



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Church for Growing People

Congregation Council
Shepherd of the Prairie
Monday May 18, 2026
6:00 PM

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Agenda

May 18, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Prayer** – Pastor Mark
3. **Devotions** – Pastor Mark
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 1. *Recommendation: To approve the Congregation Council minutes April 20, 2026, as presented.*
5. **Congregation Council and Ministry Team Reports**
 1. Finance and Treasurer Highlights – Kathy for Bob
 1. *Review and Receipt of the April 2026 Treasurer and Financial Reports.*
 2. Wellness Benefit Program Proposal - Jim Puls for Bob
 1. *Recommendation to Adopt the Full-Time Lay Staff Wellness Benefits Allowance Program Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, which the budget add was approved in September 2025 by council and approved by congregation at the January 2026 annual Meeting: WHEREAS, Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church (“SOTP”) seeks to attract, support, and retain qualified lay staff who contribute to the mission and ministry of the congregation; and WHEREAS, providing flexible and equitable financial support for employee benefit and wellness needs strengthens SOTP’s ability to hire and retain staff and WHEREAS, the Church Council affirms the importance of supporting employees for long-term ministry stability. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SOTP establishes a Full-Time Lay Staff Wellness Benefits Allowance Program, effective May 24, 2026, providing an allowance equal to 6% of each full-time employee’s base compensation, prorated for 2026, paid as taxable income each pay period; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Church Council and the Human Resources Team will review the program annually and adjust as needed; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the program shall be administered through SOTP’s payroll system and communicated to all eligible employees.*
6. **Current Business**
 1. Children, Youth and Family Update – Pastors
 1. Josh Baldwin concert - kickoff into 25th anniversary ministry celebration.
 2. Let the record show that a motion was made “*To approve the installation of new members Mark and Susan Kovak, Joe and Christine Lillie, Paul and Diane Marvin, Carol and Mary Scheie, Barry and Amy Smith and John and Lillian Zolen at the services the weekend of 5/9/2026.*” The motion was made by Pastor Mark, second by Bob Mollis and the motion passed via email vote.
7. **Welcoming Church** – discussion – creating a place where all are welcome. Living our statement of purpose – Jim Puls
8. **Other Business**
 1. Next Council Meeting June 15, 2026 @ 6:00 PM (devotions – Bob Mollis)
 2. Retreat scheduled for June – verify and decide on location.
9. **Unfinished/Tabled Business**

1. Memory Garden Proforma and Fee Review – Finance Team
10. **Closing Prayer** – Pastor Ryan
11. **Adjournment**

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Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Kathy McGuine, Jim Puls, Bob Mollis, Lisa Wondriska, George Attaway, Jim Stancl, Pastor Mark Boster, Pastor Ryan Mackey, Sue Sroka, Carrie McCabe

1. **Call to Order - 6:04 PM**
2. **Opening Prayer** – Pastor Mark
3. **Devotions – Jim Stancl** - Living with constant noise but making sure we are intentional with recognizing and taking advantage of the stillness and receiving words from Jesus even in the silence
4. **Welcoming Church** – discussion – creating a place where all are welcome. Living our statement of purpose – Jim Puls
5. **Discuss available dates for a retreat - Welcoming church**
6. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. *Recommendation: To approve the Congregation Council minutes March 16, 2026, as presented.* Motion moved by Carrie McCabe. Seconded by Pastor Mark. Passed unanimously.
7. **Congregation Council and Ministry Team Reports**
 - a. Finance and Treasurer Highlights - Bob
 - i. *Review and Receipt of the March 2026 Treasurer and Financial Reports.*
8. **Current Business**
 - a. Children, Youth and Family Update – Pastor Ryan - some exciting opportunities in the works for youth and family activities throughout the summer.
 - b. Constitution update – Kathy
 - c. HR handbook update - Kathy
 - d. Holy Week update – general discussion - Consideration of suggested Service time Changes:
 - i. Allows more time for transitions for children to get to and from Kids Connect
 - ii. More fellowship time between services
 - iii. Young families with additional commitments could be out before noon
 - iv. More time to set up contemporary service as it has grown substantially in music and setup
 - e. **Let the record show that a motion was made:** “ To approve entering into a 5-year copier contract with Konica Minolta at a monthly cost of \$620.25 with no overage charges for black-and-white or color copies, as recommended by staff, and authorize the appropriate officers to execute the agreement prior to March 31 in order to secure the offered financial incentives, including payment of the final month’s rental on the current copier and a \$3,600 rebate to SOTP. The motion was made by Bob Mollis, second by Lisa Wondriska and the motion passed via email vote.

