

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
Date: 6/18/2026
On-Site Community Room

Attendees:

Paul Moyer, President (via Zoom)
Merilu Narum, Vice President
Dick Rank, Treasurer
Carleen Melin, Secretary
Melissa Taphorn
Jennifer Davidson*
Pastor Peter Harrits*
Pastor Lindsey Bina*
*denotes non-voting member

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

Centered in the love of God in Jesus;

Call to Order: President Paul Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Carleen Melin shared an opening devotion and prayer.

Vision and Leadership Teams Reports:

Kelsey Young shared Milwaukee trip happened (9 participants). Down ~10% camp signups compared to last year. Doing more e-mail promos, friend/buddy recruitment. Will survey families at the end of the summer. VBS volunteers are steady. Looking to do some fundraising to replenish camp scholarship fund.

Anne Hemmerlin shared an update from the Equity team. Pondering how we're living into RIC commitment. Are we showing up how we are needed? 3 folks are meeting with facilities for audit in September.

Jennifer Davidson shared Properties is doing accessibility walk through. 3 from Properties will partner with 3 from Equity. Will partner with outside group for audit after modifications are made. HR has wrapped up budget conversations. President will be on Finance, VP will be on HR. Stewardship identified priorities. Lisa Marie is getting collateral ready. Marissa (CYF staff member) will be hosting stewardship education with staff in partnership with Pastor Corey.

Pastor Corey shared the staff is meeting weekly.

Melissa Taphorn presented Sandy Young for Finance. Carleen Melin moved to approve Sandy Young for Finance. Melissa Taphorn seconded the motion and the council voted, 10-0, to approve Sandy's application. Updating spreadsheet for handoff at the new fiscal year of terms, team membership lists, etc. All teams have minimums met. Will meet in July. Need to advertise and recruit for next fiscal year. Need council rep from nominations. Properties or nominations need council representation.

Paul Moyer thanked Melissa Taphorn for her service on the SOTV Council.

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes to the May 21, 2026 Council meeting. Dick Rank moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of May 21, 2026. Anne Hemmerlin seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2026 Church Council meeting. The council reviewed the minutes to the June 14, 2026 Congregational meeting. Melissa Taphorn moved to approve the secretary's report of the Congregational meeting of June 14, 2026. Merilu Narum seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2026 Congregational meeting.

Finance Report: Dick Rank provided an overview of the May financials. +\$77K ahead of projected. YTD +\$16K. \$74K better than prior year. 109 QCDs (88 last year). Reminders have been shared for folks to sign up for online, recurrent giving. Positive feedback from the information shared at congregational meeting – what your giving has done. Melissa Taphorn moved to approve the May finance reports. Bill Wilken seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the May finance reports.

Vision Time: Pastor Corey facilitated a session on What does membership mean to you? What is the value we put on membership?

New Business: Staff retreat follow up: joyful giving mission from pillars and mission statement. Look at team and committee structure in the future.

Adjourn: Melissa Taphorn moved to adjourn the meeting, Anne Hemmerlin seconded the motion. Council meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

