

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

July 5, 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:**  
Chris Otte

**Communion Prep:**  
Chris & Mandy Otte

**Lectors:**  
Mandy Otte

**Acolytes:**  
Need volunteer

**Projectors:**  
Need volunteer

**Camera:**  
Need volunteer

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**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 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: July 5-11**  
Sunday 5th 9:00 am  
**One Service**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Tues. 7th 8:00 am LifeLine Screening  
(until 4:00)

Thurs. 9th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast  
Club  
9:30 am Tai Chi  
7:00 pm Meeting about  
Lutheran World  
Relief and Borchers  
Supper & Bazaar

Pastor Steve and Michelle are on vacation  
July 13-17

**Next week: July 12-17**  
Sunday 12th 9:00 am  
**One Service**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Newsletter deadline  
Reception for Beth after service  
6:00 pm Packing for Intern Beth

Tues. 14th 8:00 am Youth leave for  
King's Island  
7:00 pm Men's Group

Wed. 15th 1:00 pm Anna Circle  
(Widows Group)

Thurs. 16th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast  
Club  
9:30 am Tai Chi

**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 July are oatmeal, cereal and syrup. 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 July, we are collecting laundry detergent (small containers) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

## **Adult Sunday School**

We will not meet again until August 2

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## **Women's Bible Study**

A new Women's In-Depth Bible study will start this Fall. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

# **Meeting about Lutheran World Relief and Borchers Supper & Bazaar**

**July 9 7:00 p.m.**

With the sudden death of Jan Otte, we need to discuss how to fill the void with Lutheran World Relief kit preparations and planning for Borchers Supper & Bazaar. ***ALL women and men who are interested in helping are invited to attend this meeting.*** Any questions, talk to Linda Newkirk.

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## **Intern Beth's Final Sunday for Internship**

**July 12 One service at 9:00 a.m.**

After the service, there will be a meal to provide a time of fellowship and goodbye to Intern Beth.

There will be a basket where individuals can put cards and expressions of thanksgiving for the ministry that Intern Beth provided over the past year as she has ministered to and with us throughout her internship process.

We will keep everybody up to date about Beth's final year at seminary and her process for candidacy.

***Please sign-up to provide worship help.***

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## **Intern Moving Day**

**July 12 6:00 p.m.**

Intern Beth would love help loading the moving truck. Come if you can! She lives in the white house behind the Cortland elevator. Food and drinks will be provided.

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## **Office Help Needed**

Help is needed in the church office from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. while Michelle & Pastor Steve are gone. Volunteers will copy and staple bulletins, Weekly News and answer the phone. Dates that help is needed are: July 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27, 29 and 31. Please talk to Michelle if you can help.

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## **Newsletter Deadline**

**July 12**

Please give information to the church office.

## **King's Island Trip**

*Jr. High, Sr. High & College students*

Tuesday, July 14

Cost: \$20 for students

**Sign up at the Welcome Center by July 12.** Spots on the bus are first come, first served. Extra drivers and chaperones may be needed. Extra tickets can be purchased at the group rate (\$40) if other family members would like to visit on the same date. For extra attendees, you must provide your own transportation and supervision.

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## **Men's Group**

Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, talk to Chis Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

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## **Anna Circle**

(Group for Widows)

Wednesday, July 15 1:00 p.m.

Our group has chosen the name Anna Circle based on Luke 2:36-37. Anna was a widow who never left the temple but worshiped there night and day. Grief is hard. You may find that caring support from other widows can help you on your grief journey. Come join us! For info talk to Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman.

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## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, July 21

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! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.

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## **Summer Garden Share**

On Sundays in July and August, there will be a table set up outside the front doors. If you have extra produce/vegetables from your garden, feel free to leave it there on Sunday mornings for others to take! Anything remaining after second service will be removed and taken to the Anchor House Food Pantry on Monday morning, by some of our congregation youth.

# Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, July 21 at 11:30 a.m.  
Cracker Barrel in Seymour

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## Tour of Seymour High School

Tuesday, July 28

School administrator Aaron Floyd will host a private tour of Seymour High School. We'll see the most recent additions and changes to the building as well as what's remained the same. Meet at 10:00 AM at the main entrance (Entrance 1) for the tour. Lunch will be enjoyed at Lola's Modern Kitchen.

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## Group for Widowers

If you are interested in participating in a Men's Widower Group, let Trish Tangman or Pastor Steve know. Newly-discovered resources are available.

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## CORN NEEDED

We are in need of 40 gallons of freshly frozen corn for the Borchers Supper in November. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you can help.

