

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
Date: 5/21/2026
On-Site Community Room

Attendees:

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

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

Centered in the love of God in Jesus;

Call to Order: President Paul Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Anne Hemmerlin shared an opening devotion and prayer.

Vision and Leadership Teams Reports:

Melissa Taphorn and Pastor Lindsey shared Nominations did not meet, nothing to report.

Bill Wilken shared Stewardship reviewed what has been sent out and the effectiveness. Pastor Corey shared the group also reviewed what has been accomplished with the four initial initiatives of SAS. Celebrating successes of what has been accomplished. Moving forward, generosity will...

- Fully fund our current level of ministry excellence.
- Intentionally reach out, invite and serve.
- Refresh and invest in our building resources.

Kelsey Young shared SharePoint migration will be moving forward. Looking to get Council access to collaboratively share documents. CYF is planning with Adult Ministries for the coming year. Looking to vet local organizations to see if it's a good connection or fit for what SOTV has to offer. Synod assembly went well. Resolution that was passed, wrestling with how does this conversation move forward in this space. Need to assemble an implementation team for grant received, focus is strengthen faith formation across generations with focus on neurodivergence and disability needs.

Pastor Corey shared a communications trial/experiment which was taken to Endowment to help fund about \$500 per month.

Anne Hemmerlin shared updates from Equity. Some movement in accessibility audit with work of Properties Committee. Some members interested in exploring next steps with the two teams.

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes to the April 16, 2026 Council Meeting. Dick Rank moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of April 16, 2026. Anne Hemmerlin seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 9-0, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026 Church Council meeting.

Finance Report: Dick Rank provided an overview of the April financials. Ended the month -\$29K, year to date -\$32K. Forecasting -\$211K end of year. Budget meeting a week from today to work on next fiscal year's budget. Melissa Taphorn moved to approve the April finance reports. Bill Wilken seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 9-0, to approve the April finance reports.

Vision Time: Pastor Corey facilitated a session on What is membership and what are the benefits? Chapter 8 in ECLA constitution was reviewed. Letter from Council for newly confirmed members?

New Business: Pastor Corey shared the food shelf would like to move into library space. Is there any other use for the space? Propose moving food drop off/bags in between Music Room and the Great Hall. Installation of new bishop will take place at SOTV on September 13, 2026 (special service, not during typical worship service). Move SOTV congregational meeting to September 20, 2026 (instead of September 13).

Adjourn: Council meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

Next Council Meeting:

June 14, 2026 at 12:30 pm, Congregational Meeting (potluck at noon)

