SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Congregation Council

Shepherd of the Prairie

Monday June 15, 2026

6:00 PM

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda
June 15, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Prayer –** Pastor Mark
3. **Devotions – Bob Mollis**
4. **Welcoming Church –** discussion – creating a place where all are welcome. Living our statement of purpose – Jim Puls
    1. Guest Ashlyn Rankin
    2. Review retreat agenda
5. **Approval of Minutes**
    1. *Recommendation: To approve the Congregation Council minutes May 18, 2026, as presented.*
6. **Congregation Council and Ministry Team Reports**
    1. Finance and Treasurer Highlights – Bob
        1. *Review and Receipt of the May 2026 Treasurer and Financial Reports.*
7. **Current Business**
    1. Children, Youth and Family Update – Pastor Ryan
    2. **Let the record show that a motion was made by:** The Finance Team formally moves that the Church Council approve this change in insurance agent changing SOTP's insurance agent and carrier from Lamb Insurance Services and Guide One Insurance to Next Level Insurance Agency and Erie Insurance Company. Motion was made by Carrie McCabe, seconded by Pastor Mark and passed via email vote.

        This recommendation follows a thorough review led by the Finance Team, with input from members possessing significant commercial insurance expertise. After careful evaluation and discussion, the Team unanimously supports this change.

        The proposed Erie coverage closely matches our current policies across all key areas—property, liability (including D&O), umbrella, workers' compensation, and non-owned auto—while improving service responsiveness and delivering an estimated annual savings of approximately $9,000. Erie is also highly rated, comparable to or slightly exceeding our current carrier.

        Given prior service concerns with Lamb and consistent premium increases from Guide One, this change represents both a fiscally responsible and operationally sound decision.

    3. **Let the record show that a motion was made to:** Increase the contingent amount approved in May to $28k. with the same contingencies in place. Motion was made by Bob Mollis, seconded by Carrie McCabe and passed via email vote.
    4. **Let the record show that a motion was made to:** Replace multiple valves that have met the end of their lifespan. These valves are now slowly leaking and causing the sprinkler system to have air leaks. The valves replacement quote is about $3199. They will use funds from their reserve account to cover the cost. Motion was made by Pastor Ryan, seconded by Lisa Wondriska and passed via email vote.

8. **Other Business**
    1. Memorial Garden Update – Kathy

        Our 72-niche Columbarium has 11 available for sale. Presently there are 4 families considering the purchase of a niche. We could be down to 7 or less by the end of the year. We are in the process of getting prices on 4 additional 24 niche Columbarium's that would be placed on the outside edge of the concrete pad. There would still be room for 3 additional 24 niche Columbarium's. The estimated cost for the 4 Columbarium's would be nearly $60,000.00. We have enough in our account to handle that amount. We are going to proceed with the shed to be placed near the Memory Garden and the cost of the will be under $600.00.

    2. Next Council Meeting July 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM (devotions – Sue Sroka)
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

May 18, 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 at 6:02 PM**
2. **Opening Prayer –** Pastor Mark - looking to summer and recognizing it is when things grow and we look to ways we can follow Jesus
3. **Devotions –** Pastor Mark
4. **Approval of Minutes**
    1. *Recommendation: To approve the Congregation Council minutes April 20, 2026, as presented.*
    Motion moved by Jim Stancl. Seconded by Carrie McCabe. Passed unanimously
5. **Congregation Council and Ministry Team Reports**
    1. Finance and Treasurer Highlights – Kathy for Bob
        a. Review and Receipt of the April 2026 Treasurer and Financial Reports.
    2. Wellness Benefit Program Proposal - Jim Puls for Bob
        a. 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.
    Motion moved by Jim Stancl. Seconded by Lisa Wondriska. Approved unanimously.

6. **Current Business**
    1. Children, Youth and Family Update – Pastors
        a. Josh Baldwin concert - kickoff into 25th anniversary ministry celebration.
        The Church Council recommends approval of a bid in the amount of $23,000 to host a concert featuring Josh Baldwin, tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2026.
        This recommendation is made with the understanding that the event aligns with the church's mission of outreach, worship, and community engagement. Hosting a well-

known contemporary Christian artist such as Josh Baldwin presents a meaningful opportunity to connect with both our congregation and the broader community through music and shared faith experiences.

Approval of this bid is contingent upon the completion and satisfaction of all legal requirements, contractual obligations, and logistical considerations, including but not limited to venue coordination, insurance, staffing, and technical needs.

