

The Motion:

That Faith Lutheran Church commit to hosting a Summer Continuing Education class next summer.

What Is Continuing Ed?

Continuing Education (CE) classes are short, intensive seminars taught by professors from our LCMS seminaries and colleges, hosted at LCMS congregations. They're part of the Synod's mission to keep pastors growing theologically and offer laypeople a chance to learn alongside them. Like other professions, pastors need to continue their studies after formal schooling. In CE, pastors and laity will engage deeply with Holy Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, Church History, and issues facing the Church today.

Faith Lutheran has hosted CE classes before, and there is renewed interest among the pastors of our region to have one again in Oregon.

What are the Benefits?

For Pastors

- Grow deeper in knowledge of theology, Scripture, and church history
- Connect with, and grow closer to, fellow pastors in our region
- Access top-tier instruction without traveling long distances for other CE courses (CA, WA, MT) or the seminaries for advanced degrees.

For Laity

- Invited to **take for credit or audit the class**
- Study theological topics with their pastor and other Christians

For Faith Lutheran Church

- Connects us with pastors and churches throughout the region
- Deepens the spiritual and intellectual life of our members

What Will Faith Need to Provide?

If the motion passes, our responsibilities will include:

- **Provide Classroom space** for 3–5 days during a week in the summer
- **Arrange Lunch and Refreshments for attendees** (organized by our volunteers: potluck, cooking, or catering).
- **Basic coordination** and scheduling with the Synod's CE team (Pastor Laws).

Optionally, we could also:

- **Provide Airport transportation** for the professor/attendees.
- **Offer to host** students in homes for the class dates.
- **Organize an outing** for one of the afternoons, such as the Hellgate River Tour (paid for by attendees).

All costs (professor's flight, hotel, lunch, etc.) are paid by attendees through registration fees.

There is no financial burden on the church's budget beyond Pastor Laws' registration fee.

How Can I Help?

We'll need:

- Volunteers to help with meal planning, prep, and/or coordinate catering
- General support and hospitality for guests
- Members open to hosting visiting pastors and laity (**optional**)
- A member or two willing to drive or coordinate airport pickup (**optional**)

If you'd like to help or have questions, please speak with Pastor Laws.