

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## The Epistle

July 2021

*Love God. Love others. Help others love God.*

We welcome you to join us on our journey as we strive to share the love of Jesus through worship, Christian education, fellowship and service to each other and the community beyond our walls.

### *From the Desk of Father John*

I am an organ donor, are you? Have you given it any thought?

Presently there are almost 10,000 New Yorkers who need a lifesaving organ transplant and those make up ten-percent of the national organ donor waiting list. Each year, almost 500 New Yorkers die because an organ does not come in time to save their lives.

One organ donor can save eight lives and help 75 more by donating tissue and corneas. There are no diseases that automatically prevent you from being a donor. All major religions support organ and tissue donation. There is no cost to a donor's family for organ and tissue donation.

Donated organs, including the heart, pancreas, kidneys, liver, lungs and intestines can save someone's life. Tissue is used to replace bone, tendons, and ligaments lost to trauma, cancer, and other diseases. Corneas are used to restore the gift of sight. Skin grafts help burn patients heal, and often can save their life. Heart valves repair hearts defects and damage. A living donor can give a kidney, a part of a liver, lung, or pancreas.

Scripture does not specifically address the issue since organ transplants would have been unknown in this time. There are verses that help us to see the Christian charity that is appropriate in helping us decide.

There are 62 such verses in Scripture:

**John 15:12-13**

**Genesis 2:21-23**

**Ecclesiastes 12:7**

**1 Corinthians 15:35-49**

**Ecclesiastes 3:20**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

**John 15:13**

**Genesis 3:19**

**1 Corinthians 15:50**

**Romans 13:9**

**Matthew 25:40**

**Proverbs 3:27**

**Leviticus 3:17**

**Genesis 9:4**

**1 John 4:11**

**Acts 15:20**

**Luke 10:25-37**

**Matthew 25:35-46**

**Romans 12:1**

**Acts 15:1-41**

**Leviticus 19:18**

**Leviticus 17:14**

**Genesis 2:7**

**Matthew 5:29-30**

**Isaiah 3:1-26**

**James 2:8**

**Matthew 5:43**

**James 4:17**

**Acts 15:19-20**

**Luke 10:37**

**Mark 9:43-48**

**Matthew 18:8-9**

**Revelation 1:1**

James 2:10-11  
Leviticus 17:11  
Revelation 2:1-29  
John 3:16-17  
Leviticus 7:26  
Hebrews 9:1-28  
Romans 5:8  
Proverbs 4:23  
1 Peter 2:24  
Matthew 5:1-7:29  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Proverbs 27:4  
Proverbs 14:30  
1 Peter 3:18  
Colossians 2:1-23  
Acts 2:38  
John 3:16  
Isaiah 9:6  
Proverbs 27:17  
Psalm 23:1-6  
2 Chronicles 7:14  
Leviticus 17:6  
Exodus 13:19  
Acts 15:29  
Acts 15:4  
Genesis 9:1-29  
Revelation 12:9

Hebrews 9:27

Psalm 104:29



I once saw a bumper sticker that read, "Heaven doesn't need your organs. Donate life." You can donate by enrollment in the NYS Donate Life Registry. (Thanks to them for helping with the information for this article.) When renewing a driver's license you can choose to have Organ Donor♥ printed on the front. Talk to your families' members. Our legacy will live on in the lives of others.

Fr. John+



## **Worship at St. Paul's!**

With the option for in-person worship, we are holding our Sunday services at 8 and 10 AM both in-person and on Zoom. The 10 AM service will be on Facebook - using my page and then posting it to the St. Paul's Endicott page. Daily prayers, Bible studies, book groups and meetings will continue to be held on Zoom. The Wednesday morning Healing service is now being held in-person in the Gould Chapel, in addition to the Zoom option. If you are not receiving the information to join Zoom by email let Fr. John know so you can be added. You can connect by computer, iPad, smart phone, smart TV, flip phone or even your landline house phone.