In addition:
Should total projected costs exceed the approved amount of $23,000, this proposal must be brought back to Church Council for further review and approval prior to any additional financial commitments.
Staff and relevant ministry leaders will continue to evaluate feasibility, planning, and financial stewardship throughout the process.

Financial plan as follows:

- $7,000 funded through Artist Series
- $7,000 funded through the Music Ministry Fund
- Remaining balance to be supported by Shepherd of the Prairie from a combination of the following funds:
    - Adult Music Ministry - $63,326 Balance
    - Children's Music Ministry -$6,692 Balance
    - Free will Offering will be received at the event

Recommendation Action:
The Church Council moves to approve the bid of $23,000 for the Josh Baldwin concert on August 14, 2026, subject to the contingencies outlined above.
Motion made by Jim Stancl. Seconded by Pastor Mark Boster. Passed unanimously.

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 meeting at the church
9. **Unfinished/Tabled Business**
    1. Memory Garden Proforma and Fee Review – Finance Team
10. **Closing Prayer –** Pastor Ryan
11. **Adjournment -** Moved by Jim Puls at 8:03. Seconded by Jim Stancl. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 31, 2026

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	MONTHLY ACTUAL	MONTHLY BUDGET	MONTHLY ACTUAL VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL VS. YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD PERCENT RECEIVED	YTD PERCENT EXPENDED
May 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	$ 449,491.85								
Monthly Income	$ 79,086.31	$ 68,531.00	$ 10,555.31	$ 465,756.30	$ 438,510.00	$ 27,246.30	$ 1,059,057.00	43.98%	
Monthly Expenses	$ 95,309.31	$ 103,109.00	$ (7,799.69)	$ 429,157.52	$ 443,679.00	$ (14,521.48)	$ 1,059,057.00		40.52%
Income vs. Expenditures	$ (16,223.00)	$ (34,578.00)		$ 36,598.78	$ (5,169.00)				
May 31, 2026 Ending Balance	$ 433,268.85								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	$ 88,254.75								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.91								

MORTGAGE SERVICE FUND	MONTHLY ACTUAL	MONTHLY BUDGET	MONTHLY ACTUAL VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL VS. YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD PERCENT RECEIVED	YTD PERCENT EXPENDED
May 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	$ 79,988.94								
Monthly Income	$ 15,179.42	$ 18,807.00	$ (3,627.58)	$ 92,546.72	$ 94,035.00	$ (1,488.28)	$ 225,684.00	41.01%	
Monthly Expenses	$ 18,807.00	$ 18,807.00	$ 18,807.00	$ 94,035.00	$ 94,035.00	$ -	$ 225,684.00		41.67%
Income vs. Expenditures	$ (3,627.58)	$ -		$ (1,488.28)	$ -				
May 31, 2026 Ending Balance	$ 76,361.36								
Average Monthly Expenses	$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.06								

TEMPORARY RESTRICTED FUNDS	MONTHLY ACTUAL
May 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	$ 316,606.49
Monthly Accounts + Activity	$ 13,531.49
Monthly Accounts (-) Activity	$ 27,360.73
Net Monthly Acounts Activity	$ (13,829.24)
May 31, 2026 Ending Balance	$ 302,777.25

RESERVE FUNDS	MONTHLY ACTUAL
May 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	$ 204,669.92
Monthly Accounts + Activity	$ 2,862.49
Monthly Accounts (-) Activity	$ 8,786.00
Net Monthly Accounts Activity	$ (5,923.51)
May 31, 2026 Ending Balance	$ 198,746.41

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUNDS	MONTHLY ACTUAL
May 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	$ 14,761.60
Monthly Accounts + Activity	$ -
Monthly Accounts (-) Activity	$ -
Net Monthly Accounts Activity	$ -
May 31, 2026 Ending Balance	$ 14,761.60

May 31, 2026 Total Ending Balance ALL FUNDS	$ 1,025,915.47
Prepaid Pledges	$ -
Total Current Assets	$ 1,025,915.47

Respectfully submitted, Robert Mollis, Treasurer

SOTP FINANCE TEAM
DRAFT Monthly Report
June 9, 2026

A special meeting was held see below – the May Finance Team Report follows:

I. Accounting Administrator's Report

a. Income/Expenses through May 31, 2026
   i. May GF income of $79,086 was $10,555 more than the budgeted amount of $68,531.
   ii. May GF expenses of $95,309 were $7,800 less than the budgeted amount $103,109.
   iii. Overall, GF 2026 Performance: YTD Revenues exceed YTD expenses by $36,599 compared to a budgeted deficit for May of $5,169 and a breakeven budget for the year.