- f. The Finance Team has reviewed and approved and has recommended that the Church Council approve the proposed contract to replace (not repair) a 17-year-old heating system that has failed and serves two rooms within the Church. Due to age, condition, and system failure, replacement is the most prudent and cost-effective solution. Cost to replace = \$4506.00. **Let the record show that a motion was made:** “To approve the proposed contract for the replacement of the failed 17-year-old heating system serving two church rooms, as presented, with the expense to be paid from the Maintenance Reserve Account. The motion was made by Jim Puls, second by Susan Sroka and the motion passed via email vote.
 - g. Per the constitution an Audit Committee that will consist of three voting members of the congregation will need to be formed for the next audit cycle. **Let the record show that a motion was made:** “To approve the formation of an Audit Committee composed of Mitchell Smith, Rich Dase, and Leslie Enders as voting members for the upcoming audit period. The motion was made by Susan Sroka, second by Carrie McCabe and the motion passed via email vote.
 - h. The Finance and Audit Team met at the end of March to review the Finance Team’s work in identifying an audit firm. This included an evaluation of the CapinCrouse proposal and the results of reference checks. The Audit Team concluded that CapinCrouse is a strong and appropriate choice and supports the proposed phased approach to review and audit services. Initial quote \$8560 for a review as presented at the February 16th Council meeting. Final quotes to be received in April. **Let the record show that the motion was made:** “To approve moving forward with CapinCrouse as the selected external accounting firm, authorizing a financial review of the 2025 books, with the intent to conduct a full audit of the 2026 books in 2027, as recommended by the Audit Team. The motion was made by Carrie McCabe, second by Jim Stancel and the motion passed via email vote.
9. **Other Business**
- a. Next Council Meeting May 18, 2026 @ 6:00 PM (devotions – Pastor Mark)
10. **Unfinished/Tabled Business**
- a. Memory Garden Proforma and Fee Review – Finance Team
11. **Closing Prayer** – Pastor Ryan
12. **Adjournment** - Motion moved by Bob Mollis to adjourn meeting at 8:02 PM. Seconded by Pastor Mark. Passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING April 30, 2026**

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND

	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL	YTD PERCENT	YTD PERCENT
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. YTD BUDGET	BUDGET	RECEIVED	EXPENDED
April 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	\$ 432,766.51								
Monthly Income	\$ 92,027.74	\$ 91,243.00	\$ 784.74	\$ 386,669.99	\$ 369,979.00	\$ 16,690.99	\$ 1,059,057.00	36.51%	
Monthly Expenses	\$ 75,302.40	\$ 82,052.00	\$ (6,749.60)	\$ 333,848.21	\$ 340,570.00	\$ (6,721.79)	\$ 1,059,057.00		31.52%
Income vs. Expenditures	\$ 16,725.34	\$ 9,191.00		\$ 52,821.78	\$ 29,409.00				
April 30, 2026 Ending Balance	\$ 449,491.85								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 88,254.75								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	5.09								

MORTGAGE SERVICE FUND

	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL	YTD PERCENT	YTD PERCENT
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. YTD BUDGET	BUDGET	RECEIVED	EXPENDED
April 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	\$ 81,951.41								
Monthly Income	\$ 16,844.53	\$ 18,807.00	\$ (1,962.47)	\$ 92,546.72	\$ 75,228.00	\$ 17,318.72	\$ 225,684.00	41.01%	
Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00	\$ 18,807.00	\$ 18,807.00	\$ 75,228.00	\$ 75,228.00	\$ -	\$ 225,684.00		33.33%
Income vs. Expenditures	\$ (1,962.47)	\$ -		\$ 17,318.72	\$ -				
April 30, 2026 Ending Balance	\$ 79,988.94								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.25								

TEMPORARY RESTRICTED FUNDS

	MONTHLY ACTUAL
April 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	\$ 298,515.73
Monthly Accounts + Activity	\$ 30,139.05
Monthly Accounts (-) Activity	\$ 12,048.29
Net Monthly Accounts Activity	\$ 18,090.76
April 30, 2026 Ending Balance	\$ 316,606.49

