

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

March 18, 2025 met in person

Present: Steve Larsen, Phil Smalley, Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Carolyn Ciaccio, Pearl Fortman, Kevin Nitz, LaVon Downing, Stewart Walk, Janette Erickson, and Barbara Pearson.

Absent: Shelly Pierson

The meeting was called to order by Steve at 7:00 pm.

- Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with a devotional reading from Psalm 63 1-8, followed by prayer.
- Reviewed February's council meeting minutes. Motion by Janette to approve them. Motion was 2nd by Stewart. Motion carried.
- Reviewed March's agenda. Motion to approve by Janette, 2nd by Carolyn. Motion carried.
- Old business:
 - *Sanctuary choir area renovations: The tentative plan is to bring the steps down to one level. Cost TBD
 - *The Council members who have not signed the Confidentiality Agreement and Covenant need to do so. This was completed
 - *Call Committee/Council Workshops: 1. Feb. 23rd at All Saints in Byron – “Becoming the Beloved Community” was a good meeting. Very enlightening and thought provoking. 2. April 6th at Shepherd of the Valley – “Engaging Hospitality”
 - *2025-2026 host list will be emailed to all council members. Please confirm the month you have signed up for. Still need hosts for July, August and January 2026.
- New business:
 - *April Council meeting to be held on April 22nd instead of the 15th due to Holy week April 13-19
 - *Researching the purchase of a “Ring” system for two entry doors as added security for the church and members
 - *Harvest Time School annual banquet on May 22nd. They would like to use Moline Hall for this event. Council approved their request.
 - *Found two chairs that we would like to reupholster to replace the two blue chairs currently in the lobby area.

- Committee reports:

Outreach:

*4/12/25 Ruthie's Kitchen – we will cook and serve. Maybe two shifts, 1st to cook and 2nd to serve. Sign up board is up if interested to help.

*Donations being collected for Constance Lane Elementary School. There is a list on the communications desk in the lobby of the items they need.

Property:

*Ladies room in the south end hallway had a leaking faucet and has been repaired.

*We are putting the mower list together and getting ready for the spring and summer seasons. Mowing begins around April 1st.

Worship and Music:

*Simple Suppers going well. Monetary Offerings collected at supper are going to ELCA World Hunger Response. Supper is followed by Lenten Worship using Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

*Holy week schedule:

April 13-PalmPassion Sunday Worship 9:30 am

April 17-Maundy Thursday communion and stripping of the altar 7:00 pm

April 18- Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm

April 19-Decorate Sanctuary (butterflies) and set up for Sunday - 9:00 am

April 20 Easter service 9:30 am

Finance:

Profit and loss to Budget for February 2025 was reviewed.

Fellowship:

Bible Study and lunch planned. Study from the "Gather Magazine"

Living Vine Bible Study 9:30 am – 3rd Monday of the month

Christian Ed:

Paused.

Motion to adjourn by Janette, 2nd by Phil. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be in person on: April 22 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pearson