

WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

September 27, 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:
Chris Otte

Organist:
Olga Otte

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:
Sara Rapp (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Karen Wiesehan (8:00)

Lector:
Holly/Jemma Otte (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolyte:
Wade Rapp & Warren Newkirk (8:00)
Emma Franke (10:15)

Projectors:
Henry Engelau (8:00)
Kathy England (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:
Wilma Claycamp

Sunday School Snacks:
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: September 27-October 3

Sunday 27th	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
Monday 28th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
Tues. 29th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 30th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Youth
	7:30 pm	Adult Bells
Thurs. 1st	8:30 am	Devotional service
	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Friday 2nd	9:00 am	Preschool
Sat. 3rd	9:00 am	LWR Ingathering Set-up
	11:00 am	Schafstall Reunion

This week: October 4-10

Sunday 4th	LWR Ingathering	
	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Communion
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	5:00 pm	Confirmation class 1
	6:00 pm	Anniversary Comm.
	6:30 pm	Confirmation class 2
6:30 pm	Luther League	
Monday 5th	9:00 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Bookmobile
Tues.6th	6:30 pm	Kids Bells
Wed. 7th	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Youth
	7:30 pm	Adult Bells
Thurs.8th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	4:30 pm	Cell Phone Rescue
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Friday 9th	NO PRESCHOOL Dringenburg/Peek wedding rehearsal	
Sat. 10th	Dringenburg/Peek wedding	

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Wilma and Don Claycamp's 65th wedding anniversary which was on September 24.

ADDRESS FOR ISAAC RUST – Isaac is a member of St. Paul and currently serving in the US Navy. He currently is attending A-school to learn details concerning his future job as a nuclear technician. He would love to receive mail! His address is:

FN Rust, Isaac
Class 2650-A
101 NNPTC Circle
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Coat Drive**October 4 ONLY**

Lyla O'Neal is collecting gently used coats for her Columbus North High School senior project to create 50 Kindness Kits for homeless individuals in Columbus to be prepared for the winter weather.

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.

Luther League Pumpkin Fundraiser

Luther League is offering pumpkins for a free-will donation. Pumpkins are available by the main church entrance or can be delivered by a Luther League member - contact Jamie, Kathy, or any student member for details. Thank you to Toby Kleffman for donating pumpkins for a youth fundraiser!

Adult Bells

Now meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

TODAY

We will assemble School and Personal Care kits in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour. All are welcome to help!

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.

HELP NEEDED:

***Delivering to Concordia Lutheran in Greenwood
Friday, October 16 between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.***

If you can help, please let church office know.



Borchers Supper & Bazaar

**November 6
4:00—7:00 p.m.**

**Sign-up sheets available in the narthex
PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!
Everyone helping in some way
makes the event run more smoothly**

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

Monday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday Youth Night

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

Adult Bells

NEW PRACTICE DAY: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Always looking for new ringers! Talk to Jamie Baker.

Devotional Service

Thursday, October 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us and then stay afterwards for Borchers Breakfast Club.

Women's In-depth Bible Study

October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY FUN!

Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, IN is presenting "The Christmas Story" at a special matinee showing on Friday, December 11th. Dinner starts at 11:45 AM and the show at 1:00 PM. Plan ahead and don't miss this fun event with church friends! See Trish for details. Signup will be out in late October.

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: October 5 and 19.

NAMI Walk Update

The NAMI Walk, sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, which was held in Seymour on September 13 had 250 participants and raised \$23,000. NAMI is an organization that works to de-stigmatize mental illness by providing free education, support, and advocacy for families.

Elementary Group

October 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Classes

October 4 at 5:00 OR 6:30 p.m.

Anniversary Committee

October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Luther League

October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Cell Phone Rescue

Thursday, October 8
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the narthex seating area

A second session of help with cell phone questions is being offered! Karen Brigdon is again volunteering her time. Bring your phone and your questions and Karen will try to help!

Jackson County Library Trip

Tuesday, October 20
10:30 a.m.

We will meet at Jackson County Public Library for a tour led by Information Services Coordinator Kristi Gray. Lunch will follow at Mae's Townhouse, compliments of St. Paul-Borchers Care Team. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

GOING DEEPER

September 27,
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:

NOTES

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32: Ezekiel challenges the belief that people are simply trapped by the sins and failures of previous generations. God calls each person to responsibility, repentance, and a new way of living, declaring, “Turn, then, and live.” The passage emphasizes that God does not delight in judgment or death but desires life and restoration.

Philippians 2:1-13: Paul calls the Christian community to unity and humility, encouraging believers to look not only to their own interests but also to the interests of others. Christ is the supreme example: rather than grasping for status and privilege, Christ empties himself, takes the form of a servant, and becomes obedient even to death on a cross. Because God is already at work within us, Christians are called to live out their faith in ways that reflect Christ’s self-giving love.

Matthew 21:23-32: When the religious leaders challenge Jesus’ authority, Jesus responds with a question about John the Baptist and then tells the parable of two sons. One son initially refuses his father’s request but later changes his mind and obeys, while the other says the right words but does not act. Jesus emphasizes that genuine faith is revealed not merely by what we say or claim to believe, but by repentance and a life that responds to God’s call.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- 1— Where might God be inviting me to stop blaming circumstances or the past and take a faithful step toward new life? (*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*)
- 2— How might Christ’s humility and willingness to serve reshape the way I treat the people around me? (*Philippians 2:1-13*)
- 3— Are there places in my life where my words say “yes” to God, but my actions say something different? If so, where? (*Matthew 21:23-32*)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

MEMORY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8

⁶⁻⁸who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness, and being formed in appearance as a human, he humbled himself

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

Sunday 9/27

Hosea 14:1-9
Romans 13:1-14
✦ world peace

Monday 9/28

Joel 1:1-20
Romans 14:1-23
✦ Dan Ridlen, Angie Sweany
✦ the youth ministry of St. Paul

Tuesday 9/29

Joel 2:1-32
Romans 15:1-33
✦ our country

Wednesday 9/30

Joel 3:1-21
Romans 16:1-27
✦ school boards

Thursday 10/1

Amos 1:1-15
I Corinthians 1:1-31
✦ Moriah Cragun, Jenny Engclau
✦ Love Chapel

Friday 10/2

Amos 2:1-16
I Corinthians 2:1-16
✦ Habitat for Humanity

Saturday 10/3

Amos 3:1-15
I Corinthians 3:1-22
✦ Amanda Jackson
✦ Christians in Russia

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 & Joannah Yerrell (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)

Other Prayer Requests:

Family and friends of Florence Otte
Donald Schnikter (knee replacement)
Marsha Bode (eye surgery)
Valerie McIntosh (broken wrist)
Lindy Jo Wayt (daughter of RC & Taylor Wayt)
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)
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 Woning)
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 20 — 8:00 service - 97 10:15 service - 61

Financial Report:

No financial report thisweek

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 4:

Communion Assistant:

Mike Kruse (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Gretchen Lawles (10:15)

Lector:

Amy Rotert (8:00)

Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolyte:

Grant Wheatley & Kasen Nichalson (8:00)

Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:

Susie Schnitker (8:00)

Michelle Wood (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:

Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:

Susie Alstatt

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 4:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4-14

Matthew 21:33-46

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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