

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				8:30 am Devotions in the sanctuary 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Women's In-depth Bible study	9:00 am Preschool	9:00 am LWR Ingathering set-up
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LWR Ingathering 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Communion 5:00 pm Elementary Group 5:00 pm Confirmation 1 6:00 pm Anniversary Committee 6:30 pm Confirmation 2 6:30 pm Luther League	9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Bookmobile	6:30 pm Kids Bells	9:00 am Preschool (Trip to pumpkin patch) 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth 7:30 pm Adult Bells	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 In-depth Bible study	NO PRESCHOOL Dringenburg/Peek wedding rehearsal	Dringenburg/Peek wedding
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am Communion. 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	NO PRESCHOOL	11:30 am Ladies Lunch at Oleysa's Kitchen NO KIDS BELLS	NO PRESCHOOL NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH NO ADULT BELLS	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 In-depth Bible study	NO PRESCHOOL Deliver LWR boxes to Greenwood	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Turkey distribution Confirmation Retreat forms and deposits due 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Communion	9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Bookmobile 7:00 pm Church Council	10:30 am Trip to library 6:30 pm Kids Bells	9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Anna Circle 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth 7:30 pm Adult Bells	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Women's In-depth Bible study	9:00 am Preschool	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Reformation Sunday Give out 2nd grade Bibles Deadline for College Care Package items 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Communion 11:15 am Congregation Quarterly Mtg.	9:00 am Preschool (Halloween party 3/4/5's) 1:00 pm Book Buzz	1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Kids Bells	9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth 7:30 pm Adult Bells	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Women's In-depth Bible study	9:00 am Preschool (Halloween Party 2's) Mel Black wedding rehearsal 7:00 pm Trunk or Treat	Mel Black wedding



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From the Pastor's Desk:

Walking in Faith, Sowing Christ's Love

'Walking in Faith, Sowing Christ's Love' invites us to explore what it means to follow Christ in everyday life. Each month, we will reflect on Scripture, Lutheran teaching, and practical ways to grow in faith and share God's love with others. Through these reflections, we hope to deepen our trust in God's promises, live out our calling as Christ's disciples, and find guidance for nurturing faith in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Each article concludes with a question for personal reflection, helping us walk more faithfully with God.

October – Reformed and Always Being Reformed

October naturally turns our attention toward the Reformation — a movement that reshaped the Church by returning it to the heart of the Gospel: salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. Yet the Reformation is not merely a historical event; it is an ongoing call.

A phrase often associated with Lutheran theology is *ecclesia semper reformanda* — 'the Church always being reformed according to the Word of God.' This does not mean constant novelty or change for its own sake. Rather, it means continual return. Return to Scripture. Return to Christ. Return to grace.

Paul urges believers in Romans 12:2, 'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.' Renewal implies that drift is possible. The Church, like individual believers, can become shaped more by culture than by Christ. Reformation is God's gracious act of correction and restoration.

At its core, the Reformation recovered the assurance that our righteousness comes from Christ alone. Luther's breakthrough insight was not innovation but rediscovery: that justification is a gift. We are declared righteous because of Christ's work, not our own. This truth liberated consciences burdened by fear and uncertainty.

Psalm 51:10 captures the spirit of reformation in personal terms: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.' Reformation begins not in structures but in hearts. It is daily repentance — turning away from self-reliance and toward God's mercy.

To walk in faith means continually allowing God's Word to examine us. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word as living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Sometimes reformation feels uncomfortable. God's truth exposes misplaced trust or hidden pride. Yet exposure is not condemnation; it is invitation to renewal.

To sow Christ's love in a changing world, we must remain rooted in what does not change — Christ Himself. Colossians 1:17 reminds us that 'He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.' The center remains constant even as circumstances shift.

Reformation is not about nostalgia for the sixteenth century. It is about present faithfulness. It asks: Are we trusting Christ alone? Are we proclaiming grace clearly? Are we living in freedom and serving in love?

