

4 October Anno Domini 2026

To the Members of
Faith Lutheran Church
Rogue River, Oregon

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After prayer and careful consideration, I am respectfully requesting a peaceful release from my Call as Assistant Pastor, Emeritus of Faith Lutheran Church, effective November 18, 2026.

This request is made for two primary reasons. First, Pastor Jonah Laws has now faithfully served Faith for more than three years and is doing an excellent job as your pastor. The congregation is well served under his leadership, and my continued assistance is no longer needed in the same way it once was.

Second, Judy and I have relocated to Central Point in order to be closer to our family. This move, plus our health, has made regular participation and service at Faith more difficult and has led us to conclude that this is an appropriate time for this transition.

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as one of your pastors since November 18, 2014, including two years as the congregation's sole pastor. Throughout these years, Judy and I have been richly blessed by your love, encouragement, and faithful partnership in the Gospel. We will always treasure the relationships we have formed and the opportunity the Lord granted us to serve among you.

Therefore, I am requesting a peaceful release from my Call as Assistant Pastor, Emeritus effective November 18, 2026.

In addition, Judy and I respectfully request that our membership be transferred to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Central Point, Oregon, where we intend to continue receiving the Lord's gifts through Word and Sacrament and to support the work of Christ's Church in that congregation. Via copy of this letter, we are notifying Pastor Laws and Pastor Percy of our request to have our transfer made at their earliest convenience.

We give thanks to God for His faithfulness throughout our years together and pray that He will continue to bless Faith Lutheran Church, Pastor Laws, and all her members as you carry out the mission He has entrusted to you.

There are two matters that will be addressed that may extend beyond the 18 November release. First is finding a couple more people to be authorized agents on the Beneficiary Fund. Second is the money set aside for me during the two+ year vacancy. I will be working with Pastor Laws and the Church Council on these matters.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

Rev. Michael L. McCoy
Assistant Pastor, Emeritus

c: Pastor Jonah Laws
Pastor Herb Percy