b. Balance Sheet through May 31, 2026
   i. Total Current Assets $1,025,915
   ii. Total Fixed Assets $7,333,907
   iii. Total Assets $8,359,823
   iv. Total Current Liabilities $0

c. Highlighted Restricted Funds Detail Review through May 31, 2026
   i. Account 3.140.000 Mortgage Service Fund is $76,361
   ii. Account 3.175.000 Memorial Fund balance is $36,833
   iii. Account 3.250.000 Good Samaritan Fund balance is $5,299
   iv. Account 3.330.000 Adult Music Ministry Fund balance is $59,559
   v. Account 3.332.000 Artist Series Fund balance is $32,716
   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 $ 89,982

d. General Comments
   i. May 2026 GF Member Contributions were $76,459 compared to the budget of $65,600 for May 2026 and compared to May 2025 Contributions ($54,423) and May 2024 Contributions ($57,567).

   ii. May Mortgage Service Fund contribution income was less than budget: $15,179 vs. the $18,807 monthly payment. YTD MSF Revenue exceeds YTD MSF expenses by $13,691.

   iii. Overall, the Congregation remains generous and supportive of the mission of SOTP.

   As always, "thoughtful caution" continues to be our "watch words." Even five months into the year, it is difficult to ascertain where the year is headed and 2026 is no exception. Despite significant unbudgeted maintenance expenses, the 2026 fiscal year is not only in surplus but well ahead of the small, budgeted deficit. The key has been expense control and the over-budget level of contributions received in January, February and now, May, that were not offset by the significant under-budget contributions in March and the fact that May is a three-payroll month.

It remains the case that 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 past years.

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 giving can slow somewhat in the summer months.

The weak MSF revenue in May is not an unexpected development, but any concern continues to be tempered with the recognition that QCD's influence these contributions as well. The continued year-to-date surplus (currently almost $13,700) 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 May 31, 2026) of Activity & Council Actions/Discussions

a. GF balance is $433,269 which is approximately 4.9 months of reserves.
b. MSF balance is $76,361 which is approximately 4.1 months of reserves.

III. Special Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2026

Attendees: Bob Mollis, Dave Shotick, Devin Burg, Joe Anderson, Cliff Dungey, Bill Ball

a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.
b. **Motion adopted to recommend to the SOTP Church Council that SOTP change insurance carrier from Guide One to Erie Insurance effective June 2026 when SOTP would otherwise have renewed with Guide One including a change in agents from Lamb Insurance Services to the Next Level Insurance Agency. (**Motion by Joe Anderson.) The Team discussed at length and in detail the coverage offerings (including property, liability, D&O, umbrella, workman's comp, and non-owned auto) of each carrier (including the various special coverages for religious institutions) as well as the comparative charges. Reports were received and discussed from meetings held with individuals on the staff and with the Congregation who have commercial insurance experience and the agent representing Erie. Service levels of the agents also were reviewed.
c. The commencement of the financial review of SOTP's 2025 financials by CapinCrouse was noted.
d. There have been no new developments regarding the Endowment Fund or the plan to update later this year the SOTP Finance Manual . Meetings regarding the 2027 mortgage rate adjustment will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
e. The next regular Finance Team meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2026 @ 7:30 PM on Zoom.
f. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p and with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Ball, Chair

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church - Huntley IL
Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2026

