

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
Date: 7/16/2026
On-Site Community Room

Attendees:

Paul Moyer, President
Merilu Narum, Vice President
Dick Rank, Treasurer
Carleen Melin, Secretary
Melissa Taphorn (not present)
Jennifer Davidson*
Pastor Peter Harrits*
Pastor Lindsey Bina* (not present)
*denotes non-voting member

Pastor Corey Fuhrman
Robin Robinson
Brendan Henry (not present)
Bill Wilken
Anne Hemmerlin
Kelsey Young*
Pastor Julie Wright* (not present)
Deacon Mark Ertl*

Centered in the love of God in Jesus;

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

Vision and Leadership Teams Reports:

Kelsey Young shared VBS had 157 campers in week one and 107 registered for week two. Registration for Joyful Discipleship is full and registration for middle school mini-camp is up. Hearing wonderful things from leaders, kids and parents from VBS week one.

Jennifer Davidson shared Properties will likely have nominations in August. Working on looking into upgrading outdoor worship space. HR doesn't meet in the summer. Hired tech assistant which makes 4, would love to get to 6.

Pastor Corey shared Lisa Marie is working on collateral for Stewardship. September 13 will be the kickoff for the campaign (St. Paul Area Synod installation day), will focus on celebrating what's been accomplished. "Temple talks" following 3 Sundays. October 11 will be commitment Sunday. Team is working on retro SOTV merch. November 8 will be 45th anniversary celebration. Bishop installation is at 3:30 PM, will be live streamed on YouTube.

Anne Hemmerlin shared the Equity team is on break for summer.

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes to the June 18, 2026 Council meeting. Dick Rank moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of June 18, 2026. Bill Wilken seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 8-0, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026 Church Council meeting.

Finance Report: Dick Rank provided an overview of the June financials. ~\$8K better than planned. - ~\$40K year to date from planned. Firewall expense sooner than planned for in fall. Projecting ending

year -\$157K. Merilu Narum moved to approve the June finance reports. Anne Hemmerlin seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 8-0, to approve the June finance reports.

Council reviewed the FY 2026-2027 budget. Keeping offering flat. Pastor Corey discussed the general fund balance and future needs fund. Projecting \$350K general fund balance at end of fiscal year. Will move money to newly created future needs fund. For non-designated estate gifts, will be split amount by thirds to immediate needs (General Fund), future needs fund and Endowment.

Anne Hemmerlin moved to approve non-designated estate gifts being split by thirds as outlined above. Bill Wilken seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously, 8-0, to approve non-designated estate gifts being split by thirds as outlined above.

Dick Rank moved to approve goal of General Fund Balance of \$350K. Merilu Narum seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously, 8-0, to approve goal of General Fund balance of \$350K.

Robin Robinson moved to approve the FY 2026-2027 budget. Anne Hemmerlin seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 8-0, to approve the FY 2026-2027 budget.

Jennifer Davidson presented a Housing Allowance Resolution for an adjustment to the 2026 designation for Pastor Julie Wright. Dick Rank moved to approve the housing allowance designation adjustment for the remainder of the calendar year. Carleen Melin seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 8-0, to approve the housing allowance designation adjustment for Pastor Julie Wright.

Vision Time: Pastor Corey facilitated a session on leadership structure of leadership teams vs. committees vs. task forces.

New Business: Prayers for Wilderness Canoe Base, being evacuated for fires in Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Thanks were shared to Paul Moyer for serving as Council President.

Adjourn: Council meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

Next Council Meeting:

August 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM, in-person, Community Room (Council & Leadership Teams kick off at 6PM)