As we reflect this month, we are invited into both gratitude and humility — gratitude for the Gospel recovered, humility in recognizing our ongoing need for renewal.

Reflection Question:

Where might God's Word be calling you to renewal or deeper trust in Christ alone?

Pastor Steve



Upcoming Worship

Below are the lessons and some thoughts about the upcoming Sundays. Please take some time to look over the lesson and reflect upon them in preparation of the upcoming weeks in worship.

October 4th:

Text— Matthew 21:33-46

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

October 11th:

Text— Matthew 22:1-14

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

October 18th:

Text— Matthew 22:15-22

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

October 25th:

Text— John 8:31-36

(Reformation Sunday)

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairman—Chris Otte

Secretary—Heidi Wheatley

Financial Secretary—Amelia Shaw

Elders—Cathy Wente & Debbie Rust

Deacons—Dan Holle (8:00) & Gerald Wayt (10:15)

Treasurer—Lou Ann Hoevener

Trustees—Tim England & Allen Morrison

October Birthdays

1	Moriah Cragun	17	Aaron Waltz
1	Jenny Engela	18	KY Hendrix
3	Amanda Jackson	19	Thomas Hendrix
5	Phyllis Cupp	20	Doug Fish
6	Carvin Otte	21	Jeanette Kruse
6	Brayden Rorick	22	Marj Rust
7	Samuel Engela	23	Debbie Rust
7	Henry Engela	25	Isaac Rust
8	Wendy Rotert	25	Shane Kleffman
9	Ernie Kleffman	26	Campbell Mansfield
9	Cassie Fox	26	Jonathan Eglan
11	Troy Engela	26	Liza Lanam
12	Caroline Gentry	28	Amy Kleffman
14	Gus Kleffman	29	Aaron Otte
14	Lou Ann Hoevener	30	Karen Dringenburg
14	Rich Anderson	31	Dan Holle
16	Lizzie Morris	31	Brooke Plummer
17	David Rust, Jr.		
17	Karen Brigdon		

New Parsonage Account Update

As of 8/31/2026

Donations received \$ 491,842.66
Less expenses paid \$(425,717.44)

Balance \$ 66,125.22

Runge estimate \$ 600,000.00
Paid thru 8/31/2026 \$(425,717.44)
Remainder \$ 174,282.56
Funds on hand 8/31/2026 \$(66,125.22)
Additional funds needed \$ 108,157.34

71% of
estimate
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October Volunteers

Communion Assistants

Chris Otte (8:00) Mike Kruse (10:15)

Communion Prep

Oct. 4— Gretchen Lawless (10:15)
 Oct. 11—Jodi Brown (8:00)
 Oct. 18— Judy Wanning (10:15)
 Oct. 25—Casey Engela (8:00) Linda Guinn (10:15)

Lectors

Oct. 4—Amy Rotert (8:00) Micah Wayt (10:15)
 Oct. 11—Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00) Matt Tangman (10:15)
 Oct. 18—Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00) Laberta Otte (10:15)
 Oct. 25—Erin Otte (8:00) Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes

Oct. 4—Grant Wheatley & Jack Fountain (10:15)
 Kasen Nichalson (8:00)
 Oct. 11—Emily Morris (8:00) **need volunteer (10:15)**
 Oct. 18—Claire Engela & Kayla Franke (10:15)
 Layne Thompson (8:00)
 Oct. 25—Wyatt & Willie Hoevener (8:00) Henry Fountain (10:15)

Projectors

Oct. 4—Susie Schnitker (8:00) Michelle Wood (10:15)
 Oct. 11—Natalie Fish (8:00) Ruth Ann Hendrix (10:15)
 Oct. 18—Jemma Otte (8:00) Matt Tangman (10:15)
 Oct. 25—Sam Engela (8:00) Marc Fountain (10:15)

Flowers

Oct. 4—**need volunteer**
 Oct. 11—**need volunteer**
 Oct. 18—Tammi Reinbold
 Oct. 25—**need volunteer**

