

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

May 31, 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:**  
NO COMMUNION

**Communion Prep:**  
NO COMMUNION

**Lectors:**  
Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)  
Marj Rust (10:15)

**Acolytes:**  
Ben Rapp & Layne Thompson (8:00)  
**Need volunteer (10:15)**

**Projectors:**  
Baker/Engelau (8:00)  
Matt Tangman (10:15)

**Sunday School Leader:**  
**Need volunteer**

**Altar flowers are provided by:**  
Delores & Roger Douglass

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at the 10:15 a.m. service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director  
and Custodian  
Michelle Wood.....Secretary

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 31-June 6**

Sunday 31st	Graduation recognition
	8:00 am Worship
	9:00 am Summer Sunday School begins
	10:15 am Communion
Wed. 3rd	8:00 am Flush & test sprinkler system
Thurs. 4th	8:30 am Devotion service
	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am Tai Chi
Sat. 6th	7:30 am Luther League Golf Scramble

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**—We have head-phones 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 item being collected in June is canned fruit. 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 June, we are collecting hair brushes, combs, hair spray, hair mousse, hair gel for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

**Next week: June 7-12**

Sunday 7th	8:00 am Worship
	9:00 am Sunday School
	10:15 am Communion
	1:00 pm Daycamp set-up
	6:00 pm Anniversary Committee
Monday 8th	9:15 am Doors open
	9:30 am Daycamp begins
	11:30 am Preschool pick-up
	2:30 pm Elementary pick-up
Tuesday 9th	9:15 am Doors open
	9:30 am Daycamp begins
	11:30 am Preschool pick-up
	3:00 pm Carnival (until 4:30)
Wed. 10th	9:15 am Doors open
	9:30 am Daycamp begins
	11:30 am Preschool pick-up
	2:30 pm Elementary pick-up
	6:00 pm Family Pool Night (until 8:00 pm)
Thurs. 11th	8:45 am Senior Daycamp Trip leaves
	9:15 am Doors open
	9:30 am Daycamp begins
	11:30 am Preschool pick-up
	3:00 pm Bike Ride/Hay Ride (until 5:00 pm)
Friday 12th	9:15 am Doors open
	9:30 am Daycamp begins
	11:30 am Preschool pick-up
	2:30 pm Elementary pick-up

Intern Beth is on vacation  
May 31-June 6

## 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.

# National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

TODAY at both services

Did you know that 1 in 5 U.S. adults experiences mental illness each year? We welcome Mark Teike who will 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.

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## Summer Sunday School

Beginning TODAY

**Needed:** Volunteers to lead — Volunteers to supply snacks

**Please sign up at the Welcome Center**

Any questions, talk to Jamie Baker

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## 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.

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## Devotion Service

Thursday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the devotional service. We'd love for you to join us afterwards at Borchers Breakfast Club for food, fellowship and games.

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## Daycamp

June 8-12

You can still register!

Volunteers needed!

Supply donations needed!

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 in planning.

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

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## **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

June 7 at 6:00 p.m.

in the Jr. High Sunday School room

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## **Youth Director Update**

Maddie Whiteside is stepping down as youth director. Jamie Baker will take on full responsibilities. Jamie will be looking for parents to help with various events — especially Elementary Group.

## **Senior Daycamp Trip**

Louisville, KY

Thursday, June 11

The Borchers Breakfast Club will have its annual Daycamp outing when the facilities are overrun by children. We will head south to Louisville and Riverside, the Farnsley-Moreman Landing for a tour of the historic home and grounds of this 300-acre farm which overlooks the Ohio River. We will have lunch at Mike Linnig's Seafood followed by a visit to Little Loom House for a tour and a mini-lesson in weaving a coaster to keep. Bus will leave at 8:45 AM and return around 4:00 PM. All expenses are paid for BBC participants and a guest by Borchers Breakfast Club. **Regular BBC will not meet on that Thursday.**

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## **Caregivers and Coffee**

Tuesday, June 2 10:00 am—12:00 pm  
Moxie Coffee, 218 S. Chestnut St., Seymour

Caregiving is hard. You don't have to do it alone. Join us to learn about services and resources that can make caregiving easier. RSVP to Jane at 812-372-6918 or JFer-[ril@thrive-alliance.org](mailto:ril@thrive-alliance.org)

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## **Gerkenmeyer Scholarships**

Due date: June 14

The Emil Gerkenmeyer Foundation awards a \$3,000 scholarship to students who have (1) been confirmed at St. Paul's, (2) continued active membership here, and (3) completed one year of education beyond high school. This tax-exempt foundation was created with the proceeds of Emil's estate, and is administered by the pastor, council president, and Sunday School superintendent. Please submit a letter of request along with a copy of your transcript to the church office by **June 14**. Please put in the Gerkenmeyer Foundation mailbox.