RESERVE FUNDS

	MONTHLY ACTUAL
April 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	\$ 202,133.43
Monthly Accounts + Activity	\$ 4,156.49
Monthly Accounts (-) Activity	\$ 1,620.00
Net Monthly Accounts Activity	\$ 2,536.49
April 30, 2026 Ending Balance	\$ 204,669.92

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

	MONTHLY ACTUAL
April 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	\$ 14,652.47
Monthly Accounts + Activity	\$ 109.13
Monthly Accounts (-) Activity	\$ -
Net Monthly Accounts Activity	\$ 109.13
April 30, 2026 Ending Balance	\$ 14,761.60

April 30, 2026 Total Ending Balance ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,065,518.80
Prepaid Pledges	\$ -
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,065,518.80

Respectfully submitted, Robert Mollis, Treasurer

SOTP FINANCE TEAM
DRAFT Monthly Report
May 11, 2026

No meeting was held – the May Finance Team Report follows:

I. Accounting Administrator’s Report

- a. Income/Expenses through April 30, 2026
 - i. April GF income of \$92,028 was \$785 more than the budgeted amount of \$91,243.
 - ii. April GF expenses of \$75,302 were \$6,750 less than the budgeted amount \$82,052.
 - iii. Overall, GF 2026 Performance: YTD Revenues exceed YTD expenses by \$52,822 compared to a budgeted surplus for April of \$29,409 and a breakeven budget for the year.
- b. Balance Sheet through April 30, 2026
 - i. Total Current Assets \$1,065,519
 - ii. Total Fixed Assets \$7,333,907
 - iii. Total Assets \$8,399,426
 - iv. Total Current Liabilities \$0
- c. Highlighted Restricted Funds Detail Review through April 30, 2026
 - i. Account 3.140.000 Mortgage Service Fund is \$79,989
 - ii. Account 3.175.000 Memorial Fund balance is \$36,977
 - iii. Account 3.250.000 Good Samaritan Fund balance is \$5,299
 - iv. Account 3.330.000 Adult Music Ministry Fund balance is \$63,326
 - v. Account 3.332.000 Artist Series Fund balance is \$32,466
 - vi. Account 3.417.000 Youth Mission Trip Fund balance is \$10,903
 - vii. Account 3.675.000 Memory Garden Fund Donation balance \$12,338
 - viii. Account 3.676.000 Memory Garden Fund Brick Donation balance is \$3,722
 - ix. Account 3.677.000 Memory Garden Fund Niche Agreement balance is \$ 84,082
- d. General Comments
 - i. April 2026 GF Member Contributions were \$84,250 compared to the budget of \$80,760 for April 2026 and compared to April 2025 Contributions (\$85,886) and April 2024 Contributions (\$75,752).
 - ii. April Mortgage Service Fund contribution income was less than budget: \$16,845 vs. the \$18,807 monthly payment. YTD MSF Revenue exceeds YTD MSF expenses by \$17,319.
 - iii. Overall, the Congregation remains generous and supportive of the mission of SOTP.

As always, “thoughtful caution” continues to be our “watch words.” Even four months into the year, it is difficult to ascertain where the year is headed and 2026 is no exception. April contributions of \$84,250 are about even with 2025 contributions of \$85,886 and despite the significant unbudgeted maintenance expenses, the 2026 fiscal year is not only in surplus but well ahead of the budgeted surplus. The key has been expense control and the over-budget level of contributions received in January

and February that was not offset by the significant under-budget contributions in March.

This contributions surplus to budget is likely due to the timing of QCD contributions. As we have discussed, with the use of IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), monthly data is difficult to assess because QCD donors often donate multiple months or even a full year's contribution in a single month. Moreover, these donations can occur at any time in the year. There is evidence that this year we are receiving QCD's ahead of when they have been contributed in the past.

This suggests continued caution in managing expenses and recalling that 2026 is budgeted as a breakeven year. Looking ahead it is important to recognize that May is a three-payroll month and that necessarily will reduce the current budget surplus.

The weak MSF revenue in April is not an unexpected development, but any concern is tempered with the recognition that QCD's influence these contributions as well. The continued year-to-date surplus (currently over \$17,000) still holds out the promise that the MSF will perform at breakeven or possibly better in 2026 and as in 2025.

