



### Pastor Paul's Call

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There is a critical need for pastors in the China Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Meet Vicar Bruce Wu

(CELC). There are currently eight pastors serving, but two are past retirement age, and two are almost there. There are additionally two vicars in the synod, which has nine active congregations. However, there are facilities ready and waiting for at least six additional congregations, and even a few more could be made ready...if there were someone available to serve there. Vicar Bruce Wu has been serving in the CELC for nearly ten years now, and is beginning a more formal process to Lord-willing be ordained within a few years. One of the several requirements in the CELC for such men to first become “full-fledged” vicars is for them and their wives to go through detailed catechetical instruction. Currently I'm the pastor responsible for this catechesis, so Vicar Wu and his wife Lisa now meet with me every Thursday morning (unfortunately online for now) to work our way slowly through Luther's *Small Catechism*. The CELC has arranged for Vicar Wu to begin serving in place of one of the retiring pastors starting in July. Since the congregation where he will serve is only a



25-minute drive from where we live, I'm being asked to help with the transition, including doing regular preaching and teaching there. We pray for our Lord's blessing on the Wus' catechesis and for Vicar Wu's transition to serving at the new congregation.

What you have heard from me  
in the presence of many  
witnesses entrust to faithful men,  
who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)





## What can you pray for?

### Thanks for:

- the opportunity to study Luther's *Small Catechism* with Vicar Bruce & Lisa Wu
- the opportunities to teach God's Word in Sunday morning Bible classes

### Petitions for:

- Vicar Bruce Wu's learning and growth as a servant of the Church
- a smooth transition at Glorious Grace Lutheran Church, where Vicar Wu will soon be serving
- safe travel as we soon return to the US for two weeks so that I can lead a Chinese seminar

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## Sunday Morning Bible Class

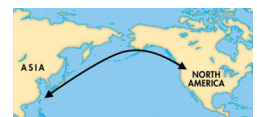


My experience in the LCMS is that most congregations have a Sunday morning adult Bible Class before, after, or in-between worship services. While many congregations in Taiwan eat lunch together after worship and then have various Bible Study and fellowship groups into the afternoon, the Sunday morning Bible Class is not common. The CELC is trying to slowly introduce this practice, though, and I've done lots of such classes during my years of service in Taiwan. Over the past two months I taught one such Bible Study at our "home congregation" in Chiayi for the Sundays that I was here. We based our study on the *GOOD NEWS* journal edition focusing on God's Word. The attendees were asked to read several pages in the journal before each class, and I prepared a 10-question quiz on the material for them to take at the beginning of class. During and after discussion of the quiz we looked up many related Bible passages and had good discussion. This past Sunday I attended another CELC congregation in order to translate the sermon preached by another LCMS missionary visiting Taiwan. We all thought they had a pre-worship Bible Class, but when we arrived, we discovered that the class had ended the previous Sunday. So I decided to teach one myself, and six or seven of us studied John 17 together. It was great to have another opportunity to study and meditate on God's Word!

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