seymour

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Did you know that 1 in 5 U.S. adults experiences mental illness each year? On Sunday, May 31st, Mark Teike will be with us at worship to highlight NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, an organization that works to de-stigmatize mental illness in our community. NAMI provides education, support, and advocacy for families faced with mental illness.

Borchers Preschool Graduation

May 15 10:30 a.m.

Graduates are:

Haelynn Baker — Lenora Backs — Ali Banuelos — Mack Baxter — Everleigh Garrett

Ryan Guffey — Henley Hudson — Rice Johnson* — Christopher Jordan

Blakelynn Lee — Callie Meek — Jason Miller — Monnise Nunez — Waylon Purdue

Kendall Rieker — Brynlee Taulman — Darcy Themer — Wrenley Trueblood

*denotes church member

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Summer Camps

Information is available at the Welcome Center.

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.

Borchers Preschool Registration

Forms for 2026-27 school year are available at the Welcome Center.



PICNIC GROVE LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS

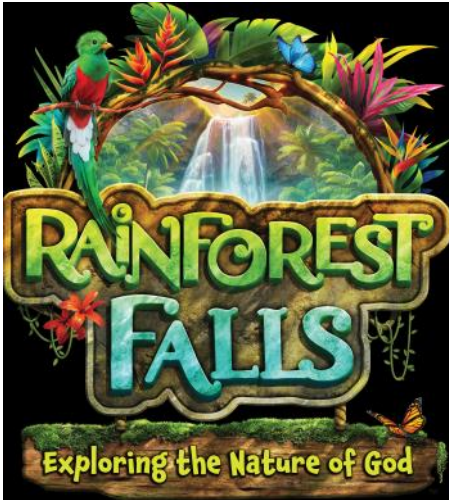
are needed May through October.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Flush & Test the Sprinkler System

Wednesday, June 3 8:00 a.m.

If anyone wants to see how this is done, they are welcome to attend.



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.



Luther League Fundraiser

Brooklyn Pizza "Card for a Cause"

\$20 each

These punch cards offer various discounts at Brooklyn Pizza in Seymour.

They can be purchased from any Luther League youth.

This fundraiser helps support their mission trip to Copperhill, TN this summer.

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!

Golf Scramble Hole Sponsors

\$100 each

Please sign up at the Welcome Center

**May 3,
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 7:55-60: Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

I Peter 2:2-10: Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

John 14:1-14: On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— What does it mean to be a martyr? What can we learn from Stephen? (Acts 7:55-60)
- 2—How do you hear I Peter speaking to you and the congregation at this time? (I Peter 2:2-10)
- 3—What is Jesus inviting his disciples to know and do? (John 14:1-14)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world. Amen.

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: I PETER 2:2

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 5/3

Isaiah 52:1-15
Revelation 11:1-19
✦ Shirley Runge
✦ world peace

Monday 5/4

Isaiah 53:1-12
Revelation 12:1-18
✦ Paul Otte, Kenny Browning
✦ people preparing for weddings

Tuesday 5/5

Isaiah 54:1-17
Revelation 13:1-18
✦ Sophia Engelau
✦ DayCamp preparations

Wednesday 5/6

Isaiah 55:1-13
Revelation 14:1-20
✦ Wilma Claycamp, Carly Kaiser
✦ chaplains

Thursday 5/7

Isaiah 56:1-12
Revelation 15:1-8
✦ Jack Fountain
✦ congregations in conflict

Friday 5/8

Isaiah 57:1-21
Revelation 16:1-21
✦ college students

Saturday 5/9

Isaiah 58:1-14
Revelation 17:1-18
✦ Christians in Syria

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Florence Otte
Olga Otte (*surgery*)
Lisa Bergman (*brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke*)
Melissa Newberry (*brain surgery—friend of Kathy England*)
Adelee Davis (*cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater*)
Amelia Jessup (*heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz*)

Other Prayer Requests:

All affected by storms and power outages
Marilyn Saum (*friend of Doris Sparks*)
Donald Schniker (*knee*)
Phil Hardwick (*cancer—brother-in-law of Tim Hoevener*)
Lydia Paswater (*accident—granddaughter of Nina Paswater*)
Sharon Carpenter (*cancer—mother of Holly Otte*)
Lori Hatfield (*knee replacement*)
Betty Toxey (*broken hip—grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)
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*)
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*)
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*)
Monty Reynolds (*prostate cancer—friend of Kathy England*)
Paul Lewis (*melanoma-step-dad of Tim England*)
Mark Gillespie (*cancer-friend of Charlotte Guinn*)
Ernie Kleffman (*back*)
Trevia Edwards (*health issues—relatives of Robert Smith*)
Michelle Sallee (*cancer—friend of Gretchen Lawles and Linda Guinn*)

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:

April 26 — 8:00 service: 141 10:15 service: 57

Financial Report:

No report this week

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY 10:

Communion Assistant:

Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lectors:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolytes:

Wyatt & Willie Hoevener (8:00)

Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Susie Schnitker (8:00)

Marc Fountain (10:15)

Camera:

Hannah Baker

Altar flowers are provided by:

Lois Bryden

Sunday School Snacks:

Wanda Engela

READINGS FOR MAY 10:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

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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