

# Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

May 19, 2025 met in person

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

Absent: Stewart Walk

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

- Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with prayer.
- Reviewed April's council meeting minutes. Motion by Janette to approve them. Motion was 2nd by Kevin. Motion carried.
- Reviewed May's agenda. Motion to approve by Janette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaVon. Motion carried.
- Interim Minister's report was given out but not discussed at this time. Report will be posted on the kiosk.
- Expedited Agenda due to the need to discussion the shared ministry/Minister process.
- Old business:
  - Only business on which a vote is needed will be discussed. None needed.
- New business:
  - Only business on which a vote is needed will be discussed. None needed.
- Committee reports:
  - Outreach, Finance, Property, Worship and Music, Fellowship, and Christian Education were asked to be submitted in writing and handed out at this meeting.
- Discussion results:

Reviewed questions and concerns SVLC has or may have with sharing a pastor as 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran has experience with this type of ministry. The plan is to be in agreement with 1<sup>st</sup> on how to proceed when sharing a pastor.

We prepared our financial and logistical considerations as well as our current missions and ministry activities to be shared and agreed upon with 1<sup>st</sup>. We understood that some adjustments may be necessary but we internally agreed where those adjustments can take place and where they could not.

We set an agenda for a joint meeting with both councils and proposed a date before our next regular council meeting to hold the joint one.

Motion to adjourn by Barbara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve, Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be in person on: June 17 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Pearson