

Fall Voter's Assembly Report – Pastor Laws

Membership Updates

- ✦ Baptisms: Donald Keith Mayfield (October 12th, 2025), Terron Leiter, Jr. (October 26th, 2025)
- ✦ Confirmations: N/A
- ✦ Deaths: Judy Oachs (August 9th, 2025), Susie Getz (August 30th, 2025)

Upcoming Special Services

- ✦ October 26th - Circuit Reformation Service at St. Johns, Eagle Point, at 4 pm.
- ✦ November 22nd - Rev. Jon Westhafer's Installation at Trinity, Cottage Grove at 11 am.
- ✦ November 26th - Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6 pm.
- ✦ December 3rd, 10th, and 17th - Advent Midweeks at 6 pm.
- ✦ December 24th - Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm.
- ✦ December 25th - Christmas Day Service at 10 am.
- ✦ January 6th - Epiphany Service at 6 pm.

Circuit Forum (October 7th, 2025) Report

- ✦ Led by the Rev. Jim Markus (Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Emeritus Pastor and Circuit Visitor for Circuit 2). Pastor Laws and Charlie Smith attended as Faith's representatives.
- ✦ **Circuit Forums** occur once a triennium to elect a pastoral & lay elector to represent our Circuit's congregations to Synod Convention.
- ✦ Circuits 1 & 2 are a joint circuit for Synod Convention. A Circuit must have between 7-20 congregations, with 1500-10,000 members combined. Our circuits need to be a joint circuit to qualify for an exemption. We have a tradition of trading each triennium, with one Circuit sending a pastoral delegate, and the other a lay delegate. This practice was affirmed by the electors prior to the vote.
- ✦ The Forum made the following elections:
 - **Pastoral Delegate (Circuit 1):** Rev. Joshua Heimbuck (Grace Ashland), **Pastor Alternate:** Rev. Herb Percy (Gloria Dei, Central Point)
 - **Lay Delegate (Circuit 2):** James Mahaffy (St. Paul's, Roseburg), **Lay Alternate:** Patty Daletas (Hope, Springfield)

Christian Education

- ✦ Kids are using CPH's "Enduring Faith" curriculum. The next unit of curriculum will be purchased for Winter quarter.
- ✦ Adults are studying Luther's Large Catechism. Ten Commandments should be finished during Advent.
- ✦ Request for 2026 Budget: Increase of Education money from \$250 to \$500, in order to allow for purchase of copies of books for classes, boards, etc. as needed.

Elders

- ✦ Moved date of meeting to 1st Wednesday of the month to (hopefully) reduce cancellations due to holidays.
- ✦ Engaging in study on the doctrine of the Church, the Ministry, and Church Polity.

KRRC

- ✦ At last Voter's Assembly, an item was withdrawn concerning KRRC. Money had been found in a few accounts to keep KRRC running, likely will allow us to pay our bills for 2026, but still running low.
- ✦ Still working on Emergency Alert System. Jeff hasn't heard back from the engineer he spoke to.
- ✦ Jeff is looking into dropping the news (\$100/month) and a few other cost-saving measures.
- ✦ No volunteers for underwriting. KRRC still needs underwriting to continue operation. If we do not have volunteers on this, we will need to close the station.

Continuing Education Class (Updates)

- ✦ I collected feedback on dates and topics from our Circuit Winkel, the Oregon Pastor's Conference, and our Circuit Forum participants.
- ✦ I sent a set of three professors with topics and dates to LeeAnna at CTSFW. She has responded with a tentative date of August 18-20, with the Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz teaching.
- ✦ In November we will solidify details and get set up to begin advertising it through various means in our Circuit, Region, District and Synod.
- ✦ Members of Faith are invited to audit the class at no cost.

Items for Discussion

1. Proposal on Evening Divine Services on Select Church Festivals
2. Inactive Membership

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jonah Laws

26 October 2025