November Volunteers

Communion Assistants

Tammi Reinbold (8:00) Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep

Nov. 1— Wanda Engela (8:00) Teresa Browning (10:15)
 Nov. 8—Tammi Reinbold (8:00)
 Nov. 15— Robin Tormoehlen (10:15)
 Nov. 22—Mandy Otte (8:00)
 Nov. 29 – Phyllis Cupp (8:00) Nina Franke (10:15)

Lectors

Nov. 1— Amelia Shaw (8:00) Lois Bryden (10:15)
 Nov. 8—Leah Otte (8:00) **need volunteer (10:15)**
 Nov. 15—Mandy Otte (8:00) Micah Wayt (10:15)
 Nov. 22—Amy Rotert (8:00) Matt Tangman (10:15)
 Nov. 29 – Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00) Laberta Otte (10:15)

Acolytes

Nov. 1—Caleb Wheatley & Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)
 Wade Rapp (8:00)
 Nov. 8—Ben Rapp & Emma Franke (10:15)
 Claire Engela (8:00)
 Nov. 15—Warren Newkirk & Jack Fountain (10:15)
 Kasen Nichalson (8:00)
 Nov. 22—Grant Wheatley & **need volunteer (10:15)**
 Emily Morris (8:00)
 Nov. 29 – Layne Thompson & Kayla Franke (10:15)
 Wade Rapp (8:00)

Projectors

Nov. 1—Abe Engela (8:00) Kathy England (10:15)
 Nov. 8—Henry Engela (8:00) Michelle Wood (10:15)
 Nov. 15—Susie Schnitker (8:00) Marc Fountain (10:15)
 Nov. 22—Jemma Otte (8:00) Ruth Ann Hendrix (10:15)
 Nov. 29 – Natalie Fish (8:00) Matt Tangman (10:15)

Flowers

Nov. 1—Kendall & Susie Alstatt
 Nov. 8—Kendall & Susie Alstatt
 Nov. 15—Linda Guinn
 Nov. 22—**need volunteer**
 Nov. 29 – **need volunteer**

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Michelle will be making the worship helper rotation list for December-May soon. If you have any changes, dates to avoid, etc., please let her know.

Job descriptions are listed below:

- **Communion Assistant** — helps distribute communion during worship service
- **Communion Prep**—helps prepare communion before the worship service & cleans up after
- **Lector**—reads the lessons during worship service
- **Projectors**—runs the slides on the projector screens during worship service
- **Cameras**—operates the cameras remotely during live streaming at 8:00 worship service

***We can always use new volunteers!
 If you're interested, please talk to Michelle.***

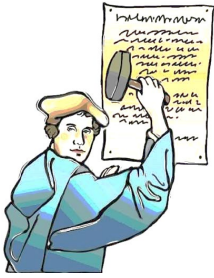
Sunday School Snacks

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Oct. 4— Susie Alstatt	Plan to provide snacks for 60.
Oct. 11— Linda Guinn	
Oct. 18—Mandy Otte	
Oct. 25— Wanda Engela	Suggestions are: fruit, muffins, doughnuts, quick breads and
Nov. 1 – need volunteer	
Nov. 8 – need volunteer	
Nov. 15 – need volunteer	
Nov. 22 – Wheatley family	
Nov. 29 – Muffin Morning	

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25



This day celebrates the anniversary of Martin Luther and the other reformers who went against the church of the day to call the church and all Christians back to the core of the gospel message – that we are saved by grace through faith and not of our works.

As part of this celebration, we are asking people to wear something RED.

We use red on Reformation as a sign of the Holy Spirit – because the reformation is a time when the Holy Spirit blew across the church to bring about renewal within the church.

CONGREGATION QUARTERLY MEETING

Sunday, October 25
11:15 a.m.

Items to be discussed:

- Election of Church Council

Church Council positions to be filled:

Financial Secretary ■ Secretary
Elder ■ Trustee ■ Deacon (8:00)

- 2027 spending plan
 - Parsonage update
 - Applying for an intern for 2027-28 school year
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LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

Gathering 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 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 between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

If you can help, please let church office know.