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**PLEASE NOTE: THIS LINK FOR ALL THE EVENTS from June 28 to July 25**

St. Paul's Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Link June 28 to July 25

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86996036518?pwd=ajdQU3h1RSs0Ym85NIU3d2RxbW9FQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 9603 6518

Passcode: b7fb1B

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,86996036518#,,,,\*836613# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 869 9603 6518

Passcode: 836613

Topic: June link for all services, studies, and meetings.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS LINK FOR ALL EVENTS from July 26 to August 29**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: KKp5j9

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Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 898 2683 1676

Passcode: 789759





## Stewardship!

**Love God. Love others. Help others love God.**



When it is hot and humid outside, I give thanks for all who come to worship here today in the name of Jesus, in spite of the heat. I give thanks for our air-conditioning that enables me to preach and you to listen to the Word of God in comfort. Your faithful offerings, week by week, enable us to pay NYSEG in order that all who suffer from the heat can join us, regardless of the outside temperature, to share in our St. Paul's community. Thank you!

Fr. John+



## Thank You!



Thank you to the **Manchester Family** for coordinating Trinity Canteen on May 30<sup>th</sup> and to **all who donated**. Because of your kind donations of fruit, granola bars, juice boxes, fruit cups and Pop Tarts, many people were appreciative of the lunch provided.



Thank you to **our merry mowers** who keep our lawn looking so nice.



Thank you to **Dick Schwab** for the repair to the church doors threshold and disinfecting the church for the recent Piano Recital.



## Prayers for Our Ministries

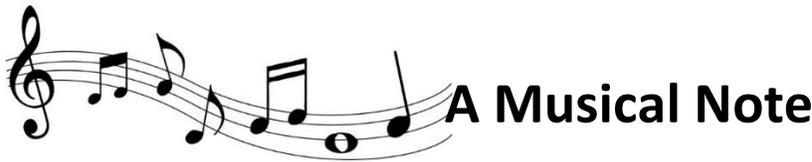


Each week a different ministry area of St. Paul's is featured in the bulletin to highlight, encourage involvement and give thanks for the people who make it happen. During the month of July we pray for the following ministries:

### JULY

- |      |                               |      |                            |
|------|-------------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| 7/4  | Cornell Cooperative Extension | 7/18 | Broome Council of Churches |
| 7/11 | Alanon                        | 7/25 | Endicott Fire Department   |





I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Carl Smith, PhD.** for sharing his gift of music with us these past couple of months. We have appreciated hearing the organ music and appreciate all the hours he has put into his practice sessions. Thank you Carl.

We will not be having music during the months of July and August as we prepare for September. We continue to advertise for a new Director of Music. We could use your assistance in finding a replacement. So, it would help if you could spread the word to anyone you might know with a music background; that would be appreciated. You never know who might be interested. Have any interested person contact Fr. John. All inquiries are confidential.

Fr. John+



### All Things Spiritual on Zoom!

#### Meeting on TUESDAY until we can meet in-person.

We gather for discussion about a chapter in the book during each meeting. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:30 AM prayer service.

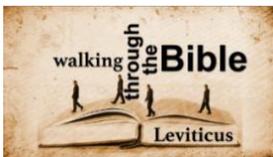
We continue **We Were the Least of These (Reading the Bible with Survivors of Sexual Abuse)** by Elaine Heath. We will read Chapter 2.

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### A Letter of the Bible – II Peter on Zoom!

#### Meeting on TUESDAY until we can meet in-person.



We continue our Bible discussion with the Letters in the New Testament. This is different from the Thursday morning Lectionary Study which uses the Sunday Lectionary as its basis. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:30 AM prayer service. **We will be discussing the Book of James.**

Fr. John+



### All Things Theological on Zoom!

#### Meeting on TUESDAY until we can meet in-person.

We will continue the book by Joan Chittister **The Gift of Years-Growing Older Gracefully.** We will be reading Chapter 2. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:30 AM prayer service.

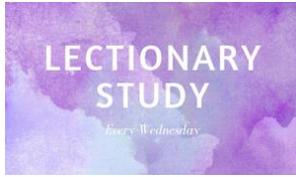


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## Lectionary Study on Zoom!



Lectionary Study is held on Thursday mornings following the 9:30 AM Prayer Service. This is an informal way of studying the Scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday. Brew a second cup of coffee and lend your thoughts as to what you feel God is saying to you. A short prayer service will precede the study.