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Period Activity	Previous Period Balance
Assets				
Current Assets				
1.100.000	Heartland Bank Checking	123,083.56	(45,245.32)	168,328.88
1.200.000	Mission Plus Building Fund Checking	728.78	0.25	728.53
1.200.100	Mission Investment Fixed Term	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
1.210.000	Fidelity Investments	880,471.21	1,077.24	879,393.97
1.250.000	HBT/LPL Investment Account	425.69	0.00	425.69
1.500.000	Donations Holding Account	1,125.31	1,125.31	0.00
1.600.000	FNBO Checking Boy Scout Troop 200	7,948.80	1,307.07	6,641.73
1.650.000	BMO Checking Cub Scout Pack 467	2,132.12	2,132.12	0.00
	Total Current Assets	**$1,025,915.47**	**($39,603.33)**	**$1,065,518.80**
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	**$8,359,822.69**	**($39,603.33)**	**$8,399,426.02**
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
	Total Current Liabilities	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Long Term Liabilities				
2.200.200	MIF Commercial Loan Payable	2,853,086.92	(9,689.26)	2,862,776.18
	Total Long Term Liabilities	**$2,853,086.92**	**($9,689.26)**	**$2,862,776.18**
	Total Liabilities	**$2,853,086.92**	**($9,689.26)**	**$2,862,776.18**
Fund Balances & Equity				
Unrestricted Fund Balances				
3.100.000	General Fund Balance	433,268.85	(16,223.00)	449,491.85
	Total Unrestricted Fund Balances	**$433,268.85**	**($16,223.00)**	**$449,491.85**
Temporary Restricted Fund Balances				
3.170.000	Special Services Fund Balance	140.20	(13,552.00)	13,692.20
3.175.000	Memorial Fund Balance	36,832.77	(144.29)	36,977.06
3.180.000	Grafton Food Pantry Fund Balance	892.16	411.08	481.08
3.220.000	AV Ministry Fund Balance	39.53	0.00	39.53
3.240.000	Facilities Fund Balance	0.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00
3.250.000	Good Samaritan Fund Balance	5,298.99	0.00	5,298.99
3.260.000	Community Outreach Fund Balance	2,967.13	(29.98)	2,997.11
3.270.000	Holiday Flowers Balance	(146.52)	(803.48)	656.96
3.300.000	*Music Ministry Fund Balance*			
3.330.000	Adult Music Ministry Fund Balance	59,558.56	(3,767.03)	63,325.59
3.345.000	Childrens Music Ministry Fund Balance	6,692.13	1,000.00	5,692.13
	Total Music Ministry Fund Balance	*$66,250.69*	*($2,767.03)*	*69,017.72*
3.340.000	Artist Series Balance	32,716.42	250.00	32,466.42
3.350.000	Prairie Crafters Fund Balance	636.07	0.00	636.07
3.380.000	Continuing Education Fund Balance	1,605.98	(100.26)	1,706.24
3.390.000	Children & Family Ministry Balance	943.94	0.00	943.94
3.400.000	*Youth Ministry Fund Balance*			
3.410.000	Youth Leader Programs Balance	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00
3.415.000	Youth Ministry Balance	301.55	25.00	276.55
3.417.000	Youth Mission Trips Balance	10,902.96	0.00	10,902.96
	Total Youth Ministry Fund Balance	*$23,704.51*	*$25.00*	*23,679.51*

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Period Activity	Previous Period Balance
3.500.000	Little Lambs Fund Balance	6,260.43	(3,170.63)	9,431.06
3.600.000	Prayer Shawl Ministry Fund Balance	252.95	0.00	252.95
3.650.000	Quilters Ministry Fund Balance	2,055.02	0.00	2,055.02
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	89,981.65	5,900.00	84,081.65
3.700.000	Church Events - Funded Balance	(2,287.00)	(412.09)	(1,874.91)
3.720.000	Disaster Relief Fund Balance	200.00	0.00	200.00
3.725.000	Miscellaneous Outside Charities Fund Balance	200.00	0.00	200.00
3.730.000	ELCA World Hunger Fund Balance	546.50	50.25	496.25
3.735.000	LSSI Fund Balance	275.00	75.00	200.00
3.750.000	Seminary Scholarship Fund Balance	7,270.00	0.00	7,270.00
3.800.000	Boy Scout Troop 200 Fund Balance	7,948.80	1,307.07	6,641.73
3.850.000	Cub Scout Pack 467 Fund Balance	2,132.12	2,132.12	0.00
	Total	**$302,777.25**	**($13,829.24)**	**$316,606.49**
3.140.000	Mortgage Service Fund Balance	76,361.36	(3,627.58)	79,988.94
	Total Temporary Restricted Fund Balances	**$379,138.61**	**($17,456.82)**	**$396,595.43**
Reserves				
3.950.000	Barnabas Reserves Balance	3,455.65	0.00	3,455.65
3.971.000	Roof Repairs/Replacement Balance	67,905.04	575.00	67,330.04
3.972.000	Playground Maintenance Reserves Balance	2,605.00	0.00	2,605.00
3.973.000	Parking Lot Seal/Repair Reserves Balance	18,911.28	650.00	18,261.28
3.974.000	Lawn & Landscaping Reserves Balance	16,233.00	333.33	15,899.67
3.975.000	Maintenance Reserves Balance	4,243.79	(4,206.00)	8,449.79
3.976.000	Carpeting Crossroads/Hallways Reserves Balance	3,302.00	0.00	3,302.00
3.977.000	Carpeting MP Room/Classrooms Balance	32,726.61	133.33	32,593.28
3.979.000	Outside Audit Reserve Balance	3,720.04	(3,680.00)	7,400.04
3.980.000	Equipment Reserves Balance	13,102.42	250.00	12,852.42
3.981.000	Bells Maintenance Reserves Balance	2,590.69	20.83	2,569.86
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	**$198,746.41**	**($5,923.51)**	**$204,669.92**
Permanently Restricted Funds				
3.940.000	Endowment Fund Balance	14,761.60	0.00	14,761.60
	Total Permanently Restricted Funds	**$14,761.60**	**$0.00**	**$14,761.60**
3.130.000	Building & Grounds Equity	4,350,049.69	9,689.26	4,340,360.43
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	**$4,480,820.30**	**$9,689.26**	**$4,471,131.04**
	Total Fund Balances & Equity	**$5,506,735.77**	**($29,914.07)**	**$5,536,649.84**
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances & Equity	**$8,359,822.69**	**($39,603.33)**	**$8,399,426.02**

