

### ***From the Council:***

At the January 2022 Annual meeting council was asked by the congregation to look into possible costs of an elevator or lift system. Council began conversation on several locations and options were explored along with costs. The best option that physically worked with our building and made sense for accessibility to offices, parish hall, basement and parking lot was to put a lift or elevator where the current church office is now and to shift the church office to where the current work room is. Due to estimates for an elevator unit spanning the basement to the top floor and needed construction costs to complete that project coming in at an excess of \$400,000, the council shifted our focus to a platform lift system option.

A platform lift system and construction that goes from the parking lot to the main floor and the basement would cost approximately \$150,000. To go up to the third floor, a second lift would be required in the future, so construction on this project will allow room for a second lift to be added if that is an option the congregation wants to consider in the future. After responding to the original request at the January 2022 Annual meeting, the council is bringing the platform lift project to the congregation for a vote on Dec. 4. If the congregation votes to move forward with the lift project, the church council recommends that in order to get to the \$150,000 needed for the project we pay for it as follows:

- \$80,000 from Memorial Fund which currently sits at \$160,454
- \$45,000 from Kroneman - Capital Improvement Fund which currently sits at \$218,057
- \$20,000 from Sylvester Fund which are previously dedicated funds for this project
- \$1,188 from the Lift Fund
- \$4,000 raised from the 150th Anniversary Celebration

Cost estimates/quotes for the project include:

- Vertical Platform Lift: \$43,940
- Wedeking Electric Bid: \$9,622
- Randall Construction: \$67,625
- Artura Architecture: \$4,000
- Recommended contingency funds (19%): \$23,785.53
- TOTAL: \$148,972

We have applied for some grants that could bring in over \$10,000 and any additional donations we receive for the lift project would decrease the amount of money taken out of current funds. Please join with fellow St. John members on Dec. 4 at 9 AM for worship followed by a special congregational meeting to make this decision.

Josh Johnson  
Council President