Ruthie Koerts



## Flower Memorials

Available 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25.



## Sanctuary Candle Memorials

Available 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25.



Note: Please call the office (748-8118) any time during the month if you would like to designate the altar flowers or candles in memory of a loved one, to recognize a special event or simply in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Dates may be shared.



## JULY

- 7/1 Mary Gilfoyle
- 7/2 Christine Keesler
- 7/4 Rosalie Sommers
- 7/5 Jennifer Westermann
- 7/6 Zach Manchester
- 7/7 Sue Hankey
- 7/7 Toni VanOrder
- 7/9 Robert Maxim
- 7/19 Carolyn Doolittle
- 7/19 Jim Garceau

- 7/20 Ray Spaccaforno
- 7/22 Susan June
- 7/22 Sarah Evans
- 7/24 Barb Martinichio
- 7/25 Annette Bakalar
- 7/25 Cassie Manchester
- 7/25 Jack Wolf
- 7/26 Bette Knight
- 7/28 Jackson Petras
- 7/29 Diana Krska





**JULY**

- 7/4 Charles and Patricia Collison (61)
- 7/11 Thomas and Juanita Evaneck (57)
- 7/12 Scott and Janet Manchester (35)
- 7/13 Richard and Sandra Williams (47)
- 7/14 Ray and Anneliese Besemer (59)
- 7/20 Brandon and Michelle Cardone (19)
- 7/20 Michael and Lauren Saleeby (8)
- 7/21 Mark and Kelly Browning (20)
- 7/26 John Swavola and Nancy Ng (18)
- 7/28 Ryan and Brittany Dougherty (20)
- 7/30 Tom and Barbara Syrell (44)

Are you a July birthday or anniversary but do not see your name here? Please let the office know so we can update our records! We do not want to miss anyone!



**A Note from Our Parish Nurse**



As we are opening up to a new normal we must remember there are people who can't or prefer not to be vaccinated. Father John and the committee worked toward inclusion with further opening up of the church and keeping all parishioners as safe as possible. Please reach out to any of us in determining where to sit if unsure. The cleaning process continues to fight Covid and it will help against the flu season in the fall.

Hand sanitation remains important against illnesses. People will continue to have different levels of comfort depending on their own circumstances.

Stay safe and remember your sunscreen.

Jackie Fabiano RN, BSN, Lead Parish Nurse



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



At its June meeting, Vestry approved entering into a contract with Chianis and Anderson for architectural/engineering services for the upgrading of our electrical systems and installation of a new elevator. The firm will handle all assessment of needs, design work, bidding and project management/oversight of these two key projects, which are a major part of our Capital Campaign activities. If all goes as planned, we will have an operational elevator by year's end.

In the area of Security/Safety, we are awaiting a proposal for installation of a smoke detection and fire alarm system. We are also investigating the viability of upgrading our stove to electrically igniting pilot lights.

Recently a question was raised about the current funding balance and why we don't spend some of it down on some of the smaller projects. The Capital Campaign Account is our operating account for all costs related to these projects. The balance of available funds, as of the June Vestry meeting, will be nearly depleted by the projects proposed in the above 2 paragraphs. Moving up projects scheduled for later in the priority listing could render us unable to cover the costs of activities currently in process. Fund balances will fluctuate throughout this process. Remember, there is much that goes on behind the scenes before construction activities commence, but when they do, the money must be in hand to pay for the work.

Another question that was asked was why we don't invest the money or place it in an interest-bearing account. In checking with Tony Farrand, he noted that there are really no great short-term options with a decent return, adding that even some savings accounts aren't paying interest. We did a little further checking, and keeping in mind that we must have funds readily available to pay bills, even a 6 month or 1 year CD is not really viable, particularly with their miniscule interest earnings and penalties for early withdrawal.

Another question was about the church parking lot. As noted in the May Epistle, blacktop damaged by the cold winter and snow plowing was patched in April, and much of the debris was cleaned up. The sink hole that was filled last year is holding up fairly well, but needed some added blacktop during this patching. We must be sure we have solved the sink hole problem permanently before we spend the money for a complete blacktop replacement. Now that church is reopened, we will assess how it holds up as more people are driving over the area. This is why the full parking lot replacement was given a later prioritization date.

