

Welcome!

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.

Leading and Assisting in Worship

March 8, 2020

Leader: Pastor Steve Wood

Organist: Jo McGrew

Deacons: Dean Dringenburg; Kendall Alstatt

Greeters:

Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00) Kathy & Tim England (10:15)

Communion Assistant:

Mark Rorick (8:00) Dan Davis (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00) Wilma Claycamp (10:15)

Lectors:

Dot Goodwin (8:00) Leon Seitz (10:15)

Acolytes:

Katie Otte (8:00) Aden Kruse (10:15)

Projectors:

Doris Rorick (8:00) Eli Lane (10:15)

Flowers: Leah Otte

Welcome Center:

Florence Otte (8:00) Judy Wanning (10:15)

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Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director
Michelle Wood.....Secretary
Mandy Otte and Amy SheltonCustodians

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 167 years of life and ministry in this beautiful country setting in Southern Indiana. 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.

Sunday School classes are held each Sunday for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Visitors are welcome to attend.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: We have head phones available for those in need of assistance with hearing. They are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS—There are a handful of large print bulletins available. They are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

CALENDAR

Today	Daylight Savings time begins Kids Bells play 7:40 am Kids Bells practice 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am First Communion class begins 10:15 am Communion 5:30 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Servant Group 5:30 pm Luther League
Monday 9th	9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket making 7:00 pm Church Council 8:00 pm Dartball Tourney at Immanuel School
Wed. 11th	9:00 am Preschool Preschool Chapel
Thurs. 12th	7:00 pm Lenten service 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 10:00 am Quilt presentation by Cindy Claycamp
Friday 13th	7:00 pm WINGS 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket making Hildebrand/Bowman wedding rehearsal
Sat. 14th	Hildebrand/Bowman wedding
Next week: March 15-21	
Sunday 15th	Newsletter deadline 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am First Communion class begins 10:15 am Communion
Monday 16th	CARPET CLEANING OFFICE CLOSED NO PRESCHOOL 1:00 pm Blanket making
Tuesday 17th	CARPET CLEANING
Wed. 18th	CARPET CLEANING NO PRESCHOOL 7:00 pm Lenten service
Thurs. 19th	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club
Friday 20th	NO PRESCHOOL 1:00 pm Blanket making

BUSY BAGS—Busy bag stands are located in the back of the sanctuary. These are available for children to use during worship. Children's bulletins are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available. Indicate to the pastor when you come up for communion if you need these.

ITEMS FOUND—A silver earring, a pedometer, and a coffee container were found. These items are in the office.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS is meeting during the Sunday School time through April 5. The celebration of First Communion will be during the Maundy Thursday Service on April 9. Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

CONFIRMATION meets TODAY from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

SERVANT GROUP meets TODAY at 5:30 p.m.

LUTHER LEAGUE meets TODAY at 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY DINER SIGNUP for St. Paul's sponsored meal on Monday, March 30th is on the Welcome Center. If you are willing to help with donations please sign up.

"QUILTS: REFLECTING THE POETRY of James Whitcomb Riley" is a program to be presented by Cindy Claycamp on Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. All are welcome! Come early at 9:00 if you'd like to enjoy a free will breakfast with Borchers Breakfast Club before the presentation.

LENTEN SERVICES

The theme this year is 'Standing at the Cross.' We will focus on portions of sermons Martin Luther actually preached.

Each service begins at 7:00 p.m.

March 11 — *Standing Unafraid*

March 18 — *Standing in Suffering*

March 25 — *Standing through Persecution*

April 1 — *Standing in Truth*

April 9 — *Maundy Thursday
Standing in Faith*

PASTOR CHRISTIE BECKMANN will be playing the lead role in a production of *Steel Magnolias* in Cincinnati. A group will be traveling to see Christie in the play on Sunday, March 15th. Please sign up at the Welcome Center **TODAY** so the appropriate number of tickets can be reserved. Tickets are \$10 each, this includes dinner and the play, and under age 13 are free!

