

## Partners in the Work



### Pastor Paul's Call

Pastor Paul is a theological educator in Taiwan, serving with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) and China Lutheran Seminary (CLS). He is called to teach, write, and help plant and pastor Lutheran churches.

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which I'd like to briefly introduce here. First are other Lutheran Church bodies, including especially the LCMS partner synod here, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC). We are only here because the CELC has invited us to be partners with them in their own work. Aside from the CELC, we especially partner with others in the area of resource development. The Lutheran Church – Hong Kong Synod (the LCMS' partner synod in Hong Kong) and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's mission team in Hong Kong are great partners in this regard. Finally are two Recognized Service Organizations of the LCMS, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), and the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society for the Chinese (ELMSC). I have worked very closely with LHF for 20 years now, helping to coordinate their Chinese publications. Their most recent publication, a new Chinese translation of the *Book of Concord*, is a huge blessing to the Chinese Church worldwide, and another Chinese translation, *Lutheranism 101*, is very near publication. ELMSC is a newer organization, which focuses on Lutheran Chinese theological education and resource development. Their annual Mandarin Chinese seminar at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and their outstanding website full of Lutheran Chinese resources ([www.lutheranchinese.org](http://www.lutheranchinese.org)), are two examples of their contributions.

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-6 ESV)*

When I write thank you notes to those who support us and the work in Taiwan, I often mention how foreign mission work is very much a team effort, and we need many partners to support us. Certainly you are one of those partners, for which we are very grateful. There are also many other partners in the work we do, some of





## What can you pray for?

### Thanks for:

- you (the one reading this) and all our other partners in the mission work here in Taiwan
- a good seminar in Ft. Wayne
- wonderful family time, and safe travel back to Taiwan

### Petitions for:

- more and better worldwide Chinese Lutheran theological education and resources, including in partnership with other groups
- continued progress with Church building renovations, including finding a good artist

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## Chinese Seminar in Ft. Wayne

ELMSC (introduced on the first page of this newsletter) held its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Chinese Seminar on Holy Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism* June 17-20 on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Ft. Wayne, IN. I was one of the speakers,

presenting primarily on the Lord's Supper, as taught in the *Small Catechism*. I also translated for CTS professor Rev. John Pless, who also spoke on the Lord's Supper. This year a record 13 adults and 7 children (not including speakers and their families) attended. Our daughter Elizabeth helped considerably as well, leading a children's program and accompanying on piano for daily Matins and Compline. While my service at this seminar in the US is obviously not *missionary service in Taiwan*, it is certainly related, as I can use what I taught there here in Taiwan, and our Taiwan mission team hopes that our work here, particularly that involving theological education, can more and more be shared with the Chinese Church worldwide.



## Brief Updates

- Planning for renovating our new Church building continues. We're currently searching for artists who can design stain glass windows for us. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!
- After attending the ELMSC seminar, Irene and I enjoyed a week's vacation time in Ft. Wayne with our daughter Rachel, her husband Eli, and their sons (our grandsons) Enoch and Abel. Our daughter Elizabeth was with us also, and our son Jonathan even came from Milwaukee for the weekend. What a blessed family time! Irene and I (and Elizabeth for the rest of the summer) are now back safely in Taiwan.



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