We must again express our gratitude for the generosity of the parish family and their faithful commitment to their campaign pledges. We also extend our appreciation to the members of the Property Committee for the extensive time they continue to put into this endeavor.

Father John, Sandy and Dick Schwab



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## Racial Justice and Reconciliation Group

The monthly meeting of St. Paul's Racial Justice and Reconciliation Discussion Group will be held on **Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Monday Prayer Service. Everyone is welcome! If you would like further information, please contact **Nancy Elwood** at 607-239-0404 or email her at: [nelwood1961@gmail.com](mailto:nelwood1961@gmail.com).



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## It is Merry Mowing Time!



The sun is shining (sometimes) and the rain is raining (often!) resulting in the grass growing! Mowers are needed to keep the grounds neat and tidy. A self-propelled mower is in the shed. If you are willing to help please email or call the office and a schedule will be developed. If it is convenient for your schedule, the ideal mowing days are Thursday through Saturday, so the lawn looks nice for Sunday.

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## Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM  
There is no meeting in August.



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## Hot Dog Roast



**Hot diggity dog!!!** St. Paul's Annual Hot Dog Roast is returning to our community on **Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. till dusk**. If you would like to help out with a donation of either hot dogs or watermelon, please contact Jennifer Westermann (768-1028) Hope to see you there!

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## CHOW Pantry

The CHOW Pantry at St. Paul's is up and running! We are accepting referrals on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays and Wednesdays of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are always appreciated!



Mary Cermak



## Sleeping Bag for the Homeless Project

We have started up our sleeping bag projects on the **second Thursday of every month at 1:00-3:00PM**. If you are interested in fellowship, conversation, and fun all the while we make sleeping bags for those less fortunate, please consider joining us. You do not have to know how to sew.



Diocese guidelines require that you have been Covid vaccinated. Our next meet will be on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Deb Wirag



## Sign Up for Lawn Sitting



The LCI team is continuing its lawn sitting as a means of getting reacquainted with our neighbors. We have potted marigolds to hand out, along with flyers to promote our July Hot Dog Roast and the August Ice Cream Social. It is suggested that the best times to do this are late afternoon and early evening when foot traffic is at its highest. It is also recommended that you sit on the Broad Street side of the church which has greater foot traffic. We are looking for volunteers to join the LCI members in carrying out this activity. If you plan to lawn sit, please email, text or call Sandy Schwab ([sanjrussel@twc.com](mailto:sanjrussel@twc.com) 570 240-3106) with the date and time span (usually 1-2 hours). Sandy will maintain an ongoing schedule, which will help span out our times of sitting, as well as ensure there are marigolds available for you, as well as flyers. Often, we do this in groups of two or more. Please bring a lawn chair. Some members of the LCI team are also interested in walking the block during this time frame and would welcome others. If you are interested in handing out flyers to people you encounter on your walk, we will leave some in the office. Please consider joining us or forming your own team to do this. It is a great way to interact with our community and to once again get to know our neighbors.

Deb Wirag



## Ice Cream Social Raffle Baskets



We are bringing back raffle baskets for this year's Ice Cream Social! This year I will be in charge of the raffle basket table. The raffle baskets are always a big hit and spark interest for both the kids and adults. We welcome your donation of a basket. The baskets can be any theme and need not be expensive. The Dollar Tree is a great place to find baskets, clear gift bags, and things to fill your baskets. As we have done in years past, please give your basket a title that corresponds with the basket theme. Please also place a card that lists the contents of the basket in a visible place. If you are interested in creating a raffle basket then please let me know so I can get an approximate amount and plan accordingly. Feel free to contact me via email [flutterbycm@aol.com](mailto:flutterbycm@aol.com) or call or text at 607-429-9079 if you have any questions.

Cassie Manchester



## Ice Cream Social

St. Paul's Annual Ice Cream Social will be returning **August 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** More details will follow in the August Epistle.



### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our two major summer events are rapidly approaching as we reach out to our church neighbors and let them know we are back and want to get reacquainted. We need your help!

On July 14<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Hot Dog Roast on the lawn, commencing at 5:30. We will need help for set up, grilling hot dogs, serving food and clean up. Of course, another key part is we need you there to mingle and chat with our neighbors. We also need donations of hot dogs for the event.

