

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124**  
**Minutes of Church Council Meeting**  
**Date: 8/15/2024**  
**On-Site Community Room**

**Attendees:**

Paul Moyer, President	Pastor Rob Carlson (absent)
Merilu Narum, Vice President	Rachel Wermerskirchen
Dick Rank, Treasurer	Robin Robinson
Carleen Melin, Secretary*	Shirl Alojado
Amber Kocemba	Melissa Taphorn
Melissa Tapper	Jennifer Davidson* (absent)
Kelsey Young*	Alyssa Isaacs* (absent)
Pastor Peter Harrits*	*denotes non-voting member

Centered in the love of God in Jesus;

**Call to Order:** President Paul Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Pastor Peter Harrits walked the Council through a contemplative prayer practice session.

**Guided Discussion:** Pastor Peter Harrits walked the Council through a guided discussion around what are our “mountains” in our paths. \*\*Homework for next time: mountain range activity

**Vision and Leadership Teams Reports:** Updates were shared with council prior to meeting. Some feedback was shared regarding the outdoor worship that took place.

**Secretary’s Report:** The council reviewed the minutes to the July 18, 2024 Council Meeting. Melissa Taphorn moved to approve the secretary’s report of the Church Council meeting of July 18, 2024. Shirl Alojado seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 9-0, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 Church Council meeting.

**Finance Report:** Dick Rank shared the year ended unfavorably, loss of about \$89K. There were quite a few expenses that were incurred that were one-time expenses. Merilu Narum moved to approve the June and July finance reports. Amber Kocemba seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously, 8-0\*, to approve the June and July finance reports. \*A councilmember left before adjournment.

**Call Process Update:** Paul Moyer shared an update on the call process. Nominations from the congregation will be welcomed for a couple of weeks. Mock interviews will take place.

**Nominations:** Melissa Taphorn shared there are no nominations updates this month.

**New Business:** Council is invited to attend new member class August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Council is invited to attend, wear nametag, mingle and meet folks at the food truck & live music event is August 21<sup>st</sup>. Reminder to RSVP for leadership teams & council appreciation dinner is August 26<sup>th</sup>. Council is invited to help greet and direct at Rally Days. Kelsey will reserve half the slots on September 15 for 8:30 and 9:45 services. Volunteer times are 15 mins before start time and 10 mins past start time.

**Adjourn:** Melissa Taphorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Robin Robinson seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously, 8-0, to approve the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

**Upcoming Meetings:**

August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in-person, Room 20/21

August 21, 2024 Food Truck & Live Music Event, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

September 15 and 18, 2024 Rally Days, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; 4:30 – 8:00 PM

September 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

September 22, 2024 at 12:00 PM, Congregational Meeting, in-person, Sanctuary

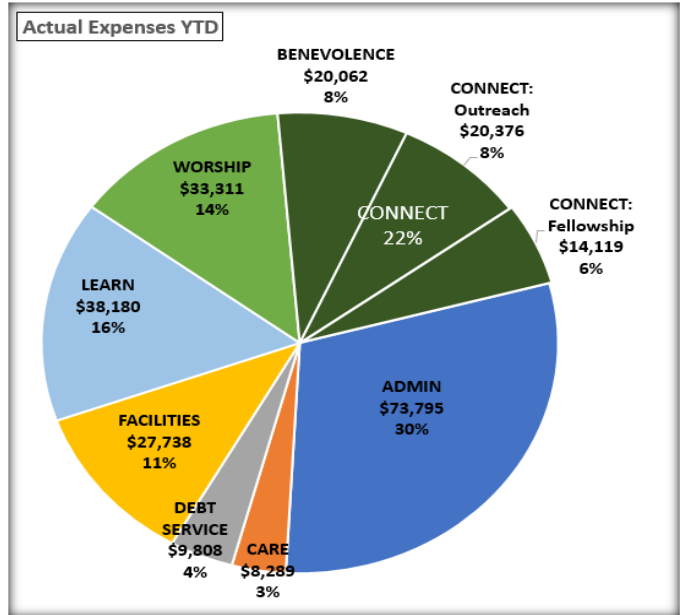
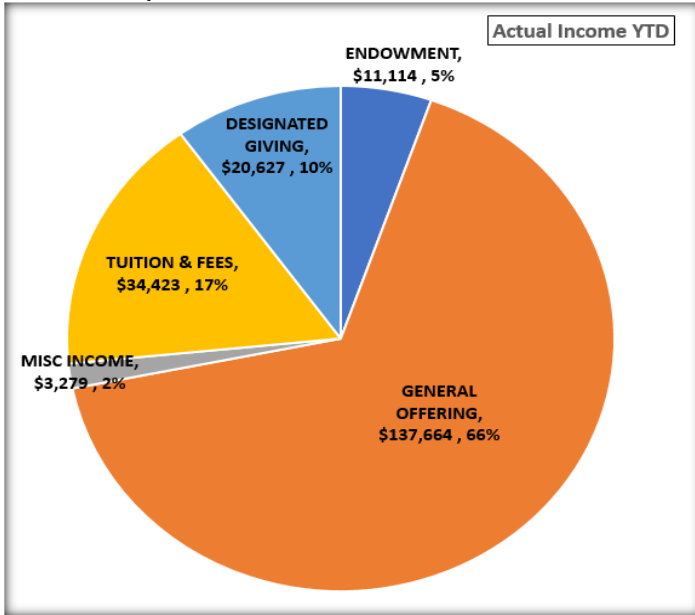
October 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

# Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Financial Summary for Church Council  
For the 1 month ending August 31, 2024

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
\$140,943	\$177,469	(\$36,526)	\$178,050	(\$37,107)	<b>Income</b>	\$140,943	\$177,469	(\$36,526)	\$178,050	(\$37,107)	\$140,943	\$177,469	(\$36,526)	\$178,050	(\$37,107)
\$34,423	\$34,650	(\$228)	\$34,710	(\$288)	<b>Tuition/Fees</b>	\$34,423	\$34,650	(\$228)	\$34,710	(\$288)	\$34,423	\$34,650	(\$228)	\$34,710	(\$288)
\$215,102	\$192,791	(\$22,311)	\$274,101	\$58,999	<b>Expenses</b>	\$215,102	\$192,791	(\$22,311)	\$274,101	\$58,999	\$215,102	\$192,791	(\$22,311)	\$274,101	\$58,999
(\$39,736)	\$19,329	(\$59,065)	(\$61,341)	\$21,605	<b>Net</b>	(\$39,736)	\$19,329	(\$59,065)	(\$61,341)	\$21,605	(\$39,736)	\$19,329	(\$59,065)	(\$61,341)	\$21,605

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



## Key Metrics

Total Fund Balances	Close of 7/31/2024	Close of 8/31/2024	YTD Increase (Decrease)	Minimum Balance	Above/(Below) Minimum
Designated	\$333,040	\$323,090	(\$9,950)	N/A	
Endowment	\$292,552	\$303,667	\$11,114	N/A	
General	\$759,147	\$710,547	(\$48,600)	\$472,000	\$238,547
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,384,740</b>	<b>\$1,337,304</b>	<b>(\$47,436)</b>	<b>\$472,000</b>	<b>\$238,547</b>
Months of Cash (general fund)		2.70			

Key Assets & Liabilities	Current				
	Balance on 7/31/2024	Balance end of Prior Month	Balance 8/31/2024	Monthly Incr/(Decr)	YTD Incr/(Decr)
Cash (incl. Endowment)	\$1,384,740	\$1,384,740	\$1,337,304	(\$47,436)	(\$47,436)
Investments (Vanguard)	\$292,552	\$292,552	\$303,667	\$11,114	\$11,114
Current Liabilities	\$8,098	\$8,098	(\$766)	(\$8,864)	(\$8,864)
Mortgage Balance	\$619,447	\$619,447	\$612,865	(\$6,582)	(\$6,582)
<b>Current Liabilities Detail</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
FSA/VLI/Vision/Cobra	(\$30)	(\$30)	(\$766)	(\$736)	
Prepaid Income	\$8,128	\$8,128	\$0	(\$8,128)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,098</b>	<b>\$8,098</b>	<b>(\$766)</b>		