

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

August 9, 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:
Doug Fish (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00)

Lectors:
Ruth Ann Hendrix (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

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 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
	11:30 am	Games begin
	6:30 pm	Borchers Preschool Back-to-School Night
Monday 10th	9:00 am	Preschool (first day for 3/4/5)
Tues. 11th	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Wed. 12th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Anna Circle
Thurs. 13th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
Friday 14th	9:00 am	Preschool (first day 2's)
Sat. 15th	4:00 pm	Gene & Jeanette Kruse 50th Anniversary party (until 6:30)

Next week: August 16-21

Sunday 16th	Newsletter deadline	
	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Regular Sunday School begins
	10:15 am	Communion
	11:00 am	Meal
Monday 17th	9:00 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues. 18th	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch at 450 North Brewing Co. in Columbus
Wed. 19th	8:45 am	Bus leaves for Indy Motor Speedway Museum
	9:00 am	Preschool
	3:30 pm	Bus returns
Thurs. 20th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
Friday 21st	9:00 am	Preschool Lanam/Obermeyer wedding rehearsal at Schafstall's

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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ruth Ann & Paul Newkirk on their 62nd anniversary today.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Sara Otte from her family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Davis & Paul Rushton who were married yesterday at the chapel on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington.



Fair Displays

TODAY

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 are blessed with amazing talent. Thank you for sharing it with us! ***Please take your items home after Sunday School time.***

Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning TODAY

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.

Outdoor Worship & Sunday School Picnic

TODAY

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 |

Regular Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, August 16 at 9 a.m.

Regular Youth Sunday School Classes

Begin August 16

We will begin with Opening in the sanctuary and then go to classrooms.

Our teachers are:

Preschool—Jamie & Michael Baker	K & 1st grade—Leah Otte
2nd & 3rd grade—Erin Otte	4th & 5th grade—Kathy England
Jr High—volunteers	High School—Karen Dringenburg

Prayer Shawl

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

All are welcome! We knit and crochet shawls/blankets for those on our prayer list. Any questions, talk to Michelle Wood.

**NEW
DATE!**

Men's Group

Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**NEW
DATE!**

Questions? Talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

**NEW
DATE!**

Anna Circle *(Group for Widows)*

**NEW
DATE!**

Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Deadline to sign up is August 17

A new Women's In-Depth Bible study on Creation will start in mid-September. Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

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.



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.



Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Plan to provide snacks for 60.
Suggestions are: fruit, muffins, donuts
and prepackaged snacks.

Newsletter Deadline

August 16

Please give information to the church office.

NAMI Walk

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is having its annual NAMI Walk in Seymour at Crossroads Park on Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 PM. If you would like to show your support for this grass-roots organization, please let Trish Tangman know. You could sign up to be a volunteer during the event, or register to walk as a participant. By doing so it lets others know you care about the importance of issues surrounding mental illness.

Ladies Lunch

Tuesday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.

450 North Brewing Company
8111 E 450 N, Columbus

Ruth Circle

Thursday, August 20 at 1:00 p.m. at church

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:

I Kings 19:9-18: Exhausted and discouraged, Elijah flees into the wilderness expecting to encounter God in dramatic displays of power. Instead, God comes in the sound of sheer silence, renewing Elijah's purpose and reminding him that he is not alone—that God has preserved a faithful community and continues to work in quiet, often unseen ways.

Romans 10:5-15: Paul proclaims that salvation is not something we earn but a gift received through faith in Christ. This good news is meant to be shared, reminding the church that faith grows through hearing the message of hope carried by those who are willing to proclaim it.

Matthew 14:22-33: As the disciples struggle against wind and waves, Jesus comes to them walking on the sea, offering reassurance: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter's attempt to walk toward Jesus reveals both the possibilities of faith and the reality of human doubt, while Jesus' saving hand demonstrates that Christ's grace is stronger than our fears.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— Where might God be speaking gently into your life when you are expecting something more dramatic? (I Kings 19:9-18)
- 2—Who first shared the good news of Christ with you, and how might you share that hope with someone else this week? (Romans 10:5-15)
- 3—What "storm" are you facing today, and how might trusting Christ help you take the next faithful step? (Matthew 14:22-33)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 14:27

²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 8/9

Ezekiel 25:1-17
John 13:1-38
✦ world peace

Monday 8/10

Ezekiel 26:1-21
John 14:1-31
✦ Riley Nichalson
✦ firefighters

Tuesday 8/11

Ezekiel 27:1-36
John 15:1-27
✦ Seth Wunning
✦ police officers

Wednesday 8/12

Ezekiel 28:1-26
John 16:1-33
✦ Beau Cupp
✦ St. Paul's youth ministry

Thursday 8/13

Ezekiel 29:1-21
John 17:1-26
✦ Jessica Howard, Clayton Franke
✦ Heifer International

Friday 8/14

Ezekiel 30:1-26
John 18:1-40
✦ Leo Cupp
✦ church musicians

Saturday 8/15

Ezekiel 31:1-18
John 19:1-42
✦ David Rotert
✦ Christians in Pakistan

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Paige Runge
Florence Otte
Nola Grube (brain surgery—friend of Elsie Herbert)

Other Prayer Requests:

Barbara Davis (cancer—mother of Susie Alstatt)
Maryellen Pollett (cancer—friend of Tim Hoevener)
Ellen Kraftchick (lymphoma—friend of Doris Sparks)
Jim Hoffmeier (father of Mark Hoffmeier)
Leon Seitz (pancreas and kidney cancer)
Calleigh Kidd (relative of Kathy Kidd)
Lisa Bergman (brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke)
Amelia Jessup (heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz)
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 Wunning)
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)
Bev Alstatt (health issues—mother of Kendall Alstatt)
Alice Bayman (cancer—Olga Otte's sister)
Barbara Otte (health—sister of Ruth Ann Hendrix)
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 Engalau)

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, Isaac Rust

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

August 2— 8:00 service: 97 10:15 service: 60

Financial Report:

July 26— Spending Plan: \$1,183.00 Other giving: \$350.00 New parsonage: \$90.00
TOTAL: \$1,623.00

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 16:

Communion Assistant:

Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Alstatt family (10:15)

Lectors:

Erin Otte (8:00)

Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolytes:

Rapp family (8:00)

Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Susie Schnitker (8:00)

Marc Fountain (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Jeanette & Gene Kruse

READINGS FOR AUGUST 16:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

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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