



Sam Borgwardt- Serving the Lord in Asia

Greetings to you in this Easter season as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf and ponder on the crucified Christ as the Glory of God. Death has been defeated by the death of Christ and we strive to let everyone in Asia know this life saving truth!

Fellowship and fun with the boys in Chiayi- Tianfu corner right, Seth in the middle



The month of February felt long in a good way, and not just because it was a leap year! February saw us celebrate Lunar New Year in Taiwan. Our normally quiet, bedroom community of Chiayi sprang to life with many people returning home to be with family and celebrate Lunar New Year. During this exciting time of Lunar New Year [Rev. Tom Park](#) and I had the opportunity to spend some time with two young men interested in pastoral ministry. Ding Tianfu is a faithful Taiwanese Lutheran that is interested in becoming a CELC pastor. He has made significant sacrifices in his life to stay faithful to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions. Seth is a young man from South Africa that recently moved into our LCMS Regional Headquarters building in Taiwan. He has been attending our weekly chapel services and has expressed a great appreciation for the Lutheran liturgy and structure of how



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Lutherans view the Divine Service as taught by Scripture- Christ coming to serve us in His Word and Sacrament. We all went to catch shrimp at a pool indoors in Chiayi. This “shrimping” fun was followed by studying the Word of God and enjoying dinner together back at the LCMS Regional Office. It was so refreshing to see two young men desiring to serve the Lord as pastors and their hunger for the Word and pure doctrine. Please pray for them, and all our young (and not as young) men considering the Pastoral Office!



Tianfu and Seth diligently catching shrimp. I may have made the dad joke of telling them they will catch shrimp now and later will be fishers of men (Matthew 4:19).

Prayer Requests:

- For Tianfu and Seth as they consider their callings from the Lord.
- For [Rev. Dr. Michael Paul](#) and [Rev. Dr. Tom Park](#) as they lead pastoral and church worker formation efforts for our partner Church in Taiwan. May the Lord continue to raise up pastors in Taiwan not afraid to be boldly Lutheran!