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## **New Custodian**

We welcome Jennifer Duncan back full-time as our custodian. We thank Sam Plumlee for her dedicated service as custodian.

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## **Help Needed: Funeral Dinners**

WELCA is asking for 4 volunteers to be on a rotation for funeral dinner kitchen leader. The leader will be responsible for overseeing the dinner. The current sign-up sheet for donations and helpers will continue. If willing to be a leader or have questions, contact Linda Newkirk.

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## **PICNIC GROVE MOWING VOLUNTEERS**

are needed through October.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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# 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 1:1-2:4:** At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

**II Corinthians 13:11-13:** Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

**Matthew 28:16-20:** After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1—How do you understand being created in the image of God?  
(Genesis 1:1-2:4)

2—What is the Spirit inviting you to understand about your membership or leadership in your community at this time? (II Corinthians 13:11-13)

3—What does it mean to you to be made a disciple? (Matthew 28:16-20)

4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence. Amen.*

## NOTES

## MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 28:19

<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 5/31

Jeremiah 14:1-22

Matthew 17:1-27

✦ world peace

## Monday 6/1

Jeremiah 15:1-21

Matthew 18:1-35

✦ Karen Wiesehan, Dan Davis, Emma Franke

✦ farmers

## Tuesday 6/2

Jeremiah 16:1-21

Matthew 19:1-30

✦ Susie Alstatt, Kylie Eglen

✦ people who are graduating

## Wednesday 6/3

Jeremiah 17:1-27

Matthew 20:1-34

✦ Jan Otte

✦ Anchor House

## Thursday 6/4

Jeremiah 18:1-23

Matthew 21:1-46

✦ Lutheran Camps

## Friday 6/5

Jeremiah 19:1-15

Matthew 22:1-46

✦ people who suffer from mental illnesses

## Saturday 6/6

Jeremiah 20:1-18

Matthew 23:1-39

✦ Christians in Chile

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

Calligh Kidd (*relative of Kathy Kidd*)

Lisa Bergman (*brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke*)

Amelia Jessup (*heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz*)

### Other Prayer Requests:

Family and friends of Bobby Akemon (father of Shawn Akemon)

Jim Hoffmeier (father of Mark Hoffmeier)

Leai Easley (granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp)

Family and friends of Emmi Jo Franke

Melissa Newberry (*brain surgery—friend of Kathy England*)

Hannah Ray (friend of Mindy Siffard)

Darrin Davis (cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt)

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

Myra & Jerry Mellencamp

(*health issues—friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Woning*)

Florence Otte

Olga Otte (*surgery*)

Marilyn Saum (*friend of Doris Sparks*)

Donald Schnicker (*knee*)

Phil Hardwick (*cancer—brother-in-law of Tim Hoevener*)

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*)

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*)

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*)

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*)

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*)

Treva Edwards (*health issues—relatives of Robert Smith*)

Michelle Sallee (*cancer-friend of Gretchen Lawles &*

*Linda Guinn*)

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

### 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:**  
**May 24 — 83**

### **Financial Report:**

**May 24**— Spending Plan: \$1,881.30 Other giving: \$170.00 New parsonage: \$80.00  
TOTAL: \$2,131.30

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

### **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE 7:**

**Communion Assistant:**  
Dan Davis (10:15)

**Communion Prep:**  
Linda Guinn (10:15)

**Lectors:**  
Amy Rotert (8:00)  
Lois Bryden (10:15)

**Acolytes:**  
Wyatt & Willie Hoeverer (8:00)  
Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

**Projectors:**  
Sam Engelau (8:00)  
Matt Tangman (10:15)

**Sunday School Leader:**  
*Need volunteer*

**Sunday School Snacks:**  
*Need volunteer*

**Altar flowers are provided by:**  
*Need volunteer*

### **READINGS FOR JUNE 7:**

Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### **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:  
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Friday—8:30-12:30

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Services are available on YouTube:  
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