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

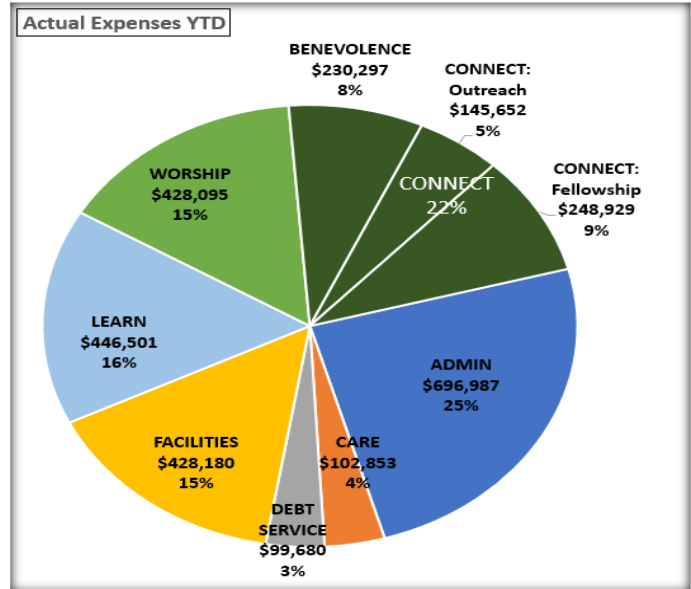
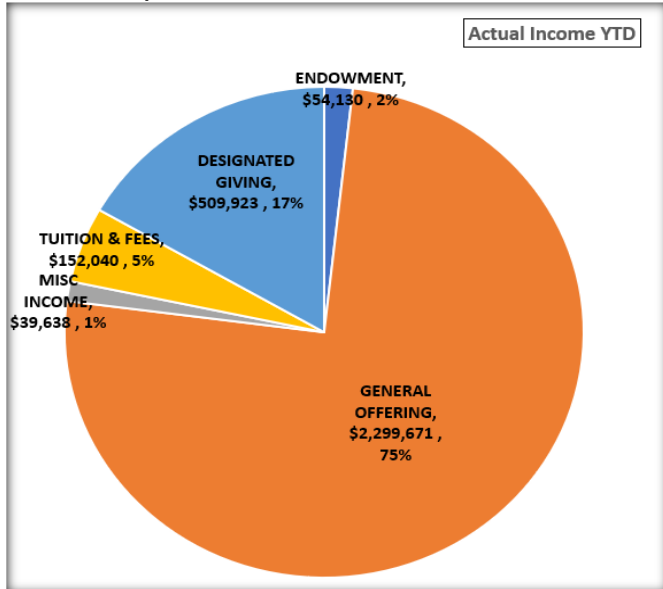
July 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Financial Summary for Church Council
For the 10 months ending May 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
\$258,092	\$185,279	\$72,813	\$211,416	\$46,676	Income (includes Misc Inc) Tuition/Fees Expenses Net	\$2,339,309	\$2,243,910	\$95,399	\$2,500,893	(\$161,584)		\$2,339,309	\$2,243,910	\$95,399
\$1,134	\$2,594	(\$1,460)	\$1,250	(\$116)		\$152,040	\$152,774	(\$735)	\$161,995	(\$9,956)		\$152,040	\$152,774	(\$735)
\$210,841	\$213,690	\$2,849	\$228,909	\$18,068		\$2,475,421	\$2,420,512	(\$54,909)	\$2,598,175	\$122,754		\$2,475,421	\$2,420,512	(\$54,909)
\$48,385	(\$25,818)	\$74,203	(\$16,243)	\$64,628		\$15,927	(\$23,828)	\$39,755	\$64,714	(\$48,786)		\$15,927	(\$23,828)	\$39,755

Income & Expenses (all funds) - actual YTD



Key Metrics

Total Fund Balances	Close of 7/31/2025	Close of 5/31/2026	YTD Increase (Decrease)	Minimum Balance	Above/(Below) Minimum
Designated	\$159,757	\$321,476	\$161,720	N/A	
Endowment	\$325,358	\$375,938	\$50,580	N/A	
General	\$690,569	\$699,421	\$8,852	\$472,000	\$227,421
TOTAL	\$1,175,684	\$1,396,835	\$221,151	\$472,000	\$227,421
Months of Cash (general fund)		2.77			
Current					
Key Assets & Liabilities	Balance on 7/31/2025	Balance end of Prior Month	Balance 5/31/2026	Monthly Incr/(Decr)	YTD Incr/(Decr)
Cash (incl. Endowment)	\$1,175,684	\$1,346,690	\$1,396,835	\$50,145	\$221,151
Investments (Vanguard)	\$325,358	\$365,202	\$375,938	\$10,736	\$50,580
Current Liabilities	\$23,229	\$15,729	\$16,153	\$425	(\$7,076)
Mortgage Balance	\$536,716	\$470,632	\$463,275	(\$7,357)	(\$73,441)
-Mortgage to be paid off fall of 2030-					
Current Liabilities Detail					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FSA/VLI/Vis/Cob/PFML	\$9	\$915	\$1,429	\$514	
Prepaid Income	\$23,220	\$14,814	\$14,724	(\$90)	
TOTAL	\$23,229	\$15,729	\$16,153		