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Income							
4.100.000	Member Contributions	76,458.76	65,600.00	447,570.75	417,226.00	30,344.75	994,613.00
4.150.000	Loose Plate and Growth	1,325.01	2,019.00	7,695.29	11,225.00	(3,529.71)	30,000.00
4.155.000	Other Donation Income	0.00	43.00	0.00	215.00	(215.00)	515.00
4.200.000	Fees and Registrations	194.00	215.00	979.00	1,074.00	(95.00)	2,575.00
4.250.000	Flower Income	0.00	120.00	126.00	600.00	(474.00)	1,442.00
4.300.000	Interest Income Heartland Bank	31.30	34.00	186.35	170.00	16.35	412.00
4.310.000	Investment Income Fidelity	1,077.24	500.00	9,198.91	8,000.00	1,198.91	29,500.00
	Total Income	**$79,086.31**	**$68,531.00**	**$465,756.30**	**$438,510.00**	**$27,246.30**	**$1,059,057.00**
Expenses							
Connections Ministry							
	Connections Mininstry	**$197.46**	**$41.00**	**$260.32**	**$205.00**	**$55.32**	**$500.00**
Mission Ministry							
	Mission Ministry	**$9,121.29**	**$9,118.00**	**$47,190.26**	**$45,590.00**	**$1,600.26**	**$109,408.00**
Outreach Ministry							
	Outreach Ministry	**$0.00**	**$734.00**	**$1,619.36**	**$3,670.00**	**($2,050.64)**	**$8,800.00**
Fellowship Ministry							
	Fellowship Ministry	**$0.00**	**$167.00**	**$0.00**	**$835.00**	**($835.00)**	**$2,000.00**
Adult Education Ministry							
	Adult Education Ministry	**$82.60**	**$140.00**	**$307.98**	**$700.00**	**($392.02)**	**$1,680.00**
Youth and Education Ministry							
	Youth and Education Ministry	**$1,882.35**	**$758.00**	**$3,564.85**	**$3,790.00**	**($225.15)**	**$9,100.00**
Children and Family Ministry							
	Children and Family Ministry	**$280.77**	**$808.00**	**$1,533.72**	**$2,891.00**	**($1,357.28)**	**$7,400.00**
Music Ministry							
	Music Ministry	**$131.89**	**$171.00**	**$519.03**	**$855.00**	**($335.97)**	**$2,050.00**
Worship Ministry							
	Worship Ministry	**$61.05**	**$651.00**	**$1,901.84**	**$3,255.00**	**($1,353.16)**	**$7,800.00**
Audio Visual							
	Audio Visual	**$1,756.32**	**$2,179.00**	**$8,519.41**	**$10,895.00**	**($2,375.59)**	**$26,150.00**
Facilities							
	Facilities	**$7,431.60**	**$8,284.00**	**$51,653.27**	**$46,830.00**	**$4,823.27**	**$107,024.00**
Office Expenses							
	Office Expenses	**$191.95**	**$3,131.00**	**$13,580.71**	**$15,655.00**	**($2,074.29)**	**$37,575.00**
Staffing Ministry							

