

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
Date: 2/19/2026
On-Site Community Room

Attendees:

Paul Moyer, President (virtual)
Merilu Narum, Vice President
Dick Rank, Treasurer
Carleen Melin, Secretary
Melissa Taphorn
Jennifer Davidson* (not present)
Pastor Peter Harrits*
Mark Ertl*

Pastor Corey Fuhrman
Robin Robinson
Brendan Henry
Bill Wilken
Anne Hemmerlin
Kelsey Young*
Pastor Julie Wright*
Pastor Lindsey Bina*

*denotes non-voting member

Centered in the love of God in Jesus;

Call to Order: President Paul Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Melissa Taphorn shared an opening devotion and prayer.

Vision and Leadership Teams Reports: Nominations has Council candidate work ahead of them. A Benevolence application is coming. Stewardship is part of SAS cohort, will be inviting endowment to next stewardship meeting. CYF received a grant for neurodivergent ministry, part of cohort. Working on updating incident report. Trying new events (like puzzle event), Earth Day, move up events, fellowship for elementary schoolers. Team is trying to answer the question: what does care look like for families and congregation. Equity had someone from LifeWorks meet with them, potential contract with SOTV for space usage. Benevolence received a request from Every Meal they were able to fulfill. Rapid Response Fund has been utilized for rent support for immigrants. HR did not meeting in February, will meet in March.

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes to the January 15, 2026 Council Meeting. Melissa Taphorn moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of January 15, 2026. Dick Rank seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026 Church Council meeting.

Finance Report: Dick Rank provided an overview of the January financials. +\$14K year to date. Will be sharing revenue, expenses and where we're at in New for the Flock and a few Friday eNewsletters. First draft of budget for next fiscal year in April. Bill Wilken moved to approve the January finance reports. Robin Robinson seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the January finance reports.

Vision Time: Council members and Pastors shared out exercise on engaging with folks at church they have not met yet. Will keep up with this exercise. Pastor Corey asked Council members to review "reporting back" section of notes from retreat and identify a theme or focus for next meeting.

New Business: 11AM service meeting, 30ish people in attendance. Staff Retreat is coming up at Easter Lutheran (March 19th, 8:30 AM – 2 PM), focusing on 4 pillars: worship, learn, care and connect. Council is invited to attend. Invitation to attend mid-week Lenten worships. Synod Conference Assembly – 10 candidates, bios and photos will be on Synod website. April 12th at 2PM at Roseville Lutheran Church – meet & greet of Bishop candidates.

Adjourn: Council meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

Next Council Meeting:

