



More New Members

This past Sunday we welcomed two more new members into our small, but growing, mission congregation. Junwei and Ruyi are Christians who previously worshiped at other congregations, but were drawn to the clear teaching of God’s free salvation on account of Christ that we teach and preach in the Lutheran Church.

As I’ve mentioned before, the majority of churches in Taiwan present an almost exclusively law message of what Christians must do for God, leading many to either Pharisaical pride or, more often, to despair. It’s been a joy to have Junwei in my Book of Concord class this semester at the seminary as well. Learning clearly what Lutherans believe on the basis of God’s Word was a primary reason he decided to join the Lutheran Church. Junwei also hopes, Lord-willing, to become a pastor in the Lutheran Church some day.



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.

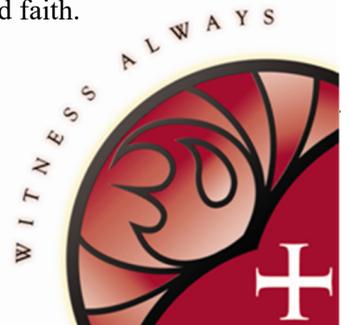
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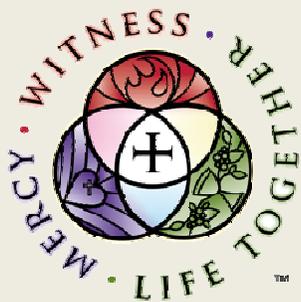


One of the non-Christians I’m now reaching out to is Peter Teng, the husband of one of our church members. Peter has heard the Gospel for many years from his wife and a few friends, but still resists. He is open, however, to talking about religion, and is especially interested to practice his English. So Peter and I met for the first time over lunch last Saturday, especially to get to know each other better, and to initiate regular such meetings during which he can practice his English and I can share God’s Word with him. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would work through God’s Word to grant Peter repentance and faith.

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**I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for
salvation to everyone who believes.
Romans 1:16 ESV**





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- new church members Junwei & Ruyi
- the opportunity to share God’s Word with Peter
- good progress on a small catechism translation
- the baptism of Enoch James

Petitions for:

- outreach to both non-Christians & Christians with the free, saving Gospel in Christ, especially for Peter
- continued progress on the catechism translation
- strong Christian faith for Enoch and his parents

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What Does This Mean?

That familiar phrase from Luther’s Small Catechism needs to be asked in Chinese as well. The problem is that there are over ten different existing Chinese translations of the Small Catechism, and the Lutheran Church here needs to settle on one to be the official version that’s used in all her publications and teaching. So the church body president, Rev. Andrew Miao, Mission Department Director Rev. Dr. Joseph Lu, and I have begun spending Thursday afternoons line-by-line reviewing eight existing translations, deciding which, if any, is best, and settling on our definitive version. My primary role is to also consult many different English translations, and check the original German as well as the Latin translation in the Book of Concord. It’s been a great process for the three of us, and we pray that by the end of July we’ll be able to present our work to the whole church body for review.

Brief Updates

- Our first grandchild, Enoch Paul James was born of the flesh on May 29th, and born of the Spirit through Holy Baptism on June 7th. What a blessing from our Heavenly Father! Jen-Yi is now with the young family, especially to care for mother Rachel as she recovers from childbirth.
- Book of Concord Jeopardy! For part of our last class yesterday we celebrated with a Jeopardy-like quiz game. Team John the Constant won, with John Frederick the Magnanimous coming in second, and Frederick the Wise in third. The toughest question, in the “historical background” category, and which no one in the class remembered, was “Who was the primary leader of the Gnesio-Lutherans?” (it was Matthias Flacius Illyricus).



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