II. Treasurer's Report (as of April 30, 2026) of Activity & Council Actions/Discussions

- a. GF balance is \$449,492 which is approximately 5.1 months of reserves.
- b. MSF balance is \$79,989 which is approximately 4.3 months of reserves.

III. New Business

- a. The next Finance Team meeting will be Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 7:30 PM on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Ball, Chair

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Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2026

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Period Activity	Previous Period Balance
Assets				
Current Assets				
1.100.000	Heartland Bank Checking	168,328.88	30,610.81	137,718.07
1.200.000	Mission Plus Building Fund Checking	728.53	109.34	619.19
1.200.100	Mission Investment Fixed Term	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
1.210.000	Fidelity Investments	879,393.97	5,310.19	874,083.78
1.250.000	HBT/LPL Investment Account	425.69	0.00	425.69
1.500.000	Donations Holding Account	0.00	(490.09)	490.09
1.600.000	FNBO Checking Boy Scout Troop 200	6,641.73	(41.00)	6,682.73
	Total Current Assets	\$1,065,518.80	\$35,499.25	\$1,030,019.55
Fixed Assets				
1.300.000	Building & Grounds	7,203,136.61	0.00	7,203,136.61
1.300.100	Garage Building	41,717.68	0.00	41,717.68
1.300.200	Memory Garden	89,052.93	0.00	89,052.93
	Total Fixed Assets	\$7,333,907.22	\$0.00	\$7,333,907.22
	Total Assets	\$8,399,426.02	\$35,499.25	\$8,363,926.77
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
	Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Term Liabilities				
2.200.200	MIF Commercial Loan Payable	2,862,776.18	(9,353.46)	2,872,129.64
	Total Long Term Liabilities	\$2,862,776.18	(\$9,353.46)	\$2,872,129.64
	Total Liabilities	\$2,862,776.18	(\$9,353.46)	\$2,872,129.64
Fund Balances & Equity				
Unrestricted Fund Balances				
3.100.000	General Fund Balance	449,491.85	16,725.34	432,766.51
	Total Unrestricted Fund Balances	\$449,491.85	\$16,725.34	\$432,766.51
Temporary Restricted Fund Balances				
3.170.000	Special Services Fund Balance	13,692.20	7,916.92	5,775.28
3.175.000	Memorial Fund Balance	36,977.06	763.75	36,213.31
3.180.000	Grafton Food Pantry Fund Balance	481.08	(988.83)	1,469.91
3.220.000	AV Ministry Fund Balance	39.53	0.00	39.53
3.240.000	Facilities Fund Balance	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
3.250.000	Good Samaritan Fund Balance	5,298.99	100.00	5,198.99
3.260.000	Community Outreach Fund Balance	2,997.11	130.00	2,867.11
3.270.000	Holiday Flowers Balance	656.96	(700.00)	1,356.96
3.300.000	<i>Music Ministry Fund Balance</i>			
3.330.000	Adult Music Ministry Fund Balance	63,325.59	7,431.12	55,894.47
3.345.000	Childrens Music Ministry Fund Balance	5,692.13	100.00	5,592.13
	<i>Total Music Ministry Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$69,017.72</i>	<i>\$7,531.12</i>	<i>61,486.60</i>
3.340.000	Artist Series Balance	32,466.42	(1,051.48)	33,517.90
3.350.000	Prairie Crafters Fund Balance	636.07	50.00	586.07
3.380.000	Continuing Education Fund Balance	1,706.24	0.00	1,706.24
3.390.000	Children & Family Ministry Balance	943.94	150.00	793.94
3.400.000	<i>Youth Ministry Fund Balance</i>			
3.410.000	Youth Leader Programs Balance	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00
3.415.000	Youth Ministry Balance	276.55	20.00	256.55
3.417.000	Youth Mission Trips Balance	10,902.96	250.00	10,652.96
	<i>Total Youth Ministry Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$23,679.51</i>	<i>\$270.00</i>	<i>23,409.51</i>
3.500.000	Little Lambs Fund Balance	9,431.06	519.95	8,911.11

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Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2026