March 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

April 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

May 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

June 14, 2026 at noon, Congregational Meeting

June 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

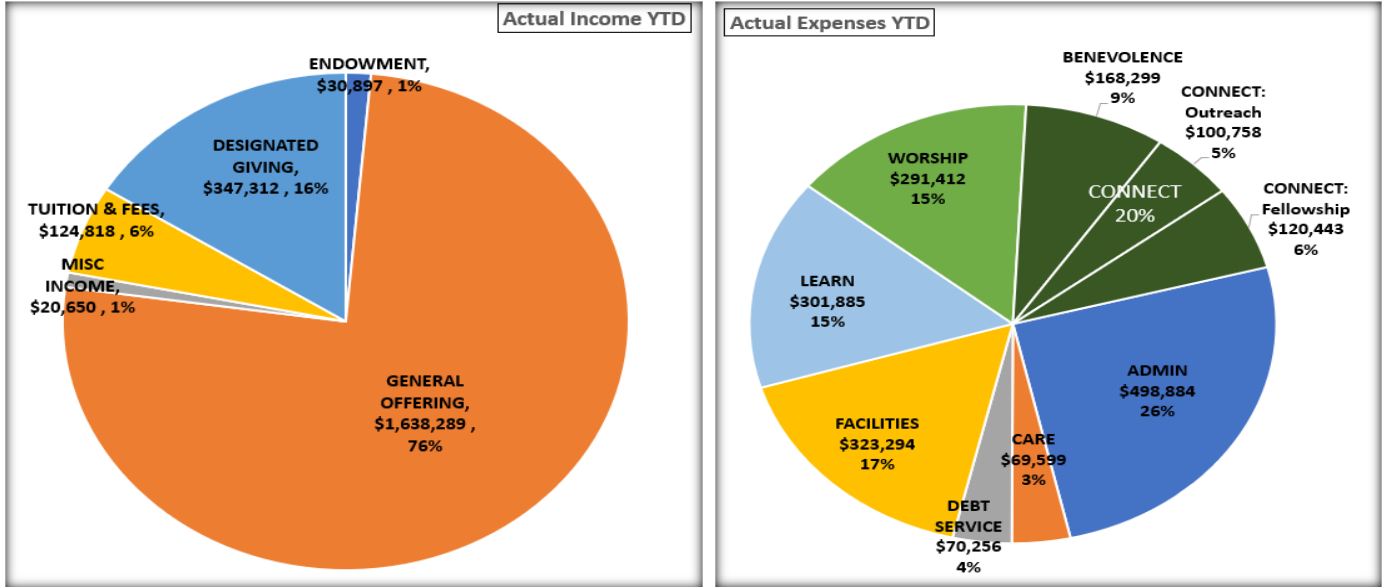
July 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Financial Summary for Church Council
For the 7 months ending February 28, 2026

<u>This Month</u>					<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>				
Actual	Prior Year	Variance	Budget	Variance		Actual	Prior Year	Variance	Budget	Variance
\$245,703	\$178,891	\$66,812	\$201,416	\$44,287	Income (includes Misc Inc)	\$1,658,940	\$1,587,910	\$71,030	\$1,785,590	(\$126,650)
\$18,326	\$17,472	\$855	\$18,215	\$111	Tuition/Fees	\$124,818	\$122,667	\$2,151	\$130,665	(\$5,848)
\$236,881	\$221,565	(\$15,316)	\$240,848	\$3,967	Expenses	\$1,742,532	\$1,643,492	(\$99,040)	\$1,806,125	\$63,593
\$27,148	(\$25,203)	\$52,351	(\$21,217)	\$48,365	Net	\$41,225	\$67,085	(\$25,860)	\$110,130	(\$68,905)

Income & Expenses (all funds) - actual YTD



Key Metrics

Total Fund Balances	Close of 7/31/2025	Close of 2/28/2026	YTD Increase (Decrease)	Minimum Balance	Above/(Below) Minimum
Designated	\$159,757	\$305,570	\$145,813	N/A	
Endowment	\$325,358	\$355,455	\$30,097	N/A	
General	\$690,569	\$723,481	\$32,912	\$472,000	\$251,481
TOTAL	\$1,175,684	\$1,384,506	\$208,822	\$472,000	\$251,481
Months of Cash (general fund)		2.87			
Key Assets & Liabilities	Balance on 7/31/2025	Balance end of Prior Month	Current Balance 2/28/2026	Monthly Incr/(Decr)	YTD Incr/(Decr)
Cash (incl. Endowment)	\$1,175,684	\$1,329,747	\$1,384,506	\$54,758	\$208,822
Investments (Vanguard)	\$325,358	\$354,971	\$355,455	\$484	\$30,097
Current Liabilities	\$23,229	\$14,654	\$14,916	\$261	(\$8,313)
Mortgage Balance	\$536,716	\$492,475	\$485,232	(\$7,243)	(\$51,485)
-Mortgage to be paid off fall of 2030-					
Current Liabilities Detail					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FSA/VLI/Vis/Cob/PFML	\$9	\$496	\$1,072	\$576	
Prepaid Income	\$23,220	\$14,159	\$13,844	(\$315)	
TOTAL	\$23,229	\$14,654	\$14,916		