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Spiritual Ministry Staff							
	Spiritual Ministry Staff	**$51,481.78**	**$51,302.00**	**$194,998.31**	**$197,991.00**	**($2,992.69)**	**$469,335.00**
Support Ministry Staff							
	Support Ministry Staff	**$15,926.79**	**$17,153.00**	**$60,885.51**	**$64,025.00**	**($3,139.49)**	**$151,488.00**
Shared Staff Expense							
	Shared Staff Expense	**$2,936.10**	**$3,498.00**	**$12,720.15**	**$13,522.00**	**($801.85)**	**$32,059.00**
	Staffing Ministry	**$70,344.67**	**$71,953.00**	**$268,603.97**	**$275,538.00**	**($6,934.03)**	**$652,882.00**
Other Church Expenses							
	Other Church Expenses	**$1,014.87**	**$2,162.00**	**$15,840.35**	**$18,910.00**	**($3,069.65)**	**$52,938.00**
Providing for the Future							
	Providing for the Future	**$2,812.49**	**$2,812.00**	**$14,062.45**	**$14,060.00**	**$2.45**	**$33,750.00**
	Total Expenses	**$95,309.31**	**$103,109.00**	**$429,157.52**	**$443,679.00**	**($14,521.48)**	**$1,059,057.00**
	Difference	**($16,223.00)**	**($34,578.00)**	**$36,598.78**	**($5,169.00)**		**$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	76,459	447,571	12%
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			

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Operations Report
June 2026

Facility

- Sign team
    - Meeting based on new sign dimensions and quotes coming up
- Property Team
    - All items in building seem to be working fine
    - Property working on refreshing key system to make sure all outstanding keys are collected

HR

- No hire candidates in the works for Youth Coordinator currently
    - This summer really looking to find candidate

Branding/Website/Apparel/Social Media

- Michelle to start working on Website improvement
    - Started with rotating slides
    - Matt and Michelle to work with JSinger for website updates

Planning Center / Canva

- We are looking at texting options through Planning Center
- We are looking at Member Directory as well
    - Tabled, too complex at the moment
- Michelle to begin looking at App creation
- Matt and Michelle to take a day or two to review all forms and update them based on our current needs.

SOTP Children and Family Team Meeting
June 8, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 7:10pm
Present: Jill Gillming, Amy Britain, Jen Powe
Absent: Amy Stech, Lisa Wondriska
Meeting End Time: 7:45pm

- ## Old Business
    - Additional visibility ideas
        - Update existing picture collages in hallway
            - Lisa Wondriska will take the lead after the school year is over - will need to get her access to photos. Contact Matt Morrison

*Event Planning for 2026

a. January-Bingo Jan. 23rd 7-8pm
b. February - Uno Tournament and Potluck (Collab with Fellowship Team) Feb 1st noon
c. March - Family Lock-In March 13th 7pm
d. April- Easter Egg Hunt April 4th
e. May
f. June - Ice Cream Social/Car Show June12th
g. July - VBS Should we do it July 13-17
h. August- Church Picnic
i. September- Rally Day
j. October - Trunk-or-Treat Oct 24th
k. November-
l. December - Family Christmas Caroling at a nursing home

- ## New Business
    - Event Planning for 2026

a. January-Bingo Jan. 23rd 7-8pm- was canceled because of a snow storm!
    i. Bingo supplies were used during the February Potluck.
b. February - Trivia Night and Potluck (Collab with Fellowship Team)
    i. Uno Tournament instead of Trivia- Bingo was played
c. March - Family Lock-In March 13th 7pm- canceled due to low registration, confirmation is planning a Lock-in on May 15th!
d. April- Easter Egg Hunt April 4th-NEXT YEAR MARCH 20TH
    i. Weather was yucky but had a decent turnout. Next year should we maybe do the Egg Hunt the week before because we can't do it indoors the day before Easter!
    ii. Got some really nice comments about the gifts that were handed out on Easter morning. We will definitely do that again. MAYBE CHRISTMAS???
e. May-
f. June - Ice Cream Social/Car Show June12th
    i. Jill has meeting with Car Show team on Thursday May 14th
    ii. No one has signed up to help run any kid games .
g. July - VBS July 13-17
    i. So far we have 50 volunteers and 102 kids signed up!

    ii. Having high school and middle schoolers come in to help decorate. Make about 3 dates at about 2 hours at a time.
    iii. Fundraiser—-- Contact Annette Peterson about what the Food pantry needs.
h. August- Church Picnic has been changed to September 20th!
i. September- Rally Day/ Do we want to participate with the Outreach team for the Hootnanny? Yes, but will need help because everyone will already be participating.
j. October - Trunk-or-Treat Oct 24th
k. November- Feed My Starving Children????
l. December - Family Christmas Caroling at a nursing home/ If we have money in the budget we can give out gift bags during Christmas Eve service (like we did for Easter).

Brief Ministry Check-in

- Kids Connect
    - Talk about next year's plans
    - There will be Kids Connect during the summer! The summer schedule is up for volunteers to sign up. Jill is writing up an email to parents about summer schedule.

- Adventure Club
    - Had a great year! The end of the year party was fun for everyone!

