Weekly Church News

November 15, 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:
Jo McGrew

Deacons:
Dan Holle; Gerald Wayt

Communion Assistant:
Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep:
Robin Tormoehlen (10:15)

Lector:
Mandy Otte (8:00)
Micah Wayt (10:15)

Acolyte:
Warren Newkirk &
Kasen Nichalson (8:00)
Jack Fountain (10:15)

Projectors:
Susie Schnitker (8:00)
Marc Fountain (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:
Linda Guinn

Sunday School Snacks:
Amelia Shaw

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: November 15-20

Sunday 15th	Newsletter deadline	
	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Elementary Group
	NO CONFIRMATION CLASS	
	6:30 pm	Luther League
Monday 16th	9:00 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Bookmobile
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Dartball at home (Lutheran Lake)
Tues. 17th	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch at Little Red Kitchen
	6:30 pm	Kids bells
Wed. 18th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Anna Circle
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Youth
	7:30 pm	Adult Bells
Thurs. 19th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
	6:15 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible study
Friday 20th	9:00 am	Preschool

This week: November 22-27

Sunday 22nd	8:00 am	Communion
	9:00 am	New Parsonage Blessing
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Christmas program parts passed out)
	10:15 am	Worship
Monday 23rd	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Book Buzz
	8:00 pm	Dartball
Tues. 24th	1:00 pm	Blood Drive (until 6:00 pm)
	NO KIDS BELLS	
Wed. 25th	NO PRESCHOOL	
	NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH	
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
	NO ADULT BELLS	
Thurs. 26th	Thanksgiving Day	
	NO BBC	
	NO TAI CHI	
	NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	
Friday 27th	OFFICE CLOSED	
	NO PRESCHOOL	

Trish Tangman is gone
November 12-17

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.

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 – In November, we are collecting microwave mac & cheese/SpaghettiO's. 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.

TURNING POINT – In November, we are collecting diapers and pull-ups (all sizes) for Turning Point Domestic Violence Services. Donations may be placed in the box marked "Turning Point" near the kitchen.

God's Global Barnyard Banks

We are once again collecting money in barn banks for Thanksgiving to purchase animals through ELCA Good Gifts to help those in developing countries. Please return your bank at our Thanksgiving Eve service on **November 25**. Banks can also be left in in the bin at the sanctuary entrance by **November 29**. Sunday School classes will vote on animals to purchase with the donations.

Please Pick Up Dishes

Please pick up your dishes from the Bazaar. They are on a table in the narthex.

Bazaar Craft Items

TODAY is last day to buy

Today is the last day to buy items. If you donated items, you can take them back if you wish. Items left will be stored to sell at next year's Bazaar. Thanks to everyone for all the wonderful items and goodies donated!

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.

Newsletter Deadline

TODAY

Please give info to the church office.

Elementary Group

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Luther League

TODAY at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Snacks

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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

Children's Christmas Program

Parts will be passed out on November 22. Please let Sunday School teacher know if you will be participating.

Altar Flower Schedule for 2027

The altar flower schedule sheet for 2027 is now available at the Welcome Center. You must provide your own flowers. Please mark if they can be given away. We give flowers to shut-ins, people on prayer list, etc.

It's Dartball Season Again!

Dartball is a game in which darts are thrown at a large wooden board that resembles a baseball field with colored areas which denote bases. We play other Lutheran churches in the area. Games are on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. Contact Merrell Otte if you are interested in playing.

Bookmobile at St. Paul

November 16 and 30 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Every other Monday the Jackson County Library Bookmobile will visit our Borchers Preschool. During that time, the public is invited to visit the Bookmobile as well!

Ladies Lunch

Tuesday, November 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Little Red Kitchen, 11 E. Walnut, North Vernon

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

Anna Circle

Wednesday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m.

This group is for widows. Contact Debbie Rust or Trish Tangman.

Ruth Circle

Thursday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Watch bulletin and text message for details

Choir Practice

November 19 at 6:15 p.m.

Men's Group

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

All men are welcome! Questions – talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

Book Buzz

Monday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss *"The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post"* by Allison Pataki. Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

New Parsonage Blessing

November 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Join us between services at the new parsonage.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

We thank God for good harvests and prosperity. Please bring items for the food pantry. We will also be collecting the banks for God's Global Barnyard.

Muffin Morning

Sunday, November 29

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!