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## Lutheran World Relief

It's time again to collect items for Lutheran World Relief school kits and personal care kits. **Please put items in the Lutheran World Relief box near the kitchen.**

### School Kit Supplies:

- 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled)
- 30 cm rulers
- black **OR** blue ball point pens (no gel ink) ink pens
- boxes of 16 **OR** 24-count crayons
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- UNSHARPENED #2 pencils
- 2 1/2 inch erasers

### Personal Care Kit Supplies:

- bath towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended)
- bars of soap (4-4 1/2 oz.)
- metal nail clippers (with **OR** without attached file)
- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Sturdy comb

June 28,  
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:

**Zechariah 9:9-12:** The prophet announces the coming of a humble king who rides on a donkey rather than a war horse, bringing peace instead of conquest. God promises freedom, hope, and restoration to those who trust in the covenant, revealing that divine strength is often expressed through gentleness rather than force.

**Romans 7:15-25:** Paul honestly describes the inner struggle between the desire to do what is good and the reality of human sinfulness. Even in this conflict, he points beyond himself to the grace of God in Christ, who alone brings freedom and deliverance.

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30:** Jesus contrasts those who reject God's message with those who receive it in childlike trust. He then extends one of Scripture's most comforting invitations: all who are weary and burdened are welcome to come to him and find rest for their souls by taking on his gentle yoke.

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1—Where is God inviting you to choose humility and hope over power and fear? (Zechariah 9:9-12)
- 2—How have you experienced God's grace in the midst of your own struggles or shortcomings? (Romans 7:15-25)
- 3—What burdens are you carrying that Christ may be inviting you to lay down? (Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you. Amen.*

## NOTES

## MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 11:28

<sup>28</sup>'Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 7/5

Jeremiah 49:1-39

Luke 4:1-44

✦ Caroline Fountain

✦ world peace

## Monday 7/6

Jeremiah 50:1-46

Luke 5:1-39

✦ Lutheran World Relief

## Tuesday 7/7

Jeremiah 51:1-33

Luke 6:1-49

✦ Sage Zakrzewski

✦ the Red Cross

## Wednesday 7/8

Jeremiah 51:34-64

Luke 7:1-50

✦ Spencer Parrish

✦ EMT's

## Thursday 7/9

Jeremiah 52:1-34

Luke 8:1-56

✦ Hannah Young, David Bode

✦ youth ministers

## Friday 7/10

Lamentations 1:1-22

Luke 9:1-62

✦ Justin Young

✦ people preparing for marriage

## Saturday 7/11

Lamentations 2:1-22

Luke 10:1-42

✦ Florence Otte, Sailor Rust, Carmen Herkamp, Jacoby Begley

✦ Christians in India

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

*Carol Mansfield (foot surgery)*

### Other Prayer Requests:

Debbie Rust (surgery)

Ellen Kraftchick (*lymphoma-friend of Doris Sparks*)

Jim Hoffmeier (*father of Mark Hoffmeier*)

Leon Seitz (*cancer*)

Calleigh Kidd (*relative of Kathy Kidd*)

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

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

Dave Bode (*eye surgery*)

George Rorick (*cancer—brother of Mark Rorick*)

Leai Easley (*granddaughter of Carmen Herkamp*)

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

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 Schnikter (*knee*)

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

Sharon Carpenter (*cancer—mother of Holly Otte*)

Lori Hatfield (*knee replacement*)

Bev Alstatt (*health issues—mother of Kendall Alstatt*)

Alice Bayman (*cancer—Olga Otte's sister*)

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 Griecus (*cancer—friend of Karen Dringenburg*)

Kay Hoene

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*)

### Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch,

Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wentte, Shirley Runge,

Betty Toxey (*grandmother of Erik Zakrzewski*)

### 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:

June 28— 8:00 service: 118    10:15 service: 60

### Financial Report:

June 28— Spending Plan: \$13,705.00    Other giving: \$643.59    New parsonage: \$180.00  
TOTAL: \$14,528.59

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

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 12:

1 SERVICE — 9:00 A.M.

**SIGN UP AT THE  
WELCOME CENTER**

**Communion Assistant:  
Need volunteer**

**Communion Prep:  
Need volunteer**

**Lectors:  
Laberta Otte**

**Acolytes:  
Need volunteer**

**Projectors:  
Need volunteer**

**Camera:  
Need volunteer**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Altar flowers are provided by:  
Shirley Lewis**

### READINGS FOR JULY 12:

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### 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:

Office: 522-7364

2nd Line: 522-7484

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Web Site: [stpaul-borchers.org](http://stpaul-borchers.org)

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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