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Period Activity	Previous Period Balance
3.600.000	Prayer Shawl Ministry Fund Balance	252.95	0.00	252.95
3.650.000	Quilters Ministry Fund Balance	2,055.02	50.00	2,005.02
3.675.000	Memory Garden Fund Balance	12,338.34	0.00	12,338.34
3.676.000	Memory Garden Bricks Fund Balance	3,721.57	0.00	3,721.57
3.677.000	Memory Garden Niche Fund Balance	84,081.65	2,800.00	81,281.65
3.700.000	Church Events - Funded Balance	(1,874.91)	(159.92)	(1,714.99)
3.720.000	Disaster Relief Fund Balance	200.00	200.00	0.00
3.725.000	Miscellaneous Outside Charities Fund Balance	200.00	200.00	0.00
3.730.000	ELCA World Hunger Fund Balance	496.25	150.25	346.00
3.735.000	LSSI Fund Balance	200.00	200.00	0.00
3.750.000	Seminary Scholarship Fund Balance	7,270.00	0.00	7,270.00
3.800.000	Boy Scout Troop 200 Fund Balance	6,641.73	(41.00)	6,682.73
	Total	\$316,606.49	\$18,090.76	\$298,515.73
3.140.000	Mortgage Service Fund Balance	79,988.94	(1,962.47)	81,951.41
	Total Temporary Restricted Fund Balances	\$396,595.43	\$16,128.29	\$380,467.14
Reserves				
3.950.000	Barnabas Reserves Balance	3,455.65	0.00	3,455.65
3.971.000	Roof Repairs/Replacement Balance	67,330.04	(1,045.00)	68,375.04
3.972.000	Playground Maintenance Reserves Balance	2,605.00	0.00	2,605.00
3.973.000	Parking Lot Seal/Repair Reserves Balance	18,261.28	650.00	17,611.28
3.974.000	Lawn & Landscaping Reserves Balance	15,899.67	333.33	15,566.34
3.975.000	Maintenance Reserves Balance	8,449.79	1,594.00	6,855.79
3.976.000	Carpeting Crossroads/Hallways Reserves Balance	3,302.00	0.00	3,302.00
3.977.000	Carpeting MP Room/Classrooms Balance	32,593.28	133.33	32,459.95
3.979.000	Outside Audit Reserve Balance	7,400.04	600.00	6,800.04
3.980.000	Equipment Reserves Balance	12,852.42	250.00	12,602.42
3.981.000	Bells Maintenance Reserves Balance	2,569.86	20.83	2,549.03
3.985.000	Sabbatical Reserves Balance	9,950.89	0.00	9,950.89
3.990.000	Future Staffing Reserves Balance	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
	Total Reserves	\$204,669.92	\$2,536.49	\$202,133.43
Permanently Restricted Funds				
3.940.000	Endowment Fund Balance	14,761.60	109.13	14,652.47
	Total Permanently Restricted Funds	\$14,761.60	\$109.13	\$14,652.47
3.130.000	Building & Grounds Equity	4,340,360.43	9,353.46	4,331,006.97
3.300.100	Garage Building Equity Balance	41,717.68	0.00	41,717.68
3.300.200	Memory Garden Equity Balance	89,052.93	0.00	89,052.93
	Total Equity	\$4,471,131.04	\$9,353.46	\$4,461,777.58
	Total Fund Balances & Equity	\$5,536,649.84	\$44,852.71	\$5,491,797.13
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances & Equity	<u>\$8,399,426.02</u>	<u>\$35,499.25</u>	<u>\$8,363,926.77</u>

**Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church - Huntley IL
Treasurer's Report as of April 2026 for General Fund**

