



Our family

Michael, Jen-Yi "Irene",
Rachel, Jonathan, Elizabeth



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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Meet Elizabeth

That's Elizabeth CHEN, not Paul (you already know our daughter). Elizabeth was at our home last night for supper and for practicing a flute-clarinet duet with our Elizabeth. (They'll play an arrangement of "Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord" during the offering tomorrow at worship.) Elizabeth is a young single woman who has studied overseas in New Zealand, the US, and Germany. Her excellent English ability helped her get a job as a business development manager at a local semiconductor manufacturing firm. Elizabeth first heard the Gospel as a 15-year old when she got to know her Facebook farming game "neighbor" who is an LCMS member in Minnesota. That contact led to more Lutheran contacts, including the LCMS pastor who catechized her in Albany, New York where she was doing graduate research. When she returned to Taiwan last year and got the job here in Hsinchu, she looked up the local LCMS work, and has now become a member at Qianjia Mission Station. She has just begun helping to teach the Qianjia youth piano, and will herself begin accompanying for worship when she's able. She hopes to one day study in the US to become a deaconess in the Lutheran Church, and was thrilled last night to be able to borrow a few English theological books from my personal library. Elizabeth's is one of many such stories of how US Christians showing care and concern for international students in their midst can go a long ways to support the work of our Lord's Church and His mission to the lost.



Elizabeth joined us for evening Compline worship after supper

"The word of [God's] grace is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are being sanctified." (Acts 20:32 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- God’s Word at work in the life of Elizabeth Chen
- God providing Jonathan a summer internship in Taiwan

Petitions for:

- God’s Word to continue strengthening Elizabeth Chen in faith and service
- more harvest laborers
- safe travel to and from the US for daughter Elizabeth, and God’s blessings for our family for this summer and beyond

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Pray for more harvest laborers!



*You-Ting Huang,
the CELC’s
pastor-in-training*

In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (ESV). Yes. Throughout the world, the harvest of Chinese people is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Just last week I had a request from the US asking if a Taiwan vicar could be sent to the US to serve a Chinese Church there. I’ve heard it said that at least a third of all Chinese Christian congregations in North America are without a pastor, and I know the situation is considerably worse in Europe. Meanwhile, here in Taiwan, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) has Church buildings, contacts, and financial resources, but not nearly enough pastors to meet the needs. The CELC now has one young man in the very early stages of his seminary training, but other than him there is currently no one in preparation for service. Our general experience of life in Taiwan is that many, many people have heard the Gospel, and many of these are open to more contact with God’s Word, but there aren’t enough Christians and Churches to follow up and encourage such contact. As a result, many of these lose contact with God’s Word, including some who were baptized, but then slowly disappear. Certainly all Christians need to be doing a better job at reaching out to those in their daily lives with God’s Word, but, as Jesus says, we must also pray for harvest laborers who are called specifically to go into our Lord’s harvest. Please join us in prayer.

Family update

Irene, Elizabeth, and I are thrilled that Jonathan can be back in Taiwan with us for the summer. We had originally thought he would be in Indiana for an internship there, but when that didn’t work out, and when God surprisingly provided a great internship opportunity here in Taiwan, we arranged for his flight to join us here for a few months. Meanwhile, Elizabeth will soon be flying to the US for 20 days primarily to attend Phoebe Academy at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. While Irene and I are sad that we’ll not be able to see Rachel this summer, we’re excited that she is now engaged to Eli James and that we’ll be able to attend their wedding likely next year in the summer. Rachel (music education) and fiancé Eli (business and philosophy) both have one more year at Concordia University, Wisconsin. Jonathan (mechanical engineering) just finished his first year at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and Elizabeth has one more year with us in Taiwan, studying her final year in the online Lutheran high school, Wittenberg Academy.

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