

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124**  
**Minutes of Church Council Meeting**  
**Date: 1/15/2026**  
**On-Site Community Room**

**Attendees:**

Paul Moyer, President

Merilu Narum, Vice President

Dick Rank, Treasurer

Carleen Melin, Secretary

Melissa Taphorn

Jennifer Davidson\*

Pastor Peter Harrits\*

Pastor Corey Fuhrman

Robin Robinson (absent)

Brendan Henry

Bill Wilken

Anne Hemmerlin

Kelsey Young\*

\*denotes non-voting member

Centered in the love of God in Jesus;

**Call to Order:** President Paul Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Merilu Narum shared an opening devotion and prayer.

**Vision and Leadership Teams Reports:** No updates from Nominations as reported by Melissa Taphorn. Looking to add to HR Leadership Team. Looking forward for church council positions that will need to be filled ahead of Congregational meeting (Vice President being one position). Jennifer Davidson shared HR is working on updates and 2026 priorities. SharePoint migration is moving forward in February. Properties meets February 10<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead to spring clean up, garden, Columbarium, safety and security. Stewardship is participating in cohort of planned giving training. Related to safety and security, Know Your Rights information was reviewed and SOTV's next steps with sharing the information with staff/building visitors including a who to call contact sheet. Kelsey Young shared CYF is working on Lenten mentoring, summer camp kickoff and a grant for neurodivergent work. Brendan Henry is becoming WAPO delegate for SOTV. Pastor Peter Harrits shared Equity is working on disability awareness and offering support to other groups as it relates to inclusion.

**Secretary's Report:** The council reviewed the minutes to the December 18, 2025 Council Meeting. Melissa Taphorn moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of December 18, 2025. Dick Rank seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 9-0, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025 Church Council meeting.

**Finance Report:** Dick Rank provided an overview of the December financials. +\$175K for the month, +\$25K better than December budget. Still -\$9500 year to date. Bill Wilken moved to approve the December finance reports. Brendan Henry seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 9-0, to approve the December finance reports.

**Constitution:** Pastor Corey Fuhrman shared an update on SOTV Constitution updates and approvals. Will go to vote at June Congregational meeting, ratify at September Congregational meeting.

**Vision Time:** Pastor Corey Fuhrman reviewed plan for Council retreat on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Looking for any new HR leads to fill roles on the Leadership committee. Jennifer Davidson is happy to meet with prospective committee members to share information. Need about 3 people to join Council plus a VP candidate. Council needs to approve candidates in May. Conference assemblies are coming up.

**Adjourn:** Dick Rank moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Wilken seconded the motion. Council meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