Future Ideas:

- **Some type of new Fellowship to involve families (sports, softball, Baggo?)**
  Fishing Derby (morning activity, donuts)
  Bowling Bowl High - November?

Mission Team Minutes
June 8, 2026

Attendance: John Witt, Carl Hupert, Sandy Hupert, Elizabeth Trout, Stephanie Mondello, Annette Petersen, Carrie Gundersen, Marty Jacobson, Vik Berkeris, Becky Wright, Steve Legel and Donna Kelly (Connections Ministry).

John opened meeting with a reading from Galatians 5:13 and a prayer.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes: Vik moved and Annette seconded motion to approve May minutes. Motion carried.
2. ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Relief: Becky is working on slide and information for "Christmas In July".Discussed and will implement for website to have QR code for credit card donations. Becky handed out Life Lines magazine and showed short video on work ELCA World Hunger is doing. Received Thank You note and Certificate of Recognition for donations.
3. Grafton Food Pantry: Annette reported there are no longer restrictions on income or location of residence for clients to food pantry. We are getting 2-3 new families /week using facility, This is about a 20% increase in families over all. Annette was told the pantry is tremendously grateful to our congregation's loyalty and generous donations.
4. WARP Corp/Steven's Home- Lunches for Homeless: Building has been found in Crystal Lake. There is a "warming area" available in building for next fall and winter. Will find out about meals for homeless later this week. On June 5th, a group from church made up sandwiches for homeless.
5. AARK Garden: Vik reports early produce is available now. Need to let congregation know that it is obtainable and donations are accepted.
6. Northern IL. Food Bank: Volunteers worked in food bank store last month.
7. Exodus: Thank You letter received for donation.
8. Habitat for Humanity: Golf outing raised $6000.00. A merger has occurred between New Hope Partnership and another group. New group called "Joyful Hope". Thank You letter received for donation to Habitat for Humanity.
9. Turning Point: Ready to deliver kits. Just need to apply labels with church name on them. Thank You letter received for donation.
10. LSSI: No report.
11. Missionary Support: Rich had asked if Joshua nProject personnal could in some way help out Arusha Hospital. Steve contacted Daudi about this and he felt not at present time due to administrative and political reasons.
12. Joshua Project: No report.
13. Community Crisis Center In Elgin: Need men's heavy coats (L & XL) and gloves for winter. Discussed ways to bring need to congregation and wider community. Carrie will contact Michelle about creating a slide for donating coats.
14. Budget: $8446.00 available in Local Missions.

New Business

1. Prayers of Joy and Concerns led by John.
2. Motion to Adjourn: Marty moved and Vik seconded motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Steve Legel, Secretary

Worship Support committee
June 8, 2026
Attending the meeting: Ed, Carolyn, Stan, Sandy, Leslie, Judy, Eileen, Lorraine.

Carolyn started the meeting at 7pm asking Sandy to open with prayer.
Ed Cuttle was asked to introduce Stan Crissman who will be taking over the Usher Team Leader by September 2026. Welcome STAN!
Ed reported that he and Stan are transitioning over the leadership. Ed will continue to support the funeral ministry to assist Stan.
Ed reported that Walter Lemke will be transitioning off the usher team and weekend team leader. Bill Valle has been asked to take over that leadership as weekend team leader. He is giving it thoughtful prayerful consideration.
Ed, Leslie, and Stan met after the service to handle the refilling of the candles. Initially it was the responsibility of the Altar Guild. Over years it became the usher's responsibility. With the change in leadership, it has been decided that Altar Guild will handle the refilling of the candles backed up by the Ushers.
Ed reported that he now has an abundance of usher volunteers for the 9am service. He will contact Michelle to change the usher request slide to reflect the outstanding need for volunteers for the 1045am service.
Leslie reported that she is working to create four teams for communion (like how ushers and greeters are organized). There would be one team for the first week, one for the second week, etc. It is a work in progress. Judy Symbal will serve as the funeral altar guild person when communion is served (similar to Ed serving as the funeral usher coordinator). Pastor Mark will notify both Stan and Leslie, Ed, and Judy regarding funeral plans as they are confirmed. It is important to let the head leaders know what is happening.
Eileen reported that the greeters are organized and seem to be running smoothly.
Lorraine brought up a concern that NO FLOWERS have been ordered for services. She voiced a concern that the cost of each floral arrangement is $52. Question for Jane – is there an opportunity for the Worship Budget to subsidize the floral arrangements to bring the cost of flowers down to perhaps $30 per arrangement? Everyone thanked Sandy for the beautiful floral arrangements on the south entrance. Sandy offered to work on the East entrance. Lorraine, Sandy, and Carolyn will talk and follow up. The fellowship planters need attention too. We will check with Property to see if we could add some rock to stop the planters from being ash trays with butts in them.
Sandy Scalise talked about Saturday night. She is having trouble with greeters and ushers' volunteers. She has been doing double duty herself to accomplish these tasks. As a group we talked about considering stopping collecting the offering. We do understand the need to collect offering but perhaps for the Saturday night attendance there could be a basket to collect the offering near the doorway. It would eliminate the ushers passing the offering baskets. Just a thought…
Upcoming Events were discussed.