Going Deeper

November 15, 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:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18: The prophet Zephaniah warns of the coming "day of the LORD," a time of judgment when wealth, power, and complacency will offer no protection. God calls the people to recognize their unfaithfulness and turn away from the false security of material possessions and indifference toward God.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11: Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, calling believers to remain awake, alert, and faithful. Rather than living in fear, Christians are encouraged to live as children of light, grounded in faith, love, and the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ, encouraging and building up one another.

Matthew 25:14-30: Jesus tells the parable of a master who entrusts his servants with different amounts of money, expecting them to use what they have been given. While two servants faithfully put their resources to work, the third allows fear to prevent him from acting, challenging us to consider how we respond to the gifts and responsibilities entrusted to us.

Questions To Ponder:

1*— In what ways might complacency or a false sense of security keep us from recognizing God's presence and responding to God's call?** ***(Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18)
2*— What does it mean for us to live as "children of light" in our daily lives, especially during times of uncertainty?** ***(I Thessalonians 5:1-11)
3*— What gifts, abilities, or opportunities has God entrusted to you, and how might you use them more faithfully to serve others and share God's love?** ***(Matthew 25:14-30)
***4*—How do these texts speak to you today?**

Notes

Memory Verse: I Thessalonians 5:11

11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing

Going Deeper in Prayer

Sunday 11/15
Zechariah 14:1-21
Philippians 4:1-23
✞ Maverick Sanders
✞ world peace

Monday 11/16
Malachi 1:1-14
Colossians 1:1-29
✞ Amy Underwood
✞ Habitat for Humanity

Tuesday 11/17
Malachi 2:1-17
Colossians 2:1-23
✞ Ben Brown, Brent Lawles
✞ people seeking employment

Wednesday 11/18
Malachi 3:1-18
Colossians 3:1-25
✞ Ella Engelau
✞ the I-K Synod

Thursday 11/19
Malachi 4:1-6
Colossians 4:1-18
✞ Don Claycamp, Linda Guinn, Claire Engelau
✞ Turning Point

Friday 11/20
Genesis 1:1-31
I Thessalonians 1:1-10
✞ Gene Kruse, Kendall Alstatt, Maddie Whiteside
✞ the youth ministry of St. Paul

Saturday 11/21
Genesis 2:1-25
I Thessalonians 2:1-20
✞ Christians in Serbia

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,* Hunter Matheny (*fiancé of Sarah England)*; *Isaac Rust*

Prayer List

Recent Hospitalizations:
Olga Otte *(hip replacement)*

Other Prayer Requests:
Family & friends of Leon Seitz
Jill Mikles *(cancer—friend of Heidi & Kevin Wheatley)*
Scott Sparks *(car accident/burns – son of Doris Sparks)*
Bufard Fields *(step-father of Gerald Wayt)*
Adelee Davis *(cancer—relative of Daryl Paswater)*
Debbie Wineinger (health issues)
David Bode *(eye surgery)*
Don Claycamp
Mark Anderson (health issues)
Mark Rorick (back surgery)
Donald Schnikter *(knee replacement)*
Marsha Bode *(eye surgery)*
Jennie Hoene
Nola Grube *(friend of Elsie Herbert & Ella Kruse)*
Jan Smith (cancer--Holly Otte's aunt)
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)*
Lisa Bergman *(brain surgery—sister of Clayton Franke)*
Amelia Jessup *(heart—granddaughter of Loyal Waltz)*
George Rorick *(cancer—brother of Mark Rorick)*
Darrin Davis *(cancer—brother of Susie Alstatt)*
Myra & Jerry Mellencamp
(friends of Dave Bode, Bill & Judy Wonning)
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)*
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)*
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)*
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)*

Names are listed for 4 weeks. Let the church office know if you want name to remain after that time.

Our Response to God's Love

We Worshipped:
November 8 — 8:00 service - 84 10:15 service - 49

Financial Report:
November 8— Spending Plan: $4,690.00 Other giving: $235.00 New parsonage: $130.00
TOTAL: $5,055.00

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

Worship Leaders for November 22:

Communion Assistant:
Tammi Reinbold (8:00)

Communion Prep:
Mandy Otte (8:00)

Lector:
Amy Rotert (8:00)
Matt Tangman (10:15)

Acolyte:
Grant Wheatley & Emily Morris (8:00)
Need volunteer (10:15)

Projectors:
Jemma Otte (8:00)
Michelle Wood (10:15)

Altar flowers are provided by:
Need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks:
Wheatley family

Readings for November 22:

Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

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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