

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 6, 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**

Leader:
Pastor Steve Wood

Organist:
Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:
Ruth Ann Newkirk

Communion Prep:

Lector:
Mandy Otte

Acolyte:
Need volunteer

Projectors:
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 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: September 6-11

Sunday 6th 9:00 am 1 worship service
No Sunday School

Monday 7th Office Closed
No Preschool

Tues. 8th 6:30 pm Kids Bells

Wed. 9th 9:00 am Preschool
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth

Thurs. 10th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
9:30 am Tai Chi
4:30 pm Cell Phone Rescue (until 5:30)
7:00 pm Women's Bible study

Friday 11th 9:00 am Preschool

This week: September 13-18

Sunday 13th Mission Festival
Newsletter Deadline
8:00 am Communion
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Mission Festival Breakfast
9:00 am Acolyte Training
10:15 am Worship
2:00 pm NAMI Walk
5:00 pm Elementary Group
6:00 pm Confirmation class 1
6:00 pm Anniversary Committee
6:30 pm Confirmation class 2
6:30 pm Luther League

Monday 14th 9:00 am Preschool

Tues. 15th 11:30 am Ladies Lunch at San Marcos
1:00 pm Blood Drive (until 6:00)
6:30 pm Kids Bells

Wed. 16th 9:00 am Preschool
1:00 pm Anna Circle
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth

Thurs. 17th 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
9:30 am Tai Chi
1:00 pm Ruth Circle
7:00 pm Men's Group
7:00 pm Women's Bible study

Friday 18th 9:00 am Preschool

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 September are items for Anchor House East. These items include tuna packets, chicken packets, beef jerky, Slim Jims, packs of whole nuts, fruit cups, chips, juice boxes, and Gatorade. Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations will be taken to Anchor House East.

TURNING POINT—In September, we are collecting nail clippers, Chaptick, Q-tips for Turning Point domestic violence shelter. There is a collection box near the kitchen.

THANK YOU for all the birthday wishes. —Betty Moorman

Adult Sunday School Class

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.

Wednesday Youth Night

NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kids Bells

Every Tuesday beginning September 8

6:30-7:00 p.m.

New ringers are welcome to join us! Contact Jamie Baker with questions

Cell Phone Rescue

Thursday, September 10

4:30 to 5:30

in the narthex seating area

Cell Phone Rescue is here! Do you have questions about how to use your cell phone? Are you frustrated because you can't seem to get it to function as you want? Help is on the way! Karen Brigdon will be in the Fellowship Room to answer questions. Please limit your rescue question to one, so that several folks can be helped. We'll see what happens with the first rescue session and make plans accordingly for the next one.

Mission Festival

September 13

Ridge Swaney, US Military Vets Motorcycle Club

We continue the tradition of the Mission Festival—where we have a ministry come and share how they are making a difference for the kingdom of God. Ridge and his family worship regularly with us at the 8:00 Service. Ridge is a chaplain for a US Military Vets Motorcycle Club in Columbus, IN. He will share his testimony of how God called him into this ministry and what he is doing for the people in the club. In this, we see how God can call us to ministries we may not have thought about and how we are all called to be servants in our communities.

A breakfast will take place between services.

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to provide food and volunteer to help.

Women's In-depth Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Mandy Otte with any questions.

NAMI Walk

Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Crossroads Park, Seymour

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is having its annual NAMI Walk in Seymour. 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.

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, September 13

Please give information to the church office.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 15

1:00-6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen or sign-up on the Red Cross website. Tell your friends and family! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.

Ladies Lunch

Tuesday, September 15 at 11:30 a.m.

San Marcos in Seymour

Anna Circle

Wednesday, September 16 at 1:00 p.m.

This group is for widows. Any questions, talk to Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman

Ruth Circle

Thursday, September 17

Watch the bulletin for time and details.

Men's Group

Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

BOOKMOBILE NOW COMING TO ST. PAUL

Every other Monday the Jackson County Library Bookmobile will visit our Borchers Preschool from 10:30-11:00 a.m. During that time, the public is invited to visit the Bookmobile as well! Upcoming dates are: September 21. (No September 7 due to library closed for Labor Day)

The Museum of Miniature Houses & Other Collectibles

Wednesday, September 23
Carmel, Indiana

We will enjoy lunch at Woody's Library Restaurant, a unique experience of an eatery created in an old Carnegie Library, and a stop at Coxhall Gardens before heading home. ***If you are interested, find out details and sign up at the Welcome Center.***

Lutheran World Relief

A great big thank you to all who have donated supplies for the school and personal care kits! We currently have enough supplies for **77** school kits and **45** personal care kits.

To complete additional school kits we need:

- 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled) ***MUST BE SPIRAL*** notebooks

To complete additional personal care kits we need:

- bath towels (lightweight cotton or cotton blend between 20"x40" and 52"x27", dark colors recommended)

Please put items in the Lutheran World Relief box near the kitchen.

Thank you again for all your donations and support of Lutheran World Relief.

Book Buzz

September 28 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. All are welcome! Any questions, talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

GOING DEEPER

September 6,
2026

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:

Ezekiel 33:7-11: God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for Israel, entrusting him with the responsibility of warning the people when they have turned away from God's ways. Yet God's purpose is not punishment for its own sake, but repentance and restoration: God takes no pleasure in death but desires that people turn and live.