**Next Council Meeting:**

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

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

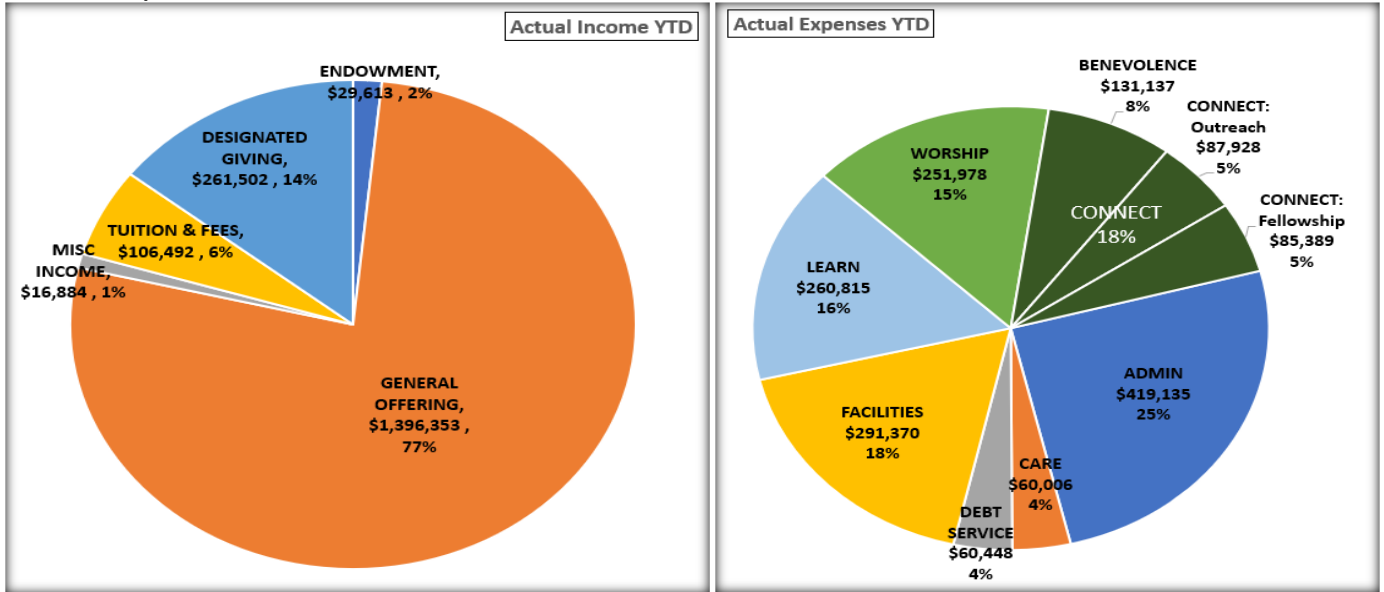
**June 14, 2026 at noon, Congregational Meeting**

# Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Financial Summary for Church Council  
For the 6 months ending January 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	Budget	Variance
\$253,203	\$254,436	(\$1,233)	\$275,591	(\$22,388)	Income (includes Misc Inc)	\$1,413,237	\$1,409,019	\$4,218	\$1,584,174	(\$170,937)					
\$13,678	\$15,315	(\$1,637)	\$14,215	(\$537)	Tuition/Fees	\$106,492	\$105,196	\$1,296	\$112,450	(\$5,959)					
\$243,292	\$218,431	(\$24,862)	\$259,071	\$15,779	Expenses	\$1,505,651	\$1,421,927	(\$83,724)	\$1,565,277	\$59,626					
\$23,588	\$51,321	(\$27,732)	\$30,735	(\$7,147)	Net	\$14,077	\$92,288	(\$78,210)	\$131,347	(\$117,270)					

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



## Key Metrics

Total Fund Balances	Close of 7/31/2025	Close of 1/31/2026	YTD Increase (Decrease)	Minimum Balance	Above/(Below) Minimum
Designated	\$159,757	\$278,704	\$118,948	N/A	
Endowment	\$325,358	\$354,971	\$29,613	N/A	
General	\$690,569	\$696,072	\$5,503	\$472,000	\$224,072
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,175,684</b>	<b>\$1,329,747</b>	<b>\$154,063</b>	<b>\$472,000</b>	<b>\$224,072</b>
Months of Cash (general fund)		2.76			
Key Assets & Liabilities	Balance on 7/31/2025	Balance end of Prior Month	Current Balance 1/31/2026	Monthly Incr/(Decr)	YTD Incr/(Decr)
Cash (incl. Endowment)	\$1,175,684	\$1,252,535	\$1,329,747	\$77,212	\$154,063
Investments (Vanguard)	\$325,358	\$349,658	\$354,971	\$5,313	\$29,613
Current Liabilities	\$23,229	(\$473)	\$14,654	\$15,127	(\$8,574)
Mortgage Balance	\$536,716	\$499,680	\$492,475	(\$7,205)	(\$44,242)
-Mortgage to be paid off fall of 2030-					
Current Liabilities Detail					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FSA/VLI/Vis/Cob/PFML	\$9	(\$473)	\$496	\$969	
Prepaid Income	\$23,220	\$0	\$14,159	\$14,159	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,229</b>	<b>(\$473)</b>	<b>\$14,654</b>		