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. Along the way, we will consider how this ancient letter continues to shape the Church and our daily lives today.

MEMORY BOOK for All Saints Day

November 1

As part of the morning worship service for All Saints Day, we will be remembering those who died in the past year.

Please add names of those to be remembered to the memory book on the Welcome Center. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Deadline is October 25

It's time to send our first care packages to our college students! Boxes to fill are in the narthex. Please add snacks, notes, etc. Our students love to receive them!



Luther League Pumpkin Fundraiser

Luther League is offering pumpkins
for a free-will donation

Pumpkins are available near the church parking lot 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!

Women's Groups

Ruth Circle

Thursday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m.
Watch the bulletin for details

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m.
Oleysa's Kitchen
908 C 25th St., Columbus

NEW
DATE

Anna Circle

(Group for Widows)

Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m.
Questions? Talk to Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman

MUSIC NEWS

Kids Bells

October 6, 20 and 27
6:30-7:00 p.m.

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

Adult Bells

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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

Choir

Watch the bulletin for details

Women's Bible Study

Every Thursday in October
at 7:00 p.m.

We are studying "God of Creation" which covers
Genesis 1-11. Any questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Men's Group

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Questions? Talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Talk to Michelle Wood

BOOK BUZZ

Monday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss
"The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife"
by Anna Johnston.

Questions?
Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

BOOKMOBILE NOW COMING TO ST. PAUL

October 5 and 19

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!



BORCHERS PRESCHOOL NEWS

October 7	Pumpkin Patch trip
October 9-16	No school — Fall Break
October 26	Halloween Party 3-4-5's
October 30	Halloween Party 2's



Borchers Supper & Bazaar

November 6 • 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Supper includes a turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings

FREE-WILL DONATION

25% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT WORLD HUNGER

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex

Everyone's help, in some way, makes it go smoother

PLEASE SIGN-UP NOW! DON'T WAIT!

The sign-up sheets include a description of the job duties above each section.

Turkey distribution: October 18

(Please save the broth from your turkey. We use in cooking noodles)

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

Youth Helping

Youth are also encouraged to help at the bazaar. (Jr High going on the retreat should choose an early shift.) Volunteering is a great way to thank the congregation for supporting our youth activities!

Suggested jobs for younger helpers:

Carrying assistance — Bus tables — Wipe trays — Drink station

Craft/Bake Sale items

We sold out of lots of items last fall, so we need people to be crafty! If you're canning items from our garden remember that some can be sold in our Craft/Bake Sale area. Deadline for items is 12:00 pm on November 6. Items can be put in the container in the church office.

Shut-in Meals

Meals will be shared with shut-ins in the neighborhood again this year.

Please sign up at table or talk to Trish Tangman.

HELP NEEDED:

New Member Display

We need someone to maintain the display of new member pictures located in the narthex.

Please contact the church office if interested.

POVERTY SIMULATION

Friday, October 30 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church, Seymour

Spend a simulated month experiencing the poverty faced by individuals and families in our community at this interactive event. Please call Stephanie Strothmann at 812-522-5450 to register

Sponsored by Jackson County United Way

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN BORCHERS: CELEBRATING 175 YEARS IN 2027

To commemorate this, the Anniversary Committee has many fun events planned.
We need your help to make them happen!

The information below outlines the planned activities and events.

Specific events list if help is needed. Help is needed for all Monthly Focus topics.

If you see one you'd like to volunteer for, please contact the committee members listed below!