WINGS will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High room. Please bring Easter candy/treats for 100. Remember items need to be small enough to fit in plastic eggs.

BLANKETS READY TO BE TIED are available by the mission outreach closet.

BOOK BUZZ will meet on Monday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the narthex. We will discuss "*The Story of Arthur Truluv*" by Elizabeth Berg. All are welcome!

SEWING HELP NEEDED—We are looking for people to make blanket tops and bottoms at home. We have all the fabric. Tops are 60 x 80 and bottoms are 64 x 84. Talk to Wanda Engelau or Olga Otte.

BLANKET MAKING—We meet on Mondays and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. in the adult Sunday school room to make blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Come join us! We work through March. Any questions, talk to Wanda Engelau or Olga Otte.

YE OLDE CENTRAL HOUSE SPRING TEA will be Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 PM in Napoleon, IN. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 AM and return around 4:00 PM. Scones, sandwiches, desserts, and tea will be served, and a tour of the historic Central House will be included with the event fee. \$15 adults/\$10 children 12 and under See additional details on the Welcome Center and please sign up so we can RSVP!

CHOIR will practice on March 25 and April 1 after the Wednesday night Lent service. We will sing on Easter Sunday. All are welcome!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Sunday, March 15. Please give info to Michelle or leave in the church office.

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES—Camp brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

CARPET CLEANING—On March 16-18 the carpets will be cleaned at the church and parsonage. Please limit foot traffic in the building. The church office will be closed on Monday, March 16.

LAWN MOWING BIDS—Forms are available at the Welcome Center to submit bids for lawn mowing. They must be turned in by **March 22** to either Mike Hoeverner or Shane Kleffman.

WERNLE HOME COLLECTION—We are collecting the following items during Lent:

- Body wash for male & female
- Shampoo for male & female
- Adult sized socks for male & female
- Twin size sheets sets
- Plastic pillow protectors
- Standard pillows
- Plastic twin size mattress protectors
- Full size bath towels & washcloths
- Twin size blankets
- Men's deodorant
- Toothpaste

Place items in the container in the narthex.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY will meet on June 4-6 at Embassy Suites in Noblesville. We are in need of 3 delegates: at least 1 female and 1 male. If interested, please talk to Pastor Steve.

FOOD PANTRY—Our focus for the month of March is peanut butter and jelly. Please place your donations in the wooden box in the hallway near the kitchen, or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations will be given this month to Provisions or Anchor House.

TURNING POINT DONATIONS—Our focus for the month of March are new & gently used towels and washcloths. Please place in the box near the kitchen labeled "Turning Point". Turning Point serves victims of domestic violence in the surrounding counties.

CORTLAND ALUMNI will meet on Saturday, March 28 at Pewter Hall in Brownstown, Indiana. Social hour begins 5:00 p.m. Dinner served 6:00 p.m. Please join your friends and fellow classmates for an evening of fun and food.

OUR MISSION:

Walking in Faith – Sowing Christ's Love

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is derived from our core values - the essence of our purpose for existence and the criteria we should use to guide our congregational decisions and actions.

Our Core Values:

- 1. Spirituality** – to worship and to grow and develop spiritually as Christians.
- 2. Outreach** – To spread the message of God's love and grace by word and by 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.

Our Response to God's Love

We Worshipped:

March 1—8:00 service: 103 10:15 service: 86

Total Offerings for March 1: \$8,128.95
Spending Plan Giving—\$7,781.45 Other Giving—\$347.50
Ash Wednesday—\$593.00

{The weekly amount needed to cover expenses in the
2020 Spending Plan is \$5,725.13}

Readings for March 15:

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Lector:

Doris Rorick (8:00)
Lois Bryden (10:15)

Those assisting with worship March 15:

Greeters:

Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)
Kathy & Tim England (10:15)

Communion Asst.:

Mark Rorick (8:00)
Dan Davis (10:15)

Communion Prep:

Leah Otte (8:00)
Marj Rust (10:15)

Acolyte:

Oliver Lanam (8:00)
Need volunteer (10:15)

Projectors:

