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I am busy learning Chinese and teaching the Small Catechism class on weekends.

Accumulating more Chinese vocabulary means that I have many tools to express myself. Recently, I learned about elections and government systems. As the U.S. will go through the presidential election, it was a timely topic.

On the left is my sainted seminary professor, Rev. Dr. John Lawrenz.

Because of his enthusiasm and teaching, I fell in love with the Old Testament and the Hebrew language.

After teaching at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, where I attended school, Dr. Lawrenz served as a seminary president and professor in Hong Kong.

After his retirement, he returned to Wisconsin, and after several years of health challenges, our Lord called him to eternal rest. I was saddened to hear about my beloved professor's death.

However, I found out about his memorial service in Hong Kong. I am thankful that I could attend that service to recall how God utilized this faithful servant to share the fantastic news of Jesus with his students. When I grow up, I want to be like Dr. J.

"…teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

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I saw Kevin in Hong Kong. He was a student at Concordia Irvine, where I served as a theology professor. It was great to see him.

I ran into my seminary friend, Jon, at Dr. Lawrenz's funeral. It was wonderful to catch up with Jon.

As we celebrate Reformation, it is important to remember our faith in Christ.

There will be a Reformation concert, service, and lecture. Some of our co-workers came from the U.S. We had a meal together.

Pray Request:

- Please pray for the upcoming U.S. presidential election that God brings healing and peace.
- pray for Dr. Cortright as he recovers from his recent health scare.
- Please pray for my friend and co-worker, Carol, as she recovers from her injury.
- Please pray for Rev. Dr. Lawrenz's family as they grieve his death.