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

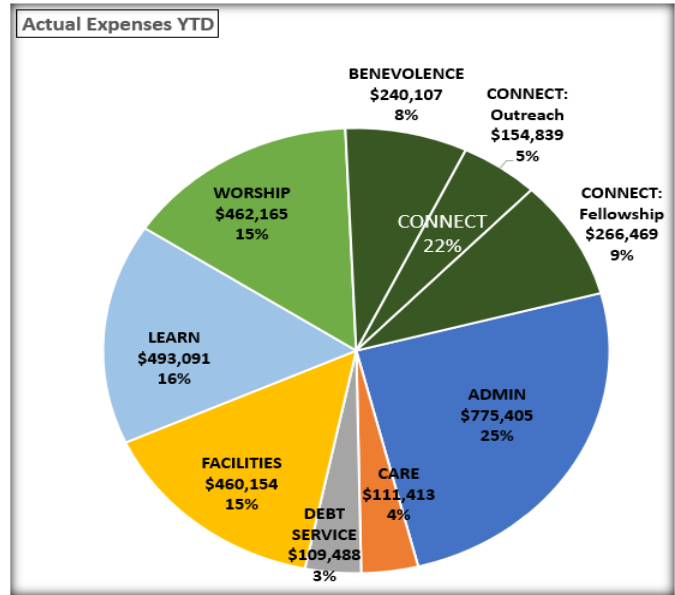
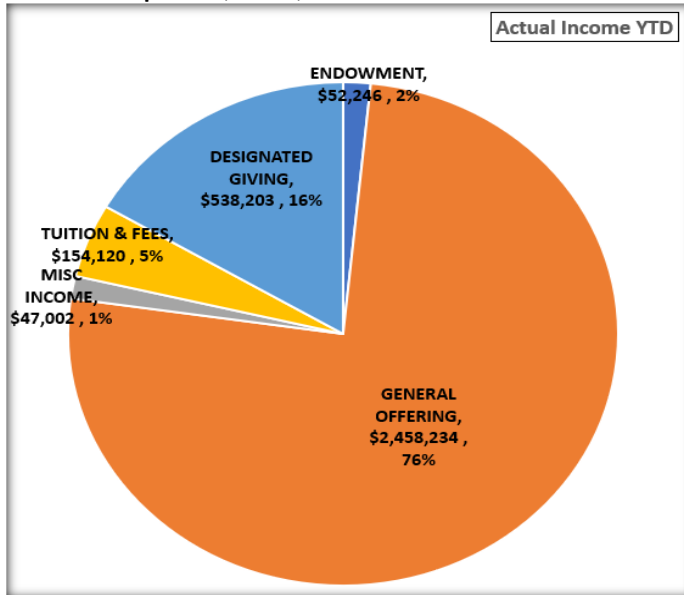
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Financial Summary for Church Council

For the 11 months ending June 30, 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
\$165,927	\$213,050	(\$47,123)	\$155,866	\$10,061	Income (includes Misc Inc) Tuition/Fees Expenses Net	\$2,505,236	\$2,456,960	\$48,276	\$2,656,759	(\$151,523)		\$2,505,236	\$2,456,960	\$48,276
\$2,080	\$1,920	\$160	\$1,000	\$1,080		\$154,120	\$154,694	(\$575)	\$162,995	(\$8,876)		\$154,120	\$154,694	(\$575)
\$227,916	\$203,778	(\$24,138)	\$224,924	(\$2,992)		\$2,703,337	\$2,624,289	(\$79,047)	\$2,823,098	\$119,761		\$2,703,337	\$2,624,289	(\$79,047)
(\$59,909)	\$11,193	(\$71,101)	(\$68,058)	\$8,149		(\$43,981)	(\$12,635)	(\$31,346)	(\$3,344)	(\$40,637)		(\$43,981)	(\$12,635)	(\$31,346)

Income & Expenses (all funds) - actual YTD



Key Metrics

Total Fund Balances	Close of 7/31/2025	Close of 6/30/2026	YTD Increase (Decrease)	Minimum Balance	Above/(Below) Minimum
Designated	\$159,757	\$331,715	\$171,958	N/A	
Endowment	\$325,358	\$374,054	\$48,696	N/A	
General	\$690,569	\$640,023	(\$50,546)	\$472,000	\$168,023
TOTAL	\$1,175,684	\$1,345,792	\$170,108	\$472,000	\$168,023
Current					
Key Assets & Liabilities	Balance on 7/31/2025	Balance end of Prior Month	Balance 6/30/2026	Monthly Incr/(Decr)	YTD Incr/(Decr)
Cash (incl. Endowment)	\$1,175,684	\$1,396,835	\$1,345,792	(\$51,043)	\$170,108
Investments (Vanguard)	\$325,358	\$375,938	\$374,054	(\$1,884)	\$48,696
Current Liabilities	\$23,229	\$16,153	\$16,664	\$511	(\$6,564)
Mortgage Balance	\$536,716	\$463,275	\$455,880	(\$7,395)	(\$80,836)
-Mortgage to be paid off fall of 2030-					
Current Liabilities Detail					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FSA/VLI/Vis/Cob/PFML	\$9	\$1,429	\$1,910	\$481	
Prepaid Income	\$23,220	\$14,724	\$14,754	\$30	
TOTAL	\$23,229	\$16,153	\$16,664		