

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 25, 2023**, immediately following the worship service. The Church Council will make a presentation and seek guidance from the members with regard to replacement of the church steps and additional renovations.

Discussion and **possible action** items:

1. Discuss and authorize construction.
2. Discuss and authorize a project cost, not to exceed a specific amount.
3. Authorization to seek financing.

QUILTING

During the previous 5 years, St. Paul's has sent 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts were taken to the warehouse in Minneapolis. A previous bulletin has shown where some of the quilts ultimately may have gone.

Who made these 100 quilts for St. Paul's? The quilt tops were constructed by several women sewing at home. Then several women gather in the basement to put together a top, a lining, and a back by a method called tying. Five years ago there were 7-10 women involved. Sadly, the group has dwindled. When we resume in the fall, there likely will be only 3 "quilters". There is danger of the project being suspended.

Is anyone interested in joining this worthy project? We would hold a brief training session at a convenient time. This is really quite basic straight sewing, no patterns involved. Those who aren't sewers can help too.

Contact Louise Buchholz, Arlis Ballwahn or Carolyn Dougherty, if you have questions or are interested in the quilt project for Lutheran World Relief.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2023

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

****(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***

Announcements

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Second Reading

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** **"Alleluia. Lord,"** **ELW p. 188**

GOSPEL READING

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

The holy gospel according to Matthew 9:35-10:8

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them

authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Reverend Karen Sparling

***Hymn**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.