

GROW

Finance (2025, building, YTD-2026)

- Our 2025 financial situation is very encouraging. Giving matches the budgeted amount, and expenses are lower, resulting in a positive outcome of CHF 125.5k.
- The building project has been budgeted at CHF 4.8 millions. So far expenses are aligned with expectations; and we may even finish slightly under budget. Financing has been secured with CHF 2.75 millions loan (Aligro) + CHF 2.15 millions (3G fund). Loan will be reduced once the project is terminated.
- Our 2026 budget income represents a 16% increase compared to actual 2025. Year-to-date Feb 2026 results are **28%** below budget.

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual
in '000 CHF	2025		2026	YTD - Feb 26	
Giving	582.1	590.8	687.8	114.6	82.0
Missions	58.2	60.8	68.8	11.5	8.2
Total income	523.9	530.0	619.0	103.2	73.8
Ministries	19.1	22.3	29.1		
Staff	264.0	274.3	369.0		
Building Rental	117.6	81.0	188.9		
Other Expenses	23.2	26.7	32.0		
Total Expenses	523.9	404.4	619.0		
Result Gain / (Loss)		125.5			-28%

Let's be thankful and praise God for our finances and for the loan, securing our building project.

May God continue to provide for 2026 and give wisdom in administering our resources.

Sunday morning service, class@9am, homegroups

- We have been gathering in the new building since March 1st, 2026. We are still adjusting but overall, the transition has been smooth.
- In the main Sunday service, we are currently going through Paul's Letter to the Romans.
- Class@9am continues with the module on "Church Matters". Upcoming topics include our history, our future vision and giving.
- We currently have 10 homegroups, which meet on various evenings throughout the week in different locations, as well as 3 mid-week women's bible studies.

Let's be thankful for the opportunity to gather and study the word of God.

May God touch our hearts, fill us with His spirit and strengthen our faith & commitment to follow Him.

Elders & Board

- We currently have 10 elders. Andrew, Christoph, Geert, Hendrik, John, Jonathan, Marc, Martin, Olivier and Tom. A few changes are expected in June (GAM).
- We meet to pray (online) every Friday morning.
- An in-person elders' meeting is held on the first Monday of each month, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.
- Martin, Olivier (President) and Jonathan (Vice-President) have weekly catch-up meetings on Mondays.
- The Board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and HR responsible) meet on the third Monday of each month.

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve our community, and despite our differences we enjoy peace and unity.

May God continue to provide wisdom, faith, discernment and renewed strength. Pray for new elders, and for unity in the Spirit.

Members & non-members

- Our church currently has 134 members. Our Sunday congregation is approximately 350 people on a regular basis, including up to 100 children & youth.
- The Westlake App has 316 members and supports various forms of communication.
- A weekly newsletter is shared by email to more than 425 email addresses.

Praise God for our community! What a blessing to see multiple nationalities & generations worshipping together. Ask for faith, for grace, mercy, peace, forgiveness and that God may use us for His glory.

GO

Salt&Light, Christianity Explored, New Building Celebration, French Ministry

- We are 4 sessions in to our Sunday evening series, “Salt and Light”, designed to better equip us in personal evangelism.
- We have started our Sunday lunchtime “Christianity Explored” course with 7 participants (including the leaders).
- Plans for the celebration weekend on May 2nd-3rd are progressing. Representatives of the communal authorities, and alumni will be invited to join existing members and attenders throughout the weekend.
- After our launch event for the French ministry on March 1st, we are now gathering people to pray for the future direction of this ministry.
- The Women’s ministry has an Easter outreach event planned for March 29th.

What a blessing to be touched by God’s grace. Our mission is amazing: go and make disciples!

Pray for courage & boldness in sharing the gospel. Pray for those that will listen to it, friends, family, neighbours, colleagues. Ask for spiritual discernment and protection.

Deacons: House Manager, Facilities, Missions, Mercy, Hospitality, Media

- As the church continues to grow, we need to strengthen coordination across our various activities. To support the practical aspects of our community and allow elders to focus on teaching and prayer, we intend to propose a structure with deacons overseeing certain activities. The topic will be presented further during our GAM in June. This will have an impact on current tasks such as, set-up/down, welcome, refreshments, facilities, building and missions.
- We are grateful for all those serving in these areas and we are conscient that adjusting into our new building has required extra efforts and time. It is an opportunity to say thank you to John & Hannah, Gustavo & Suleidy, Armand, Geert & Marielle, Ryan, Karen & Stefan, Eric & Anita, Peter.

Give thanks for the opportunities to serve our Lord, and for the people who are helping in several areas.

Pray for physical & spiritual renewal of the teams. Pray for the implementation of deacons.

May God help us welcome visitors and may we be used for his kingdom, in Chavannes-près-Renens and beyond.

GATHER

Children/Ark, Youth, students, Academics, Men, Women, retreats.

- The Children's ministry on Sunday mornings is led by Keturah Owens, and the Ark playgroup on Friday mornings by Melissa Perret. The latter continues to attract non-Christians mums; mid-March we had 27 children and 20 adults in attendance.
- Wilson and Anne-Lize Idemudia and team lead the Friday night youth program, and Olivier and team the Sunday morning youth program - which is split into Juniors (11-12), Hub (13-14), and Seniors (15-18). Youth retreat is scheduled for October 30th - Nov 1st.
- The Christian Academics group is organized by Alex and Emma Rusnak and meets monthly, seeking to encourage Christian academics and provide a place for non-Christian academics to engage with the gospel. They are also starting an evangelistic Bible study on campus.
- Students meet weekly on Thursday evening. Students' and young adults' retreat is scheduled for November 13th-15th.
- The Women's ministry has an Easter outreach event planned, as well as other activities scheduled during the year. The Men's ministry has a men's retreat planned for August 7th-8th.
- Our church retreat is planned for May 8th - 10th.

Be thankful for our kids & teens. Praise God for a lively community committed to know Him more.

Ask for His grace to abound & His mercy to overflow.

Pastoral Care

- We are currently developing a pastoral care pathway, which will enable members to better access pastoral care from within the church or from external sources.

Pray for jobseekers.

Pray for broken relationships.

Pray for those with health issues and in need of healing.

Pray for those who feel lonely, and for those struggling financially.

Staff

- Pastor: Martin Slack
- Women and Children's Co-ordinator: Keturah Owens
- Administrator: Hazel Liddle
- Interns: Emma Rusnak, Jacqueline Clement, Henri Mott
- Associate Pastor: David Niblack (expected to start in August 2027)

Bless them, pray for them and with them. Commit them to the Lord.

Leaders & teams (service opportunities)

- Worship: Linley Bennet + team of 40
- Sound: Peter Matus + team of 6
- Men: Clive Wilder-Smith + team of 4
- Women: Keturah Owens + team of 7
- Children: Keturah Owens + team of 50
- Sunday Youth: Olivier Waridel + team of 12
- Friday Youth: Wilson and Anne-Lize Idemudia + team of 6
- Students: Martin Slack + team of 5

We are actively looking for volunteers in: music; sound; children's ministry, youth

Be thankful & pray for love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Pray for physical & spiritual renewal.