

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124**  
**Minutes of Church Council Meeting**  
**Date: 3/19/2026**  
**On-Site Community Room**

**Attendees:**

Paul Moyer, President (virtual)	Pastor Corey Fuhrman
Merilu Narum, Vice President	Robin Robinson
Dick Rank, Treasurer	Brendan Henry
Carleen Melin, Secretary	Bill Wilken
Melissa Taphorn	Anne Hemmerlin
Jennifer Davidson* (not present)	Kelsey Young*
Pastor Peter Harrits*	Pastor Julie Wright*
Mark Ertl*	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 6:32 PM. Brendan Henry shared an opening devotion and prayer.

**Vision and Leadership Teams Reports:** Equity shared Lifeworks will host 2 concerts per year at SOTV at a discounted rate. The group is picking back up with conversation related to building access for the aging congregation and an accessibility audit. Stewardship is focused on education, teaching and focusing on planned giving. Group met with endowment team. Storytelling was first cohort topic. CYF is in a 1-year cohort with partner churches for neurodivergence, focusing on creating sustainability across the church. Calendar and budget work for FY26/27. Family style Good Friday worship upcoming. Lenten mentoring is going well. 9<sup>th</sup> grade spring project will be starting, mural in nursery. Benevolence gave \$6K from homelessness fund and \$5K for hunger relief. Carolyn Sampson is new chair. HR met in March, focusing on budgeting. Council reviewed Conflict of Interest draft. It was recommended title be inserted in #1 and #3, it be signed annually and individually.

**Nominations:** Melissa Taphorn presented Neil MacNaughton for Benevolence. Carleen Melin moved to approve Neil MacNaughton for Benevolence. Bill Wilken seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve Neil's application.

**Secretary's Report:** The council reviewed the minutes to the February 19, 2026 Council Meeting. Dick Rank moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of February 19, 2026. Anne Hemmerlin seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026 Church Council meeting.

**Finance Report:** Dick Rank provided an overview of the February financials. +\$27K from budget. Projecting -\$167K at year end. Did lose a Sunday in March due to snow. Melissa Taphorn moved to approve the February finance reports. Bill Wilken seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the February finance reports.

**Vision Time:** Staff/council retreat was recapped. Council members and Pastors looked for alignment between council retreat and staff/council retreat. Belonging, welcome home, what makes SOTV different, meaningful connections and milestones stuck out. What experiment to try next? Not calling new member class by that name. Next time: value and reflections of rostered staff having attended Council meetings.

**New Business:** Saint Paul Area Synod 2026 Assembly in May: electing a new bishop.

**Adjourn:** Council meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

**Next Council Meeting:**

**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**

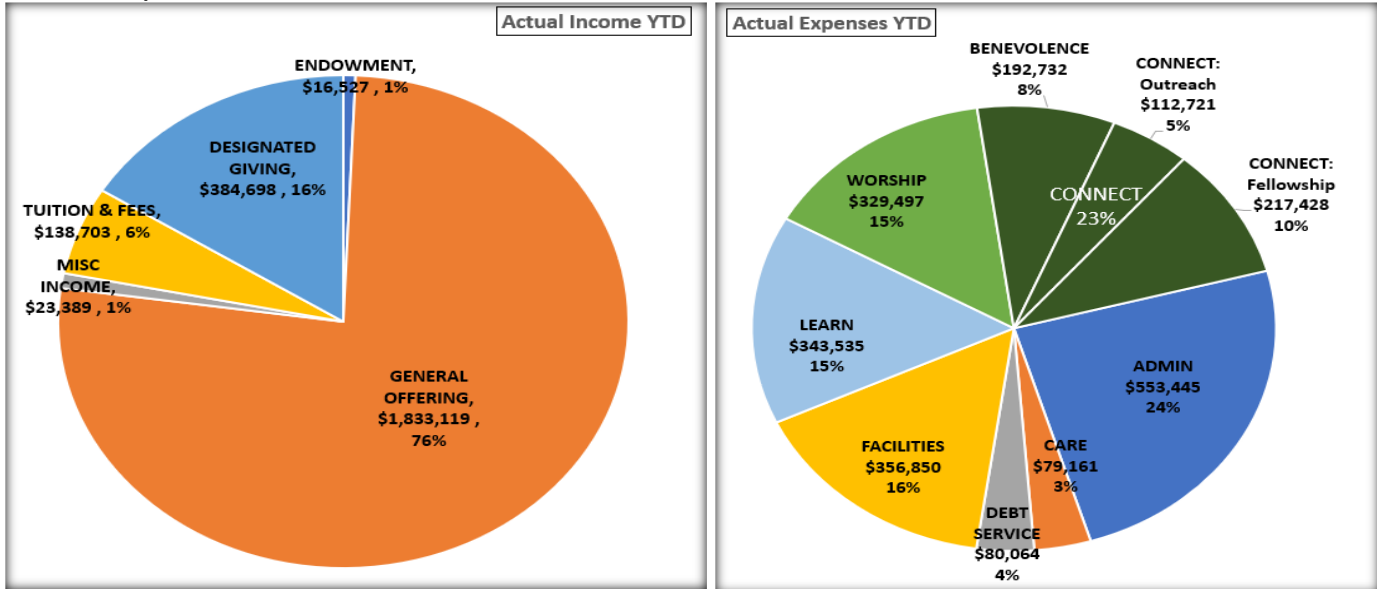
**July 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room**

# Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Financial Summary for Church Council  
For the 8 months ending March 31, 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		Actual	Prior Year	Variance	Budget	Variance	
\$197,568	\$192,050	\$5,518	\$236,966	(\$39,398)	<b>Income (includes Misc Inc)</b>	\$1,856,508	\$1,779,960	\$76,548	\$2,022,556	(\$166,048)		\$1,856,508	\$1,779,960	\$76,548	\$2,022,556	(\$166,048)	
\$13,885	\$14,780	(\$895)	\$14,865	(\$980)			\$138,703	\$137,447	\$1,256	\$145,530	(\$6,828)		\$138,703	\$137,447	\$1,256	\$145,530	(\$6,828)
\$216,794	\$208,604	(\$8,190)	\$241,796	\$25,002			\$1,959,326	\$1,852,096	(\$107,230)	\$2,047,921	\$88,595		\$1,959,326	\$1,852,096	(\$107,230)	\$2,047,921	\$88,595
(\$5,340)	(\$1,774)	(\$3,566)	\$10,036	(\$15,376)			\$35,885	\$65,311	(\$29,426)	\$120,166	(\$84,281)		\$35,885	\$65,311	(\$29,426)	\$120,166	(\$84,281)

## Income & Expenses (all funds) - actual YTD



## Key Metrics

Total Fund Balances	Close of 7/31/2025	Close of 3/31/2026	YTD Increase (Decrease)	Minimum Balance	Above/(Below) Minimum
Designated	\$159,757	\$239,146	\$79,389	N/A	
Endowment	\$325,358	\$341,086	\$15,727	N/A	
General	\$690,569	\$718,270	\$27,701	\$472,000	\$246,270
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,175,684</b>	<b>\$1,298,501</b>	<b>\$122,817</b>	<b>\$472,000</b>	<b>\$246,270</b>
Months of Cash (general fund)		2.85			

Key Assets & Liabilities	Current				
	Balance on 7/31/2025	Balance end of Prior Month	Balance 3/31/2026	Monthly Incr/(Decr)	YTD Incr/(Decr)
Cash (incl. Endowment)	\$1,175,684	\$1,384,506	\$1,298,501	(\$86,005)	\$122,817
Investments (Vanguard)	\$325,358	\$355,455	\$341,086	(\$14,369)	\$15,727
Current Liabilities	\$23,229	\$14,916	\$15,045	\$129	(\$8,184)
Mortgage Balance	\$536,716	\$485,232	\$477,951	(\$7,281)	(\$58,765)
-Mortgage to be paid off fall of 2030-					
<b>Current Liabilities Detail</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FSA/VLI/Vis/Cob/PFML	\$9	\$1,072	\$1,201	\$129	
Prepaid Income	\$23,220	\$13,844	\$13,844	\$0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,229</b>	<b>\$14,916</b>	<b>\$15,045</b>		