Jamie Baker (8:00)
Elizabeth Rust (10:15)

Flowers:

Amy Rotert

Welcome Center:

Florence Otte (8:00)
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Going Deeper

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 12:1-4: God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17: In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

John 3:1-17: A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

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Questions To Ponder:

- 1— What do you mean or hope for when you ask God to bless someone? (Gen 12:1-4)
- 2— In what ways has God uniquely equipped or positioned you to share your faith with others? (Rom 4:1-5)
- 3— How would explain baptism using language other than that which is traditional or school-taught? (John 3)
- 4—How do these texts speak to you today?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast. Amen.*

NOTES:

Memory Verse: Romans 4:13

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

Going Deeper in Prayer

Sunday 3/8

II Chronicles 4:1-22
I Corinthians 4:1-21
✦ Tracey Engellau, Dena Schafstall, Lacey Lanam,
Daniel Hendrix, Mason McIntosh
✦ world peace

Monday 3/9

II Chronicles 5:1-14
I Corinthians 5:1-13
✦ Lydia Shuler
✦ Matthew 25 ministries

Tuesday 3/10

II Chronicles 6:1-42
I Corinthians 6:1-20
✦ Louis Wanning, Beau Hoene
✦ people suffering from the flu

Wednesday 3/11

II Chronicles 7:1-22
I Corinthians 7:1-40
✦ Zoe Plummer
✦ Kairos Prison Ministry

Thursday 3/12

II Chronicles 8:1-18
I Corinthians 8:1-13
✦ preschool teachers

Friday 3/13

II Chronicles 9:1-31
I Corinthians 9:1-27
✦ Troy Claycamp, Chuck Newkirk, Dakota Anderson
✦ Christians in Myanmar

Saturday 3/14

II Chronicles 10:1-19
I Corinthians 10:1-33
✦ shut-ins of the congregation

Prayer List

Prayer for Homebound Individuals: *Betty Melloncamp* (Sarah Rotert's sister); *Patty Herkamp*; *Doris Kleffman*, *Selma Mellenbruch*; *Marilyn Tangman*; *Mildred Carter*, *Pixie Otte*,

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues: *Helen Carter*; *Walter Von Fange* (Bertha Otte's brother in-law); *Andy Runge*; *Pauline Isaacs* (mother of Jack Guffey); *Glen Waldkoetter* (relative of KY Hendix); *Gavin Brown* (friend of Leah Otte); *Gene Templar* (father of Amy Underwood); *Luther Piel* (poor health);

Recent Hospitalizations: *Carolyn Ross* (Beth Claycamp's mother); *Braylee Churchill* (cancer—newborn of co-worker of Mindy Siffard);

Other Prayer Requests: *Shirley Anderson* (thyroid cancer-daughter of Carmen Herkamp); *Lois Rust* (Dengue fever); *Dan Hall* (friend of Susie Alstatt); *Mark Hoffmeier* (back surgery); *Susan McTavish* (cancer, friend of Pat Otte); *Clinton Walls*; *Paul Otte* (surgery); *Ron Otte* (brother of Lois Rust); *Daryl Elliott* (Parkinson's—brother of Robin Tormoehlen); *Kenny Runge*; *Ralph Walker* (friend of Kendall Alstatt); *Barbara Davis* (blood clots—Susie Alstatt's mother); *David Manuel* (cancer); *Jon Hancher* (brother of Jan Otte); *Joe Ross* (Parkinson's—father of Beth Claycamp);

Prayers for those in Military Service: *Nate Otte* (Chris Otte's cousin); *Adrian Sanders* (husband of Jessica (Rotert) Sanders); *Erik Hoene* (grandson of Paul Hoene); *Kyle Albert* (grandson of Karen Hoene); *DJ Snyder* (Cathy Wente's nephew); *Zachary Rieker* (Jerry & Pixie Otte's Grandson); *Andrew Yerrell* (Roger Douglass' grandson)

(Names will be on the prayer list for 4 weeks, if you want the request extended, you may re-submit your request.)