

# WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

June 28, 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:**

Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)

**Communion Prep:**

Casey Engelau (8:00)

**Lectors:**

Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)  
Lois Bryden (10:15)

**Acolytes:**

Claire Engelau (8:00)  
Henry Fountain (10:15)

**Projectors:**

Susie Schnitker (8:00)  
Thomas Hendrix & Ruth Ann Hendrix (10:15)

**Sunday School Leader:**

Erin Otte

**Sunday School Snacks:**

Ruth Ann Hendrix & Skye Zakrzewski

**Altar flowers are provided by:**

**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: June 28-July 4**  
 Sunday 28th Mission Trip leaves  
 8:00 am Worship  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Communion  
 Thurs. 2nd 8:30 am Devotional service  
 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club  
 9:30 am Tai Chi  
 Sat. 4th Mission Trip returns

Trish Tangman will be gone  
 June 25-30

**Next 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

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Maggie Newkirk and Mark Shoemaker who were married on June 20.

## Summer Sunday School

### NEEDED FOR JULY 19:

Volunteers to lead — Volunteers to supply snacks

**Please sign up at the Welcome Center**

Any questions, talk to Jamie Baker

# Mission Trip

June 28-July 4

Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as they serve as God's hands in Copperhill, Tennessee.

## Participants:

Kaelynn Engelau	Dagan Kleffman	Jemma Otte	Owen Newkirk
Melina Engelau	Elsie Herbert	Ella Kruse	Micah Wayt
Hannah Baker	Bryce Rorick	Noah Rorick	Becca Herbert
			Caleb Baker

## Chaperones:

Kathy England	Mike Kruse	Gerald Wayt	Jamie Baker
Michael Baker		Beth Sheedy	

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## Devotional Service

Thursday, July 2 at 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome! Come join us at Borchers Breakfast Club afterwards for food, fellowship, games and activities.

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## Sunday, July 5

1 service — 9:00 a.m.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Please sign up at the Welcome Center to help with worship*

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## 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.

# **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.

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## **PICNIC GROVE MOWING VOLUNTEERS**

*are needed for July and October*

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

## **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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## **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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## **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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## **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.

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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:

**Jeremiah 28:5-9:** Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

**Romans 6:12-23:** Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

**Matthew 10:40-42:** When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

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## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— Why is it tempting to believe a more positive message rather than a harsh message? (Jeremiah 28:5-9)
- 2—How does sin enslave you? (Romans 6:12-23)
- 3—What does it mean for you to be welcoming? (Matthew 10:40-42)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

**Prayer:** *O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshapes the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another. Amen.*

## NOTES

## MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 10:40

<sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

# GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

## Sunday 6/28

Jeremiah 42:1-22

Mark 14:43-72

✦ world peace

## Monday 6/29

Jeremiah 43:1-13

Mark 15:1-47

✦ Mylo Davis

✦ safety for mission trip participants

## Tuesday 6/30

Jeremiah 44:1-30

Mark 16:1-20

✦ Owen Otte

✦ the chaperones for the mission trip

## Wednesday 7/1

Jeremiah 45:1-5

Luke 1:1-38

✦ Maggie Shoemaker, Judy Senn, Addi Thompson

✦ safety for people traveling

## Thursday 7/2

Jeremiah 46:1-28

Luke 1:39-80

✦ Intern Beth, Troy Kaiser, Lois Rust, Andy Schafstall

✦ funeral home workers

## Friday 7/3

Jeremiah 47:1-7

Luke 2:1-52

✦ Judy Wonnig, Kim Dringenburg, Miller Claycamp

✦ safety for people with fireworks

## Saturday 7/4

Jeremiah 48:1-47

Luke 3:1-38

✦ Cami Kleffman

✦ our country

## PRAYER LIST

### Recent Hospitalizations:

### 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 Wonnig*)

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*)

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 Griecius (*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 &*

### 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:

June 21— 8:00 service: 73      10:15 service: 70

### Financial Report:

June 21— Spending Plan: \$2,513.00    Other giving: \$60.00    New parsonage: \$160.00  
TOTAL: \$2,733.00

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

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 5:

1 SERVICE — 9:00 A.M.

SIGN UP AT THE  
WELCOME CENTER

#### Communion Assistant:

Chris Otte

#### Communion Prep:

Chris & Mandy Otte

#### Lectors:

Mandy Otte

#### Acolytes:

Need volunteer

#### Projectors:

Need volunteer

#### Camera:

Need volunteer

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Need volunteer

### READINGS FOR JULY 5:

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### 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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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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