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
<i>Income</i>							
4.100.000	Member Contributions	84,250.37	80,760.00	371,111.99	351,626.00	19,485.99	994,613.00
4.150.000	Loose Plate and Growth	2,238.03	4,071.00	6,370.28	9,206.00	(2,835.72)	30,000.00
4.155.000	Other Donation Income	0.00	43.00	0.00	172.00	(172.00)	515.00
4.200.000	Fees and Registrations	70.00	215.00	785.00	859.00	(74.00)	2,575.00
4.250.000	Flower Income	126.00	120.00	126.00	480.00	(354.00)	1,442.00
4.300.000	Interest Income Heartland Bank	33.15	34.00	155.05	136.00	19.05	412.00
4.310.000	Investment Income Fidelity	5,310.19	6,000.00	8,121.67	7,500.00	621.67	29,500.00
	Total Income	\$92,027.74	\$91,243.00	\$386,669.99	\$369,979.00	\$16,690.99	\$1,059,057.00
<i>Expenses</i>							
<i>Connections Ministry</i>							
	Connections Ministry	\$0.00	\$41.00	\$62.86	\$164.00	(\$101.14)	\$500.00
<i>Mission Ministry</i>							
	Mission Ministry	\$6,376.92	\$9,118.00	\$38,068.97	\$36,472.00	\$1,596.97	\$109,408.00
<i>Outreach Ministry</i>							
	Outreach Ministry	\$119.36	\$734.00	\$1,619.36	\$2,936.00	(\$1,316.64)	\$8,800.00
<i>Fellowship Ministry</i>							
	Fellowship Ministry	\$0.00	\$167.00	\$0.00	\$668.00	(\$668.00)	\$2,000.00
<i>Adult Education Ministry</i>							
	Adult Education Ministry	\$112.78	\$140.00	\$225.38	\$560.00	(\$334.62)	\$1,680.00
<i>Youth and Education Ministry</i>							
	Youth and Education Ministry	\$40.47	\$758.00	\$1,682.50	\$3,032.00	(\$1,349.50)	\$9,100.00
<i>Children and Family Ministry</i>							
	Children and Family Ministry	\$285.38	\$808.00	\$1,252.95	\$2,083.00	(\$830.05)	\$7,400.00
<i>Music Ministry</i>							
	Music Ministry	\$166.25	\$171.00	\$387.14	\$684.00	(\$296.86)	\$2,050.00
<i>Worship Ministry</i>							
	Worship Ministry	\$716.60	\$651.00	\$1,840.79	\$2,604.00	(\$763.21)	\$7,800.00
<i>Audio Visual</i>							
	Audio Visual	\$2,405.91	\$2,179.00	\$6,763.09	\$8,716.00	(\$1,952.91)	\$26,150.00
<i>Facilities</i>							
	Facilities	\$8,042.12	\$8,284.00	\$44,221.67	\$38,546.00	\$5,675.67	\$107,024.00
<i>Office Expenses</i>							
	Office Expenses	\$3,021.15	\$3,131.00	\$13,388.76	\$12,524.00	\$864.76	\$37,575.00
<i>Staffing Ministry</i>							

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<i>Spiritual Ministry Staff</i>							
	Spiritual Ministry Staff	\$35,987.88	\$36,672.00	\$143,516.53	\$146,689.00	(\$3,172.47)	\$469,335.00
<i>Support Ministry Staff</i>							
	Support Ministry Staff	\$10,785.14	\$11,718.00	\$44,958.72	\$46,872.00	(\$1,913.28)	\$151,488.00
<i>Shared Staff Expense</i>							
	Shared Staff Expense	\$2,262.12	\$2,506.00	\$9,784.05	\$10,024.00	(\$239.95)	\$32,059.00
	Staffing Ministry	\$49,035.14	\$50,896.00	\$198,259.30	\$203,585.00	(\$5,325.70)	\$652,882.00
<i>Other Church Expenses</i>							
	Other Church Expenses	\$2,167.83	\$2,162.00	\$14,825.48	\$16,748.00	(\$1,922.52)	\$52,938.00
<i>Providing for the Future</i>							
	Providing for the Future	\$2,812.49	\$2,812.00	\$11,249.96	\$11,248.00	\$1.96	\$33,750.00
	Total Expenses	\$75,302.40	\$82,052.00	\$333,848.21	\$340,570.00	(\$6,721.79)	\$1,059,057.00
	Difference	\$16,725.34	\$9,191.00	\$52,821.78	\$29,409.00		\$0.00

**Shepherd of the Prairie
General Fund Giving**

	2022	YTD	2023	YTD	2024	YTD	2025	YTD	2026	YTD	'26 vs '25 YTD
January	110,130	110,130	108,149	108,149	103,930	103,930	115,331	115,331	125,820	125,820	9%
February	67,528	177,658	60,799	168,948	63,895	167,825	60,614	175,945	97,273	223,092	27%
March	64,999	242,657	77,926	246,874	75,564	243,389	82,438	258,382	63,769	286,862	11%
April	65,407	308,064	68,959	315,833	75,752	319,141	85,886	344,268	84,250	371,112	8%
May	67,639	375,703	59,978	375,811	57,567	376,709	54,423	398,691			
June	89,038	464,741	73,629	449,440	77,665	454,374	70,172	468,864			
July	72,011	536,752	64,756	514,196	76,549	530,924	78,167	547,031			
August	63,162	599,914	89,060	603,256	65,087	596,011	61,573	608,604			
September	59,793	659,707	64,574	667,830	70,412	666,422	84,808	693,412			
October	75,583	735,290	78,457	746,286	91,563	757,985	66,631	760,043			
November	64,402	799,691	70,048	816,335	77,377	835,362	92,466	852,509			
December	83,809	883,500	89,223	905,558	84,315	919,677	78,828	931,337			