The Eunice Barton Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. Due to COVID we have scaled down the event this year, offering ice cream cones and raffle baskets. To avoid the huge crowds that normally gather around the raffle tables, drawings will be held after the event with winners notified by phone. Volunteers are needed for set-up, dipping ice cream, clean up, helping with raffle tickets, and showing the friendly side of St. Paul's by chatting with our neighbors. We also need raffle baskets donated. They can be any theme, any size, and do not have to be expensive, but contents should not be used. Completed baskets can be dropped off at the office for storage in the former rummage room until the event. Please place a list of the contents of your basket where it is easily seen when looking at the basket.

Please volunteer by calling the office. Diane will have a signup sheet for the various tasks for both events, as well as donations of hot dogs and/or raffle baskets. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jennifer Westermann about the Hot Dog Roast, and for the Ice Cream Social contact Sandy Schwab, or Janet or Cassie Manchester.



### Support Twin Tiers Area Veterans DONATE YOUR UNWANTED SHOES

Together we can take steps to not only keep unwanted shoes out of our landfills but also help send Twin Tiers area veterans to see their war memorials in Washington, D.C. free of charge.

Your unwanted shoes (**in at least somewhat decent shape, please**) will be recycled through Funds2Orgs who will pay Twin Tiers Honor Flight per pound of shoes collected, so the more shoes, the more pounds, the more money raised. Twin Tiers Honor Flight will use 100% of money raised to honor and recognize Twin Tiers area veterans.

If you have shoes to donate (any type), you can drop them off at Cup-A-Jo, 1355 Upper Front Street, Binghamton on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Or call Cindy at 607-339-9269, Bonnie at 607-754-7491, or Joe at 607-743-2134 to schedule a pickup through August 31, 2021.

## Donate NOW



Twin Tiers Honor Flight is recognized by the IRS as a 501(C)(3) charity and registered with the charities bureaus of New York State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Learn more at [TwinTiersHonorFlight.org](http://TwinTiersHonorFlight.org).

# July Participants' Schedule



**NOTE:** For the time being, the Lay Assistant at 8:00 will read the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, lead the psalm and the Prayers of the People, and read the Communion by Intention prayer. The Lay Assistant at 10:00 will lead the psalm and the Prayers of the People and read the Communion by Intention prayer.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>July 4</b>           | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                               |
| Lay Assistant           | Jack Westermann               | Ruthie Koerts                                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Zach Manchester                               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Garvin Alexander              | Kristin Walton                                |
| Readings                | Ezekiel 2:1-5                 | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13     |
| Usher(s):               | Chip Kinne                    | Susan Young                                   |
| Counters:               | Susette & Kristin Walton      |                                               |
| <b>July 11</b>          | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                               |
| Lay Assistant           | Mary Cermak                   | Steve Koerts                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Lauren Saleeby                                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Dolly Chergosky               | Barb Dailey                                   |
| Readings                | Amos 7:7-15                   | Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29         |
| Usher(s):               | Chip Kinne                    | Susan Young                                   |
| Counters:               | Scott Kidder & Lorraine Jones |                                               |
| <b>July 18</b>          | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                               |
| Lay Assistant           | Jennifer Westermann           | Jim Garceau                                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Michelle Wolf                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Jackie Reece                  | Jack Wolf                                     |
| Readings                | Jeremiah 23:1-6               | Ephesians 2:11-22 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 |
| Usher(s):               | Chip Kinne                    | Susette & Kristin Walton                      |
| Counters:               | Scott Kidder & Susan Young    |                                               |
| <b>July 25</b>          | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                               |
| Lay Assistant           | Sue Mahon                     | Sandy Schwab                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Jackie Fabiano                                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Marilyn Karlson               | Sue Jones                                     |
| Readings                | 2 Kings 4:42-44               | Ephesians 3:14-21 Gospel: John 6:1-21         |
| Usher(s):               | Chip Kinne                    | Susette & Kristin Walton                      |
| Counters:               | Jack Westermann & Susan Young |                                               |

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes – June 8, 2021

To love God, Love others, Help others love God.