Committee Members:

Pastor Steve: 812-498-7829
Angel Wentz: 812-569-2564
Heidi Wheatley: 812-528-2732
Amy Rotert: 812-498-1285

Leah Otte: 812-528-3764
Carmen Herkamp: 812-498-6955
Amelia Shaw: 812-603-3848
Judy Wanning: 812-216-4862

JANUARY

Anniversary Service
Need meal coordination

Monthly Focus: Book Club

FEBRUARY

Monthly Focus: Borchers Preschool

MARCH

Monthly Focus: Lutheran Ladies

APRIL

Confirmation Reunion
Need people to coordinate and plan event

Monthly Focus: Men's Groups

MAY

Monthly Focus: Borchers Breakfast Club

JUNE

Old Time Service
Need event coordination

Monthly Focus: Daycamp

JULY

Farm Tour
Need to coordinate farms we can visit

Monthly Focus: Music

AUGUST

Monthly Focus: Youth Groups

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Focus: Mission Festival

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest Parade Float
Need people to coordinate float

Monthly Focus: Care Team

NOVEMBER

Monthly Focus: Borchers Supper & Bazaar

Anniversary Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Anniversary News:

A signature quilt is being planned for our 175th celebration. I'm asking for fabric scrap donations in shades of blue and also in whites. There will be a paper bag located on the welcome desk for the month of October if you have any to share. Think roughly fat quarter size or pieces larger than 3in x3in. Thanks for adding a piece of your stash to our special quilt!

Questions – see Heidi Wheatley



St. Paul Borchers Care Team

SENIOR CARE

Borchers Devotions

October 1 at 8:30 a. m.

Tai Chi Exercise



Every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

This is a meditative form of exercise based on components of ancient martial arts. This takes place for 40 minutes every Thursday morning in the preschool room. Drop-ins are welcome! It's FREE! Our leaders are Beth Goodwin & Dot Goodwin.

BORCHERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Thursdays
9:00 a.m.-Noon

We meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 12:00 for breakfast, activities, and social time. YOU are welcome to join the group just for breakfast, or for the entire morning. Breakfast Club birthdays are celebrated monthly on the third Thursday.

Leftovers from weekly BBC breakfasts are available to participants and can be delivered to anyone else who would appreciate this effort. If you or someone you know might like a weekly or occasional delivery please let Charlena Warfield or Trish Tangman know.

COMMUNITY CARE



FOOD PANTRY

salt, pepper, spices, flour,
sugar, and cooking oil

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 Provisions, Anchor House, or Jamestown Apartments.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 24

1:00 – 6:00 PM
in the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen directly to schedule your donation time. Tell your friends and family about the next blood drive date at St. Paul! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.



Turning Point
Domestic Violence Services

trash bags
(13 gal. and larger)

Donations may be placed in the box marked "Turning Point" near the kitchen.



Cell Phone Rescue

Thursday, October 8
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
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!



St. Paul Borchers Care Team

COMMUNITY CARE



UPCOMING TRIPS

Jackson County Library

Tuesday, October 20
10:30 a.m.

Kristi Gray will lead the tour, and we found out recently that Kristi has ties to St. Paul-Borchers! After the tour we'll have lunch at Mae's Townhouse. Sign up at the Welcome Center so an estimate can be made of the number of people we expect. The bus WILL NOT be transporting us this time.

OUR LAST TRIP FOR 2026 Derby Dinner Playhouse



"The Christmas Story"

Friday, December 11
Clarksville, Indiana

We will enjoy the matinee show based on the movie classic that runs round-the-clock on television every Christmas. This funny and heart-warming musical is set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana. It follows 9-year-old Ralphie and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts---an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle.

We'll leave the church parking lot in the bus at 10:15 a.m. and arrive for a meal and the show. We should return around 4:30 p.m. Watch for details on the Welcome Center and sign up early!

Spotlight On Mental Health

Because You Matter is the name of an Indiana University program which gives free mental health support. Rural Hoosiers can use the program to find ways to manage anxiety, stress, and depression; build motivation for change; or connect with helpful community resources. To access services through *Because You Matter*, call 317-278-3016 or email bym@iu.edu. There is NO WAITLIST for services.



Last month, at Crossroads Park in Seymour, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) held an event to promote mental health for all. Trish Tangman's team, "Mental Healthy" had a great turnout from St. Paul's.