- Ice Cream Social and Car Show June 12 from 6-8 pm
- Luecht Historical Collection at MCC College June 22 and 24 from 10-noon
- Jersey Tenors Friday June 26 at 7pm

- Vacation Bible School July 13-17 KINGDOM QUEST
- 25th SOTP Anniversary TBD (probably September- October)

The meeting was over by 745pm, but folks hung around to talk more until after 8pm

Respectfully submitted,

CarolynCuttle

6/8/26 property team meeting report

Present at meeting: Mark Frendreis, Chris Trodahl, Rich Paeth, Tom Polzin, Rick Wright, Pete Walthers; visitor Donna Kelly

OLD BUSINESS

• Carpet cleaning- Willow room and Matt's room -plan ?	On hold.
• Carpet in Willow room possibly replace plan - Mark	On hold.
• Monthly Progress on monitors in building and signage- Rich	Getting updated quotes based on clarification from the village that size limitation is based on area with signage rather than total structure of sign.
• New Business Items That Are Done	• Classroom/music room stained ceiling tile have been replaced – Mark. No leaks. • Garage clean out in spring is done – Mark. Improvements provide better lighting. Scrap plywood moved to rear of building for future use. • Running Cat 5 cable was run with Jeff 5/15/26 – Rich, Chris. • Scrap in shed removed – Mark. Lumber (plywood) on side of moved to rear of building for future use.

Others:

Donna: Requested improvements to paint and caulking in bathroom near old kitchen. Unable to meet request for a baby diaper station due to code limitations for size of room; however, this is available in other hall bathrooms.

Mark: Noted upcoming car show / ice cream social this weekend. Noted 5K hootenanny / glow-run conducted by Huntley Sept. 12; plan is to have a church presence on the grounds for the event.
Noted church is changing insurance company and will do walk-through with new company within next 2 weeks.

Rich / Chris: Chris's Landscaping will fill in gap between sidewalk and grass near door A, to increase safety. Mulch by play area is done and will be put against reserve. Parking lot coating will be put against reserve.

NEW BUSINESS

Item	Notes
July walkthrough	Pete
Paper towel dispenser for 4 bathrooms can be installed - Mark	Schedule: This Friday.
Shopping for replacing Nelbud service vendor ?- Rich	Continue to monitor.
Getting quote for all sprinkler pipe and nitrogen -Rich	Report: Sprinkler pipe does not need action. Nitrogen needs quote; estimated around $30K +.
Sound booth storage reorganizing to get back into it soon - Chris or Mark	Plan: Work with Jeff.
Parking lot seal coating is to be scheduled this summer - Chris	Plan: Some dates are proposed within July; will avoid VBS week of July 14 to 17. Mark working this with Matt.
We have approval for sprinkler repairs from council - Mark	Plan: Repair person will schedule own work with request to avoid VBS week of July 14 to 17.
VBS damage evaluation - Mark	Plan: Make list of potential and actual damage items and labor / material costs.
Landscape issue with Cal - Chris	Report: In committee meeting Cal committed to fertilizing and weed control; other work to be budgeted.
Tree replacement in fall - Chris	Plan: Update closer to fall.

Stewardship Committee

Meeting Minutes

6/8/26

Present:	Mike McCann, Frank Leonardi, Julia Leonardi, Ralph Wehnes
Next meeting:	7/7/26

1. **25th Anniversary Discussion**

   Discussed with Pastor Mark the direction we are looking for a 25th anniversary celebration. As of right now, we are still working on final details and performing artist with the artist series. Parking, food and timeline are currently in the planning phase.

2. **Fall Stewardship Campaign**

   Pastor Mark has put together a calendar for the Fall Stewardship Campaign and a theme for the 2027 Campaign. We are discussing numerous topics including speakers for the talks, dinner possibilities and timings prior to commitment Sunday. We will also be meeting with Matt Morrison to go over the EOG cards and process for recording the pledges for this year.

Minutes completed by: Mike McCann, Chair of Stewardship Committee