SOTP Youth, and Family Team Meeting

May 11, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 7:05 pm

Present: Monika Wichtendahl, Jessica Panella, Tim Torkelson, Carrie McCabe, Pastor Ryan

Guest:

Absent: Dan Wichtendahl, Marisa Wielgos

Meeting End Time: 8:15 pm

Old Business

- Fundraisers
 - Culver's - Scheduled for June 2nd
- Event Planning / Ideas for 2026
 - Schaumburg Boomers
 - July 10

New Business

- Establish a new Youth Council
 - Structure
 - 1 youth from each grade 7-12
 - Will start with a 2 year term and see if it works
 - The first members have been hand picked by the team
 - Pastor Ryan will make the ask of each nominee
 - Plan
 - Monthly meetings
 - Once the nominees are in place, as schedule will be determined
 - Jess Panella and Pastor Ryan will be the primary adult leaders
 - The initial Youth Council will determine the level of input between youth and adults
 - i.e.: Do they want to come up with ideas and rely on adults to pull the events together / do they want to plan and execute the events (we are encouraging this to be a very youth driven group/ministry and adults support as much or as little as needed)

Brief Ministry Check-in

- Confirmation
 - End-of-Year Celebration a tremendous success! Will repeat same setup next year
- Youth Group
 - Exploring another night - Thursday does not seem to be ideal
 - Pastor Ryan will send an email to all youth parents simply asking them to rank nights of the week from most convenient to least

Upcoming Events

- Middle School Lock-In - May 15-16 7pm-8am

Ideas for Future Events

- Trivia Night (also a fundraiser) - **Schedule for Fall**
- Pub Trivia USA – Host Ryan (\$350 cost)
- Senior Day
 - Help with tech, etc.
 - Games
- Possibly have a youth group for 6th - 8th grade if enough volunteers.
- 50/50 raffle for Culver's Night.

Mission Team Minutes May11,2026

Attendance: John Witt, Patti Witt, Vik Berkeris, Carl Hupert, Sandy Hupert, Marty Jacobson, Rick Miller, Annette Petersen, Elizabeth Trout, Shirley Ulmer, Valerie Ulmer, Becky Wright and Steve Legel. Guest present were the Leadership Team of Joshua Mission: Susan Bartsch, Paula Franklin and Greg Bartsch. Also present to hear the presentation were Pastor Mark Boster, Donna Kelly and Linda Wright.

John opened the meeting with a reading from Philippians 2:2-3 and a prayer.

The Joshua Mission Team acquainted us with history and purpose of the Joshua Mission and how the three of them became involved with it. Forty people went to Jamaica this time (they go in February). Medical Drs., nurse practitioners, nurses and dentists and assistants go and pay their own way to provide free medical, dental, eye and pharmacy care to the people of Negril, Jamaica and outlying areas. They emphasize preventive medicine and wellness programs. The organization is based in Cary, IL.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes: Vik moved and Annette seconded motion to approve April minutes. Motion carried.
2. ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Relief: We have received a Certificate of Generosity for our giving to the organization from ELCA. Becky will be putting article in newsletter about "Christmas in July". We will start project on July 5th this year.
3. Grafton Food Pantry: "Stamp Out Hunger" was a great success. Handing out grocery bags really helped the giving. Received thank you letter for the \$1400.00 donation.
4. WARP Corp: On hold until "Steven's Home" gets involved.
5. AARK Garden: Now planting. Could use volunteers to help this coming Saturday.
6. Homeless Meals/Steven's Home: No meals scheduled because Willow Creek Crystal Lake is closing this partnership. Willow Creek Barrington will be taking over but still organizing at present time. Steven's Home, run by Nada Lunsford is looking for forest preserve for place to serve meals for homeless. There is a meeting on May 15th with Nada to organize lunches and find locations. Hope to get a mobile truck to do laundry.
7. Northern ILL. Food Bank: Volunteer session scheduled for May 16th, 9-12:00. Seven people going.
8. Exodus: Skipped the May session with Venezuelans because they are moving. "Celebration of Hope" was a big success.
9. Habitat for Humanity: Golf Outing is May 29th. 25-35 golfers are signed up
10. Turning Point: Collections have been good. 10-12 "Comfort Bags" for women, 3-4 "Comfort Bags" for men and a common bag for children have been collected. Could use hairbrushes, deodorant and razors for women. Razors needed for men. Marty will deliver week of May 17th. John will provide SOTP stickers to put on the bags.
11. LSSI: Mark Stutrud, President and CEO of LSSI will preach May 17th.
12. Feed My Starving Children: We are scheduled for June 13th for 12-2:00 PM.
13. Missionary Support: It appears the missionaries we support will be visiting other areas of the US this year. Steve will check on this. Also he will contact Daudi on the Arusha Medical Center and see if help needed there. Susan Bartsch of Joshua Mission may be a resource person and help with this.
14. Gretchen S. Vapor Community Crisis Center: Carrie helped clean their ovens and stainless steel shelving before reinstallation after remodeling. She also reorganized and sorted coats. Their coat give away to homeless starts in October. Overstocked in children and women's coats but do need men's coats.

