

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 13, 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:

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:

Sunday School Snacks:

Jaelyn & Nate Otte

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 13-18

Sunday 13th	Mission Festival
	Newsletter Deadline
8:00 am	Communion
9:00 am	Sunday School
	NO ADULT 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

This week: September 20-26

Sunday 20th	8:00 am Worship
	9:00 am Sunday School
	NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 am Muffin Morning
	9:00 am Projector/Camera Training
	10:15 am Worship
	6:30 pm Adult Bells
Monday 21st	9:00 am Preschool
	10:30 am Bookmobile
	7:00 pm Church Council
Tues. 22nd	1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
	6:30 pm Kids Bells
Wed. 23rd	9:00 am Preschool
	9:30 am Bus leaves for trip to Carmel
	6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth
Thurs. 24th	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am Tai Chi
	7:00 pm WELCA Meeting
	NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Friday 25th	9:00 am Preschool
Sat. 26 th	9:30am Lutheranism Class (until 12:00)

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.

Mission Festival

TODAY

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.

NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY and September 20

Acolyte Training

TODAY 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.

NAMI Walk

TODAY at 2:00 p.m.
Crossroads Park, Seymour

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is having its annual NAMI Walk in Seymour as we let others know we care about the importance of issues surrounding mental illness.

Newsletter Deadline

TODAY

Please give information to the church office.

Elementary Group

TODAY 5:00-6:00 p.m.

This group is open to all elementary students.

Confirmation Classes

TODAY 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.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

TODAY at 6:00 p.m.

Luther League

TODAY at 6:30 p.m.

This group is for youth in grades 9-12.

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.***

Wednesday Youth Night

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kids Bells

Every Tuesday 6:30-7:00 p.m.

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

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.

Women's In-depth Bible Study

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

Contact Mandy Otte with any questions.

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!

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.

IN-KY Synod Flood Relief Update

Congregations and individuals across our Synod have generously donated enough to provide approximately 600 flood buckets to families whose homes have been impacted by flooding. Support has also been sent to Bethel Lutheran Church in Gary, Indiana, helping provide food to neighbors who went without power for weeks.

GOING DEEPER

September 13,
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:

Genesis 50:15-21: After Jacob's death, Joseph's brothers fear that Joseph will finally take revenge for the harm they caused him. Instead, Joseph offers forgiveness and reassurance, declaring that although they intended evil, God was able to bring good from it and preserve life.

Romans 14:1-12: Paul urges Christians not to judge or despise one another over differing convictions and practices, reminding them that each person ultimately belongs to the Lord. Rather than placing ourselves in judgment over others, Paul calls us to remember that each of us will give an account of our own lives before God.

Matthew 18:21-35: When Peter asks how often he must forgive, Jesus responds with a number that points toward forgiveness without keeping score. Through the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus teaches that those who have received God's immeasurable mercy are called to extend mercy and forgiveness to others.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— Where might God be inviting you to choose forgiveness rather than resentment or revenge? (Genesis 50:12-21)
- 2— How can you make room for Christians whose convictions or practices differ from your own without judging or dismissing them? (Romans 14:1-12)
- 3— How might remembering the forgiveness and grace you have received from God change the way you respond to someone who has hurt you? (Matthew 18:21-36)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

NOTES

MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 14:8

8If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 9/13

Daniel 12:1-13

Acts 27:1-44

✦ Mandy Otte, Noah Rorick

✦ world peace

Monday 9/14

Hosea 1:1-11

Acts 28:1-31

✦ Jessica Sanders, Kennedy Engelau, Susan

Kaiser, Trenton Brigdon

✦ St. Paul's music ministry

Tuesday 9/15

Hosea 2:1-23

Romans 1:1-32

✦ Brandon Rotert

✦ seminars

Wednesday 9/16

Hosea 3:1-5

Romans 2:1-29

✦ Mark Cupp

✦ confirmation students

Thursday 9/17

Hosea 4:1-19

Romans 3:1-31

✦ Nathan Newkirk, Carrie Morrison

✦ people impact by natural disasters

Friday 9/18

Hosea 5:1-15

Romans 4:1-25

✦ The Red Cross

Saturday 9/19

Hosea 6:1-11

Romans 5:1-21

✦ Christians in India

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 & Joana Yerrill (Roger Douglass' grandson & wife); Seth Douglass, Hunter Matheny (fiancé of Sarah England); Isaac Rust

PRAYER LIST

Recent Hospitalizations:

Adelee Davis (cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)

Lindy Jo Wayt (daughter of RC & Taylor Wayt)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family & friends of Alice Bayman (sister of Olga Otte)

Donald Schnikter (upcoming knee replacement)

Valerie McIntosh (broken wrist)

Jennie Hoene

Nola Grube

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

Levi Hickey (amputation – friend of Jennie Hoene)

Jan Smith (cancer—Holly Otte's aunt)

Pam Underwood (health issues—friend of Ruth Ann Hendrix)

Nathan Herkamp (cancer – relative of Carmen Herkamp)

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)

Darrin Davis (cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt)

Myra & Jerry Mellencamp

(friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wonnig)

Olga Otte (healing from surgery)

Marilyn Saum (friend of Doris Sparks)

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)

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)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

We Worshipped:
September 6 — 62

Financial Report:

September 6— Spending Plan: \$1,524.65 Other giving: \$190.00

New parsonage: \$110.00

TOTAL: \$1,824.65

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 20:

Communion Assistant:

Bill Woning (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Nina Franke (10:15)

Lector:

Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lois Bryden (10:15)

Acolyte:

Layne Thompson (8:00)

Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Projectors:

Abe Engelau (8:00)

Matt Tangman (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Wilma Claycamp

Sunday School Snacks:

Muffin Morning

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 20:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

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:

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Borchers Supper & Bazaar

**November 6
4:00—7:00 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets available in the narthex

There are flyers to take and distribute

Turkey distribution: October 18

Table Set-up: November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

If you're canning items from your garden, remember that some can be sold in our Craft/Bake Sale area.

We sold out of lots of items last Fall, so we need people to be crafty! Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

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.

Lutheranism Class

**Saturday, September 26
9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

A look at what it means to be a Lutheran—examining the history, theology, and teachings of the Lutheran Church. This class is open to everyone, including those interested in joining the congregation. Questions? Talk to Pastor Steve

WELCA Meeting

(Women of the ELCA)

**Thursday, September 24
at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall**

All women of the church 18 and older are welcome!



Ingathering date:

Sunday, October 4

Join us to set-up on:

Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m.

We dedicate the quilts, school kits, personal care kits, baby kits and fabric kits which are assembled for Lutheran World Relief. These items all over the world to those in need.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR 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.**

HELP NEEDED:

Delivering to

Concordia Lutheran in Greenwood

Friday, October 16 at 9:00 a.m.

If you can help, please let church office know.