September 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

September 20, 2026 at noon, Congregational Meeting

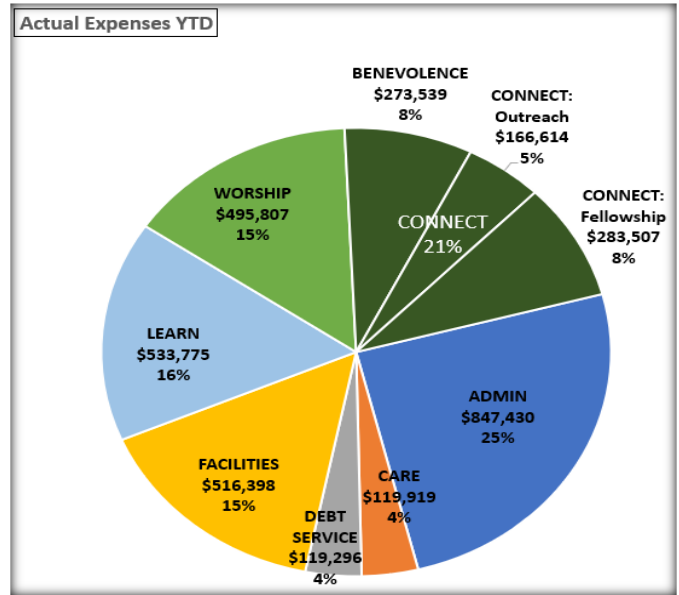
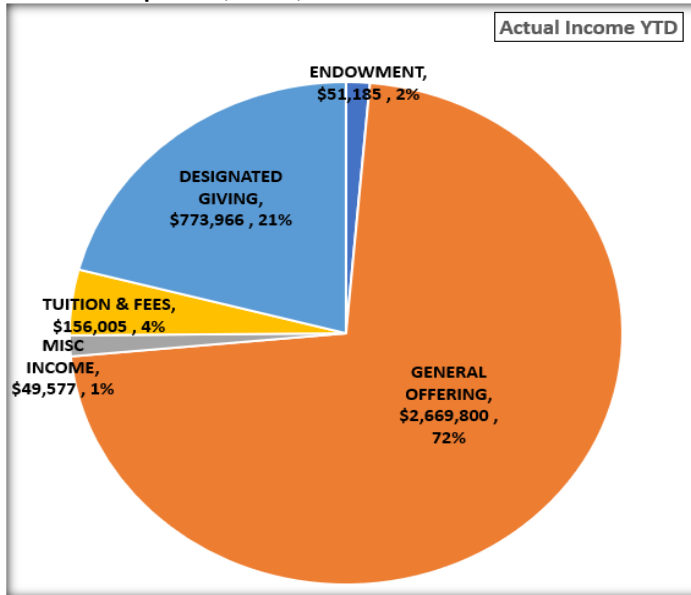
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Financial Summary for Church Council

For the 12 months ending July 31, 2026

This Month					General Fund					Year to Date				
Actual	Prior Year	Variance	Budget	Variance		Actual	Prior Year	Variance	Budget	Variance		Actual	Prior Year	Variance
\$214,141	\$179,538	\$34,603	\$153,841	\$60,300	Income (includes Misc Inc)	\$2,719,377	\$2,636,498	\$82,879	\$2,810,600	(\$91,223)		\$2,719,377	\$2,636,498	\$82,879
\$1,885	\$1,800	\$85	\$1,000	\$885	Tuition/Fees	\$156,005	\$156,494	(\$490)	\$163,995	(\$7,991)		\$156,005	\$156,494	(\$490)
\$244,983	\$252,412	\$7,429	\$205,100	(\$39,883)	Expenses	\$2,948,320	\$2,876,702	(\$71,618)	\$3,028,198	\$79,878		\$2,948,320	\$2,876,702	(\$71,618)
(\$28,957)	(\$71,074)	\$42,117	(\$50,259)	\$21,302	Net	(\$72,938)	(\$83,709)	\$10,771	(\$53,603)	(\$19,335)		(\$72,938)	(\$83,709)	\$10,771

Income & Expenses (all funds) - actual YTD



Key Metrics

Total Fund Balances	Close of 7/31/2025	Close of 7/31/2026	YTD Increase (Decrease)	Minimum Balance	Above/(Below) Minimum
Designated	\$159,757	\$529,306	\$369,550	N/A	
Endowment	\$325,358	\$372,993	\$47,635	N/A	
General	\$690,569	\$404,445	(\$286,124)	\$350,000	\$54,445
TOTAL	\$1,175,684	\$1,306,744	\$131,061	\$350,000	\$54,445
Future Needs Fund created 7.31.2026					
Key Assets & Liabilities	Balance on 7/31/2025	Balance end of Prior Month	Current Balance 7/31/2026	Monthly Incr/(Decr)	YTD Incr/(Decr)
Cash (incl. Endowment)	\$1,175,684	\$1,345,792	\$1,306,744	(\$39,047)	\$131,061
Investments (Vanguard)	\$325,358	\$374,054	\$372,993	(\$1,061)	\$47,635
Current Liabilities	\$23,229	\$16,664	\$26,064	\$9,400	\$2,835
Mortgage Balance	\$536,716	\$455,880	\$448,447	(\$7,434)	(\$88,269)
-Mortgage to be paid off fall of 2030-					
Current Liabilities Detail					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FSA/VLI/Vis/Cob/PFML	\$9	\$1,910	\$365	(\$1,545)	
Prepaid Income	\$23,220	\$14,754	\$25,699	\$10,945	
TOTAL	\$23,229	\$16,664	\$26,064		