



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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Teaching & Translating

I'm called to Taiwan as a “theological educator,” which means I do lots of teaching... and also translating for other teachers. I re-

cently had the privilege of translating for Rev. William Weedon, former Director of Worship for the LCMS, when he presented on-line for Church leaders here on “How What We See in Church Confesses What is Unseen.” The presentation was well-received, and I thoroughly enjoyed translating for him. We're now anticipating our next speaker, Professor Joel Biermann, of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, who will present in a few weeks on “cohabitation.” This is an important topic for the Church in Taiwan and society in general. Unfortunately, Taiwan society has changed very rapidly in the past thirty years, abandoning much of the traditional morality of the Confucian ethical system which held Chinese culture together for over two thousand years. The cultural change has occurred so quickly that the Church has often not been able to respond appropriately both for her own members and also as a witness to society. Please pray that I can translate well, and that the presentation will be helpful for the Church here.

Aside from translating for others, I certainly continue to do much of my own teaching. A few weeks ago I presented on “The Church and the Pastoral Office” at the annual gathering of our partner Church leaders. In addition, I also presented on the historical background and meaning of the traditional Matins and Vespers prayer services before the whole group prayed Vespers together.



Translating on Zoom for Rev. William Weedon

All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in
righteousness.
(2 Timothy 3:16 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- lots of opportunities to teach and translate the teaching of God's Word
- Candace's interest in studying God's Word

Petitions for:

- a helpful presentation and clear translating of the upcoming "cohabitation" topic
- God to save Candace through His Word and Baptism
- many moms & tots to come when we begin next week
- a successful printing of the Chinese Book of Concord

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Bible Stories for Candace

A few months ago we reported about Ryan and his girlfriend Candace, who were studying about world views with me. After that class finished, I asked if they wanted to study anything else related to religion or the Bible. Candace (not yet a confessing Christian) said she would like to read Bible stories. So we've now met a few times, starting with Genesis, and last night read about Cain and Abel and the flood. I also encouraged Ryan to take a membership class to become a member of our congregation, and asked Candace to think about a similar pre-Baptism class. We pray especially that God's Word and Spirit will create Christian faith in Candace's heart (if He hasn't already), and that she will desire Christian baptism.



Brief Updates

- Moms & Tots will begin again next week after the Lunar New Year break.
- The new Chinese translation of the Book of Concord was printed almost a month ago... but there were serious problems with the printing and it needs to be printed again. So we're still waiting to receive a correct version.
- After renting for six years, we recently learned that our mission congregation is now able to use for a church facility the several floors of a building that our partner synod here owns in Hsinchu. We've now begun to design how the worship area will look and how we can make use of the rest of the space for classrooms and offices. More on this later...



Our likely future Church home, on the top floor.

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