

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 2, 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

Organist: Olga Otte

Deacons:

Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Alstatt family (10:15)

Lectors:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolytes:

Claire Engelau & Emily Morris (8:00)

Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Michelle Wood (10:15)

Sunday School Leader:

Ruth Ann Hendrix

Sunday School Snacks:

Ruth Ann Hendrix & Skye
Zakrzewski

Altar flowers are provided by:

Sam Plumlee

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

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: August 2-8

Sunday 2nd	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Congregation Quarterly Meeting
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Communion
	6:00 pm	Anniversary Comm.
	6:30 pm	Mission Trip Group worship planning
Thurs. 6th	8:30 am	Devotion service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 7th	Davis/Rushton wedding rehearsal in Bloomington	
Sat. 8th	7:00 am	Via de Cristo using church (until 4:00 pm)
	2:30 pm	Davis/Rushton wedding

Trish Tangman is on vacation
July 29-August 4

Next week: August 9-15

Sunday 9th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Fair Displays
	9:00 am	Youth prepare for worship at Picnic Grove
	10:15 am	Worship at Picnic Grove
	11:00 am	Meal
Monday 10th	11:30 am	Games begin
	6:30 pm	Borchers Preschool
		Back-to-School Night
Tues. 11th	9:00 am	Preschool (first day for 3/4/5)
Wed. 12th	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
Thurs. 13th	9:00 am	Preschool
Friday 14th	9:00 am	Preschool
		(first day 2's)
Sat. 15th	9:30 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	4:00 pm	Gene & Jeanette Kruse 50th Anniversary party (until 6:30)

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 August is boxed macaroni and cheese. 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 August, we are collecting deodorant (women's and men's) for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Teresa & Kenny Browning's 50th wedding anniversary on August 7.

Adult Sunday School

We will not meet again until August 9

NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness

TODAY

Sermon by Mark Teike

NAMI is an organization that works to de-stigmatize mental illness by providing free education, support, and advocacy for families. His sermon will share with us how we can support families in our community facing mental illness.

Congregation Quarterly Meeting

August 2 • 9:00 a.m.

*One item of business is discussing
the condition of the parking lot.*



Fair Displays

August 9

NEW
DATE

Stop by the fellowship hall to see our members' 4-H projects, Family Arts entries, ribbons, 10 year displays or anything else fair related. We blessed with amazing talent; thank you for sharing it with us! ***Please take your items home after Sunday School time because there is a fellowship rental this afternoon.***

175th Anniversary Committee

TODAY at 6:00 p.m.

Devotion Service

Thursday, August 6 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.

Outdoor Worship & Sunday School Picnic

August 9

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

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| 10:15 a.m. | Service at the Picnic Grove
<i>(Sunday School teacher recognition & Mission Trip Presentation)</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. (approx) | Meal - grilled burgers, hotdogs & pitch-in sides
<i>PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE</i> |
| 11:30 a.m. (approx) | Games begin |

Please contact Jamie if your student would like to help with readings or leading.
Regular Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, August 16 at 9 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning August 9

Romans: Living in the Power of God's Grace

Paul's Letter to the Romans is one of the most influential and profound books of the New Testament. Written to a diverse community of Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome, Paul's letter explores the heart of the Christian faith and the transforming power of God's grace. Together we will discover how Romans speaks about God's righteousness, justification by grace through faith, the power of the cross, life in the Holy Spirit, the place of Israel in God's saving plan, and what it means to live as disciples in response to God's mercy. Along the way, we will consider how this ancient letter continues to shape the Church and our daily lives today.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

Wednesday, August 19

We'll visit the recently renovated museum. Cost to enter the new museum, as well as a private bus tour to the track will be covered by the Care Team. You don't want to miss this opportunity! Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Talk to Michelle Wood

Come join a meal to celebrate
Jeanette & Gene Kruse's
50th Wedding Anniversary
August 15, 2026
4:00-6:30 p.m.
in the fellowship hall

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.

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.

Bazaar Craft & Bake Sale Area

We sold out of lots of items last Fall, so we need people to be crafty this summer and think about homemade canned goods when planting and harvesting their gardens. Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.



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.

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
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Looking for Borchers Supper & Bazaar Turkeys

Jan Otte purchased turkeys for this year's Borchers Supper & Bazaar however we don't know where all of them are being stored. If you have turkeys, please let the church office know. Please supply your name and how many you have. We need to know by August 31. Thank you!

**August 2,
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:

Lamentations 3:19-24: In the midst of profound grief and loss, the writer remembers God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Even when circumstances seem hopeless, hope is renewed each morning because God's mercy never fails. The passage reminds us that trusting in God does not deny suffering but finds hope within it.

Romans 8:31-39: Paul proclaims the unwavering confidence believers have in God's love revealed through Christ. No hardship, suffering, or power in all creation can separate us from the love of God. This passage is a triumphant reminder that God's grace is stronger than every fear and every challenge.

Matthew 11:28-29: Jesus invites all who are weary and burdened to come to him and receive rest. Rather than adding to life's heavy loads, Jesus offers a gentle yoke that leads to peace, renewal, and a life shaped by grace. True rest is found in walking with Christ.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— When life feels uncertain or overwhelming, where have you experienced God's faithfulness giving you hope? (Lamentations 3:19-24)
- 2—What fears or struggles do you need to entrust to the unshakable love of God? (Romans 8:31-39)
- 3—What burdens are you carrying that Jesus is inviting you to place into his care? (Matthew 11:28-29)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 34:18

¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 8/2

Ezekiel 18:1-32

John 6:35-71

✦ Owen Newkirk

✦ world peace

Monday 8/3

Ezekiel 19:1-14

John 7:1-52

✦ Beau Cragun

✦ people affected by mental health issues

Tuesday 8/4

Ezekiel 20:1-49

John 8:1-59

✦ Cathy Schafstall, Brian Rorick

✦ pastors

Wednesday 8/5

Ezekiel 21:1-32

John 9:1-41

✦ Community Diner

Thursday 8/6

Ezekiel 22:1-31

John 10:1-42

✦ Dana Layton

✦ Gov. Mike Braun

Friday 8/7

Ezekiel 23:1-49

John 11:1-57

✦ Sunday School teachers

Saturday 8/8

Ezekiel 24:1-27

John 12:1-50

✦ Nina Paswater, Mark Hoffmeier

✦ Christians in Latvia

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Other Prayer Requests:

Carol Mansfield (foot surgery)

Debbie Rust (surgery)

Ellen Kraftchick (lymphoma-friend of Doris Sparks)

Jim Hoffmeier (father of Mark Hoffmeier)

Leon Seitz (pancreas 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)

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)

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 Gricius (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)

Linda Lloyd (medical—Tim England's aunt)

Olivia Sons (epileptic seizures—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 Engela)

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 & Joanah Yerrell (Roger Douglass'
grandson & wife); Seth Douglass, Isaac Rust*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

July 26— 8:00 service: 54 10:15 service: 46

Financial Report:

No financial report this week.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 9:

10:15 service at the Picnic Grove

Communion Assistant:

Doug Fish (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Lou Ann Hoevenner (8:00)

Lectors:

Amy Rotert (8:00)
St. Paul Youth (10:15)

Acolytes:

Ben Rapp (8:00)
St. Paul Youth (10:15)

Projectors:

Abe Engelau (8:00)
Worship at Picnic Grove

Altar flowers are provided by:

Tammi Reinbold

READINGS FOR AUGUST 9:

1 Kings 10:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

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

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Services are available on YouTube:

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