Thanks to all who supported the cause through volunteering, walking, and just showing up!

NEWS FROM OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Isaac Rust recently graduated from basic training with an E3 fireman ranking. He is off to the first of three schools he has to complete to become a machinist mate for a nuclear submarine in the US Navy. He received a marksman ranking and was 5 points away from the sharpshooter ranking. There were around 80 men in his division while there were a total of 1,018 that graduated.

He is able to grow his hair back out some which he is excited about. He has his phone again and is in the process of catching up with the news.

Isaac has received a military prayer book, published by Augsburg Fortress, from St. Paul-Borchers Care Team. Prayer books were purchased by a generous military family at St. Paul.



BORCHERS

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
EACH WEEK
AT 9 A.M. FOR
ALL AGES.

TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
7:00 pm in main parking lot

Costume contest begins at 7:00 with winners chosen for different age groups & group/couple/family costumes. We will also choose a winner for best trunk decorations!

Please park with your trunk facing the aisle and bring treats for 80 kids.

If you would like to donate prizes / awards for the contests, please contact Jamie.

WANT GROUP MESSAGES & REMINDERS?

Join the groups below or contact
Jamie if you need assistance.

Luther League / High School



Jr High & Confirmation



Elementary & Preschool



SECOND GRADE BIBLES

Bibles will be handed out to our 2nd graders on **October 25** at both services. Please contact Pastor Steve with any questions.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

\$25 deposit for retreat and medical release forms are due on October 18.

Please place forms and payment in Pastor Steve's mailbox. Extra copies of forms and packing lists are available online and at the YFM Bulletin Board.

Retreat will be held **November 6-8 at Lutheran Hills**. Students will leave from the picnic shelter house on Friday, November 6 at 6:30pm and return on Sunday, November 8 around noon.

All Girls: bring 2 pkg juice boxes/Capri Sun

All Boys: Bring 2 pkg individual snacks

Chaperones will require a background check turned in to the church office. Contact Pastor Steve to volunteer as a chaperone.

UPCOMING YFM DATES

October 4 Elementary Group,
Confirmation Classes & Luther
League Meeting

October 25 2nd grade Bibles
given

October 30 FRI TRUNK OR
TREAT

November 6-8 Confirmation
Retreat

November 15 Elementary
Group and Luther League
Meetings



BORCHERS

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
EACH WEEK
AT 9 A.M. FOR
ALL AGES.

LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS

Congratulations to our new Luther League Officers. Secretary position will be filled at the October meeting.

President - Elsie Herbert
Vice President - Jemma Otte
Treasurer - Dagan Kleffman

LL OCTOBER MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to stay for the first 15 minutes of this meeting to discuss next summer's trip. Details below or visit elca.org/gathering for more information. \$100 non-refundable deposits will be due Nov. 1



2027 SUMMER TRIP PLANNING

JUNE 28 - JULY 2 – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It's not just an event but a movement in which faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith and be part of something bigger than yourself.

KIDS BELLS

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m.

New ringers in any grade are welcome to join us! We will play during services approximately once a month. Contact Jamie with any questions. Watch the group text for upcoming performance dates. NO PRACTICE ON OCTOBER 12.

WEDNESDAY YOUTH NIGHTS

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12 are invited to join us each week for fellowship, Bible study and games! NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 14.

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ONLINE WORSHIP OPTIONS:

LIVE STREAM 8:00 SERVICE

We live stream our 8:00 a.m. worship services.

SUNDAY SNIPPET

This is a short, prerecorded video that has
prayer,
benediction, a scripture reading from the
appointed readings for that Sunday

***Both of these can be found
Sunday mornings on our
YouTube channel at:
St Paul Lutheran Borchers***

BORCHERS CHURCH APP

This app allows you to access everything in one place on your cell phone. View our calendar of events, watch worship videos, listen to the "Sunday Snippet" podcasts, chat with church members and more!

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