**Rector:** Fr. John Martinichio

**Wardens:** Dick Schwab, Sue Mahon

**Treasurer:** Jack Westermann

**Vestry:**

Nancy Elwood

Linda Littell

Jennifer S. Westermann

Jim Garceau

Lauren Saleeby (A)

Michelle Wolf

Ruthie Koerts

Eileen Slofkosky

Ted Wolf (A)

**Non-Vestry present:** Stephanie Elder-Alexander, Sandy Schwab

Fr. John opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a Native American prayer.

Proposal from Chianis & Anderson: After looking over the proposal last month from Chianis & Anderson, the vestry wanted clarifications on several issues so the Property Committee requested a meeting with the firm. Stephanie Elder-Alexander, a Property Committee member, reported that Chianis & Anderson addressed and clarified the concerns to the committee's satisfaction. **Motion** made by Ruthie Koerts with second from Jim Garceau that we execute the contract of Chianis & Anderson and give Fr. John the authority to sign off on the contract at a cost \$29,168 plus reimbursables. Motion carried unanimously.

**May 11 minutes:** **Motion** made by Linda Littell with second from Ruthie to ratify the emailed May minutes as sent. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** Jack Westermann and report submitted by Bob Pettit

- Gould fund:

| <u>January 1, 2021</u> | <u>April 30, 2021</u> | <u>May 31, 2021</u> | <u>Monthly Change</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| \$5,101,706            | \$5,440,032           | \$5,449,203         | +\$9,171              |

- Income/Expenses: About \$12,200 ahead of the projected pledge amount. Because of this Jack reported that while the standard Gould draw was taken he increased the amount moved to the Capital Campaign account as part of the catch up from last year when draws of matching funds were put on hold. Expenses were reasonable.
- Treasurer's Report: Financial reports submitted for the following accounts: Checking Account - \$82,069 of which the following have earmarked funds: Flowers and Candles - \$4,163; CHOW - \$15,160; CHAP \$1,816; Memorial Fund - \$2,390; Women of the Church - \$2,757; Youth - \$813, UTO - \$799; Capital Campaign - \$13,828. \$40,343 is available for operational expenses.
- Audit: Don and Mitzi Manning have agreed to be on the audit committee. Jack will ask Nancy Boyd-Goff if she will serve on the committee. Two years of audits need to be done since the committee was unable to do one due to COVID restrictions.

**Motion** made by Jim Garceau with second from Ruthie Koerts to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Rector's Report:**

- Gould Grants – **Motion** made by Linda Littell with second from Sue Mahon to fund the grant applications from the Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Endicott Fire Department and to grandfather in the cost of the fire safety booklets (the department's grant request) on an annual basis. Motion carried unanimously.

- Director of Music – Still looking
- COVID 19 updates from the bishop – Prayer books may be returned to the pews.

**Wardens' Report:** The church received a thank you note from Kathleen McDaniel for her retirement gift.

**Committee Reports:**

Capital Campaign/Property Committee - Dick Schwab reported on several campaign projects. The courtyard drainage issue seems to be resolved. The committee is looking into the installation of a fire alarm system. A threshold sticking issue of the front church door has been resolved. Concerns about the size of elevator we should have were addressed.

Christian Education – Fr. John thanked the Christian Ed staff: Nancy Elwood, Janet Manchester, Grace Ng, Deb Wirag, Zach Manchester and Jennifer Westermann for their dedication to our youth. In-person instruction will resume in the fall.

LCI – We have permission to have a hot dog roast outside instead of doing it “on the run” as we had planned due to COVID 19 restrictions. It will be on Wednesday, July 14. Summer lawn sitting has resumed. Contact Sandy Schwab if interested. We have permission to have the Ice Cream Social as we have had in the past, i.e., ice cream cones being offered instead of wrapped ice cream novelties “on the run”. It will be on Wednesday, August 11. Eunice Barton’s children have offered to fund the cost of the ice cream. We will have raffle baskets but winners will be drawn after the event in order to not have people crowding around each other. We will forego the Zoo Mobile for this year.

**Next Meeting:** July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Fr. John ended the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with a prayer on maintaining a balance between actions and reflections.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer S. Westermann, Vestry Clerk