Mission Team Minutes
May11,2026

Budget Breakdown: Local Missions has \$8446.00 remaining. Lenten offering provided \$3002.00 to each of the following: Mercy Ships, Feed My Starving Children and Habitat for Humanity. The Easter offering provided \$1562.00 to each of the following: Turning Point, Exodus and LSSI.

New Business

1. Becky brought up CASA of McHenry Co. as a possible organization to help.
2. Rick lead us in prayers of joys and concerns
3. Motion to Adjourn: Sandy moved and Carl seconded motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Steve Legel, Secretary

5/11/26 property team meeting agenda

Present at meeting: Mark, Rich , Chris

OLD BUSINESS

- Carpet cleaning- Willow room and Matt's room -plan ?
- Carpet in Willow room possibly replace plan - Mark
- Monthly Progress on monitors in building and signage- Rich

NEW BUSINESS

- Who's covering June walkthrough ? Rich
- Timing of two quotes : rewire light in stairwell to switchable, fix sanctuary lights - Chris or Mark
- Classroom/music room stained ceiling tile can be replaced - Mark
- Paper towel dispenser for little lambs bathroom and hall bathrooms, need to get with Josh - Mark
- Electric recycling was on cart , thanks Rich - Mark
- Shopping for replacing Nelbud service vendor ?- Rich
- Getting quote for all sprinkler pipe and nitrogen -Rich
- Garage clean out in spring , set date
- Sound booth storage reorganizing to get back into it soon - Chris or Mark
- Mulch is done. Thanks Chris
- New desk for Donna - Mark or Rich
- Running Cat 5 cable with Jeff 5/15/26
- Parking lot seal coating is to be scheduled this summer.
- Garage cleaning scheduled for 5/22/26
- **Waiting for approval for sprinkler repairs from council**
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Attendees: Tara Mackey
Bob Malm
Luann Munneke

1. Danae – Balance workshop
 - a. September will not work – looking to October 17th or 24th
 - b. Only looking for one class
 - c. 10-11:30 time frame
 - d. Would provide water and light snack (protein bar, fruit etc)
 - e. Bob to report back on Danae’s availability

2. Huntley Hootenanny
 - a. Sept 12th 6-9 with race possibly starting at 7:15
 - b. Light up the stretch in front of the church
 - i. Lights
 - ii. Hand out water
 - iii. Bubble machines
 - iv. Signs
 - v. Live music – in parking lot closest to Main
 1. Praise band ?
 2. Dan W’s band ?
 - vi. Tara to contact 158 Foundation to see if there are any rules we need to follow/what would be most beneficial for the runners
 - c. Will need lots of help!!!
 - i. Look into the volunteer team at Pioneer?

3. Bench –
 - a. We did it! Again!
 - b. Pioneer group will be taking the bench for one of their group homes
 - i. Tara will forward on the information so they can choose their color and location to ship the bench
 - c. Tara is looking for another group to take over after we are done
 - i. Huntley High School
 - ii. LIFE program at NISRA
 - iii. Del Webb group