Romans 13:8-14: Paul declares that the continuing obligation Christians owe one another is love, because love fulfills the heart of God's commandments. Because God's new day is drawing near, believers are called to "wake from sleep," put aside the works of darkness, and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," allowing Christ to shape how they live.

Matthew 18:15-20: Jesus gives the disciples a practical process for responding when relationships within the community are damaged by sin: begin personally, seek reconciliation, and gradually involve others when necessary. The goal is not winning an argument or humiliating an offender, but regaining a brother or sister and restoring the community; Jesus promises to be present as the church undertakes this difficult work together.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— When might love for another person require us to speak a difficult truth, and how can we do so with humility and compassion? (Ezekiel 33:7-11)
- 2— What would it mean for you to 'put on Christ' in one particular relationship or situation this week? (Romans 13:8-14)
- 3— How might Jesus' instructions help us approach conflict differently—not simply asking, 'Who is right?' but 'How can this relationship be healed?' (Matthew 18:15-20)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 13:8

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 9/6

Daniel 5:1-31

Acts 20:1-38

✦ world peace

Monday 9/7

Daniel 6:1-28

Acts 21:1-40

✦ St. Paul's youth ministry

Tuesday 9/8

Daniel 7:1-28

Acts 22:1-30

✦ hospice workers

Wednesday 9/9

Daniel 8:1-27

Acts 23:1-35

✦ Linda Seitz, George Mansfield IV, Lori

Hatfield, Ben Simmons

✦ Heifer International

Thursday 9/10

Daniel 9:1-27

Acts 24:1-27

✦ Charlotte Warfield

✦ Orphan Grain Train

Friday 9/11

Daniel 10:1-21

Acts 25:1-27

✦ Dugan Otte

✦ our country

Saturday 9/12

Daniel 11:1-45

Acts 26:1-32

✦ Jacob Rotert, Sophia Hoene

✦ Christians in Nepal

Prayer for Homebound Individuals:

Patty Herkamp; Selma Mellenbruch,

Paul Newkirk, Sonna Wente, 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

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Lindy Jo Wayt (daughter of RC & Taylor Wayt)

Nola Grube

(brain surgery—friend of Elsie Herbert & Ella Kruse)

Levi Hickey (amputation – friend of Jennie Hoene)

Jan Smith (cancer—Holly Otte's aunt)

Other Prayer Requests:

Valerie McIntosh (*broken wrist*)

Alice Bayman (*hospice – sister of Olga Otte*)

Jennie Hoene (*upcoming heart cath*)

Hunter Matheny

(*being deployed to Japan - fiancé of Sarah England*)

Pam Underwood

(*health issues—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix*)

Nathan Herkamp (*cancer – relative of Carmen Herkamp*)

Pat Otte (*fall*)

Florence Otte

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*)

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

Darin Davis (*cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt*)

Myra & Jerry Mellenkamp

(*friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wanning*)

Olga Otte (*healing from 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*)

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

Barbara Otte (*health—aunt of Ruth Ann Hendrix*)

Maura Alicia Amador (*health—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix*)

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*)

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*)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:

August 30 — 8:00 service: 129 10:15 service: 71

Financial Report:

August 30— Spending Plan: \$3,435.20 Other giving: \$160.00 New parsonage: \$2,185.00
TOTAL: \$5,780.20

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 13:

Communion Assistant:

Sara Rapp (8:00)

Communion Prep:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lector:

Amelia Shaw (8:00)
Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolyte:

Caleb Wheatley & Ben Rapp (8:00)
Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Sam Engelau (8:00)
Marc Fountain (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

Jacelyn & Nate Otte

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13:

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

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

Facebook:

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Borchers

Services are available on YouTube:
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Borchers

Youth Activities

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Letters were mailed to those youth who are eligible. If you're not able to attend but want to acolyte, please talk to Pastor Steve.

Elementary Group

Sunday, September 13

5:00-6:00 p.m.

This group is open to all elementary students.

Confirmation Classes

Sunday, September 13

5:00 p.m. **OR** 6:30 p.m.

All information for Confirmation classes was mailed out. Class time assignments were in that mailing. Any questions, talk to Pastor Steve.

Luther League

Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

This group is for youth in grades 9-12.

Projector/Camera Training

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

*We need people to be trained for both services.
THIS JOB IS BEST FOR THOSE IN 6TH GRADE-ADULTS.*

All who are interested, please come!

Any questions, talk to Jamie Baker

Muffin Morning

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

Everyone is invited!

Stop in for fellowship time! Bring a dozen of your favorite muffins (mini or regular size) to share. Enjoy coffee, muffins sampling and visiting. Sunday School students will enjoy leftovers during their snack time!

Needed:

Volunteers for Jr. High Sunday School

Jr High Sunday School class is looking for volunteers to lead classes for a few weeks at a time. Lesson materials are provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Jamie for details. August's topic will be "Unlabeled", a back to school series that helps students break free from false labels placed on them by others or themselves and discover their true identity in Christ.

Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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