

News from Pastor Michael & Jen-Yi “Irene” Paul serving our Lord in Taiwan

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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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Cynthia to Concordia

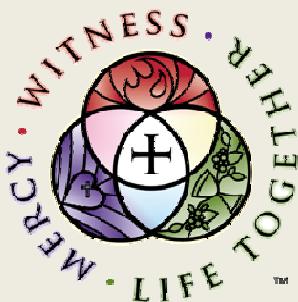
Cynthia Han is the Director for Children’s Education for the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC). The past few years she has worked with CELC congregations to encourage and direct the teaching of Luther’s Small Catechism to children of members and also neighborhood children. She had formally served for 15 years in a non-Lutheran organization, however, and has been doing all she can to learn more about the clear Law-Gospel Biblical teaching in the Lutheran Church. She was thus thrilled for the recent opportunity to study for over two months at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Supported by the CELC to make this trip, she was a “class visitor” for three classes on the Lutheran Confessions, and one practical class on teaching the catechism. She had originally hoped to visit Lutheran congregations and schools in Ft. Wayne as well, but, with the pandemic, she was completely confined to the seminary campus and could only attend her classes online. Cynthia expressed that she was inspired by her classes to return to Taiwan to teach God’s Word more purely and faithfully. She said, “so many church members in Taiwan simply believe what their pastor says. But the pastors often don’t really teach the Bible, and the people don’t read their Bibles themselves, so they have



many harmful ideas about their Christian faith.” Cynthia is thankful for the LCMS missionaries in Taiwan, but she hopes many more can come to help teach God’s Word faithfully.

**...take the helmet of salvation, and
the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God.
Ephesians 6:17 ESV**





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- good learning for Cynthia at the Ft. Wayne seminary
- Minyan's rebirth through Holy Baptism
- Youting's graduation and service in the Church

Petitions for:

- Junyu, that he would be willing to hear and study God's Word and that the Holy Spirit would grant him faith
- safe travel and good health for Jen-Yi as she returns to Taiwan

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God Rebirths Minyan

What blessings the Triune God granted Minyan He in Holy Baptism--forgiveness of sins, union with Christ, indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and salvation! I was honored and humbled to be the instrument by which God granted Minyan these blessings. We pray for God's continued blessings through His Word for Minyan, and especially that his father, Junyu, would be willing to continue to have contact with God's Word, that the Holy Spirit could grant him faith and that he could join his son and wife as a baptized child of God. Please pray too for Minyan's mother, Zhuyin, that she could continue strong in her own Christian faith & encourage her son & husband through God's Word.



Youting Graduates



These past five years in Taiwan I have primarily taught Bachelor of Theology students at China Lutheran Seminary. One of those students has been Youting Huang, a young single man who originally came from a Presbyterian church background. Through the instruction at the seminary, however, he became convinced that Lutheran doctrine was correct, and has now joined the CELC. I had Youting in many of my classes: The Lutheran Confessions, Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, Theology and Practice of Liturgical Worship, and Homiletics I and II. Youting will now serve a full-time internship at Songshan Lutheran Church in Taipei for at least a year before likely continuing further pastoral formation seminary studies.

Brief Updates

- I recently served as a reader on an MTh student's thesis committee. The topic was law-gospel preaching, and I was able to give a lot of feedback during the recent oral defense. Taiwan certainly needs lots more law-gospel preaching!
- Jen-Yi "Irene" has about ten more days in the US before returning to Taiwan, arriving here July 18th. What a blessing it has been for her to be with family, especially our grandson Enoch! Please join us in praying for safe travel & protection from COVID-19.

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