

# Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

October 21, 2025 met in person

Present: Steve Larsen, Phil Smalley, Pastor Leslie, Janette Erickson, LaVon Downing, and Barbara Pearson.

On Zoom: Carolyn Ciaccio

Absent: Shelley Pierson, Pearl Fortman, Kevin Nitz

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

- Pastor Leslie opened the meeting with a reading (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- Reviewed the August council meeting minutes, the last meeting held at SOTV. Motion by Phil to approve them, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaVon. Motion carried.
- Reviewed the agenda for September. Motion to approve by Janette, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaVon. Motion carried.
- Pastor report – A copy of her report is posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. Along with all the services Pastor has provided for both churches, the self-growth events she has attended, she shared with us a bit about her family vacation and the things going on with the whole family.
- Old business:
  1. Small Scrappy Congregations: the event was enjoyable, fun and educational. Those attending have plans to use what was learned to engage the congregation in activities during Sunday services. Monthly or every other month meetings are planned with group to grow this ministry.
  2. Review of the first joint Sunday service. Feeling is that it was very successful, enjoyable and uplifting.
  3. Stewardship to be discussed at next meeting.
- New business: Important dates to remember:
  1. Next joint worship day is October 26<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran.
  2. The new custodian, Ms. Dale Anderson is working out very well. We hope to introduce her, along with her husband, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, to the congregation.
  3. Signage for the changes to times and location of Sunday services to be banners for the corner sign by the road and protected poster types for the east and west entries. Monies for these will be used from memorial donated funds. Cost for the banners not to exceed \$500 and the smaller signs for the entry doors not to exceed \$300. Motion to approve cost made by Barb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janette. Motion carried.

4. The search for nominations to the Church Council for 2026 has begun. We have five members going out.

- Committee reports:

**Outreach:** a.) Carpenters Place ministry instead of Salvation Army this year. b.) Summerdale, the giving tree, will be done this year with the help from Carol Bailey. c.) Planning to do something in January for Rockhouse Kids.

**Finance:** The Financial report was reviewed and is posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

**Property:** a.) Cleaned out the custodian closet to organize and make room for new equipment. b.) Put up new towel dispensers in the bathrooms. c.) Next project is to update the men's rooms.

**Worship and Music:** a.) New members were welcomed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Oct, Karin Telleen and children, Vanessa and Joseph. b.) All Saints Sunday, a table will be set up in the back of the sanctuary for people to light tea candles for loved ones memory. c.) Poinsettias for this year will be ordered jointly with First and displayed at First for the Christmas Eve service at 3:00 pm. d.) Full copy of the minutes will be posted on the kiosk.

**Fellowship:** no report

Motion to adjourn by LaVon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janette. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting will be a joint one, in person, at First on the 17th of November at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Pearson