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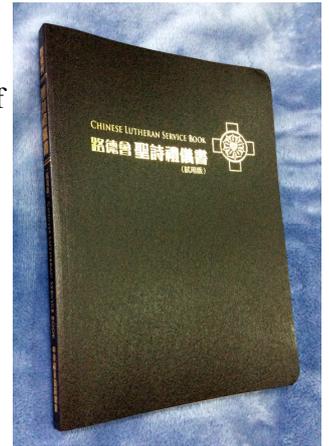
Pastor Paul's Call

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Pilot Hymnal Published

After three years of hard work and a final few weeks of furious activity, the Chinese Lutheran Service Book – Pilot Edition was published on March 14th. We rushed to get it finished by then so that LCMS President Rev. Matthew Harrison and CELC President Rev. Andrew Miao could formally dedicate it on March 18th, when President Harrison was here in Taiwan. The hymnal is already being used every Sunday by at least one congregation, and one simple post on Facebook generated lots of world-wide interest, including in the US, China, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Australia, Spain, and of course, here in Taiwan. Since this is just a pilot edition, considerable work still lies ahead of the hymnal committee and dozens of volunteers, so that in a few years a full-use hymnal with at least 300 hymns can be used by Chinese congregations and families world-wide.



Sola Fide and Pastoral Office Lectures



Professor Naomichi Masaki, of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (CTS-FW), visited Taiwan in March to give two sets of lectures for the Church here. First was two days of lecturing on the Reformation theme of *sola fide* (faith alone) for China Lutheran Seminary. Second

was two days of lecturing on the pastoral office for pastors and other leaders of the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC). The lectures all seemed to be well-received, and I enjoyed being Prof. Masaki's translator. The CELC lectures were the fourth in a biannual lecture series, now sponsored by the CELC. The next set of lectures will be held this October, with CTS-FW professor Cameron MacKenzie speaking on Luther and the Reformation.

So shall my word be that goes out
from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty.
(Isaiah 55:11 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- the publication of the pilot hymnal
- the helpful teaching of Professor Masaki
- Yingtong's commitment to attend Sunday morning Bible class and worship

Petitions for:

- smooth distribution and effective usage of the pilot hymnal worldwide
- Yingtong, that she would continue in regular Bible class and worship attendance

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President Harrison visits Taiwan Lutheran Church Bodies



President Harrison and other LCMS leaders visit the chairman of one of the seven Lutheran Church bodies in Taiwan

strengths of LCMS Chinese work (the other stories in this newsletter about the hymnal and lectures are good examples), and we hope Lord-willing to even increase our efforts in these areas in the future.

While LCMS President Matthew Harrison was in Taiwan, he also visited the leaders of five of the seven Lutheran Church bodies in Taiwan. I was honored to be his translator for the visitations. One thing that nearly all of the leaders stressed was the hope that the LCMS could continue supporting their Church bodies' work through theological education and Chinese Lutheran resource development.

These truly have been

Yingtong begins attending worship

Last month we introduced you to one of our neighbors, Yingtong, who came to our apartment for a one-session Introduction to Christianity class. She told us then that she's very open to worshipping regularly, and she has now indeed come twice with us to our mission station. She told us on the way home this past Sunday that every time she comes to Church she feels "uplifted." We're not certain what she specifically meant by that, but we pray that more and more she will be able to agree with a member who told us on Sunday, "I love coming to this congregation, because every time I come I'm assured that my sins are really forgiven." Amen.



Irene introducing
Yingtong after
worship

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