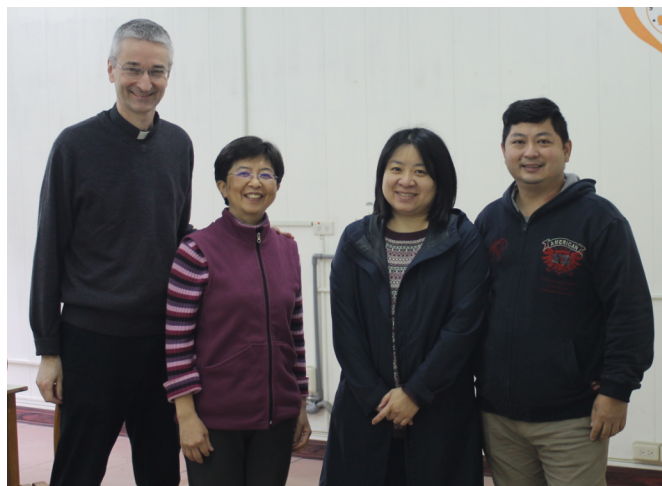


Meet the Liu Family

I first met Bright Liu when he was my student for several Bachelor of Theology courses at China Lutheran Seminary six years ago. After graduating, he served several years, working to plant a congregation for a Baptist Church body

here. For various reasons, that service ended and he was working as a plumber, though wanting to return to Church service, ideally with a Lutheran Church body. The LCMS partner synod here, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), learned of his situation, and held several discussions with him to see if service in the CELC might be a good option for all. The CELC is in desperate need of pastors and other church workers, and since there are currently no men in training from her own synod, she continues to seek to bring in through colloquy men from other synodical backgrounds. Bright joined the CELC officially on February 1, but will have many months of learning and preparation before serving as a public Church worker. I'm responsible for the majority of his colloquy program, including the detailed catechism instruction I'm now giving him and his wife Joyce. I will also soon begin teaching him a course on preaching, and later teach both the Book of Concord and liturgical worship. Bright and Joyce have two young children, Mini and Cooper. If you'd like to see and hear Mini play the *Gloria in Excelsis* on piano while Cooper does his best to sing it for memory (in Chinese), you can go here: <https://youtu.be/9nFcC5MZZkY>



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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The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

(Matthew 9:37-38 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- Bright Liu and his family joining the CELC
- the publication of the new Chinese Book of Concord

Petitions for:

- good learning for Bright as he studies in the colloquy program
- many to grow in their Christian faith through the study of the Book of Concord
- continued planning for the renovations needed for our new church facility

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New Book of Concord Available



(l-r) Rev. Dr. Joseph Lu and Rev. Andrew Miao, vice president and president, CELC, Rev. Charles Ferry, Asia Regional Director, LCMS OIM, me

"Tappert" English translation). His translation was later significantly edited in 2001 by the Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod. At the request of Chinese Church leaders and LCMS missionaries, LHF decided to translate the 2006 "Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Reader's Edition," primarily because of the considerable amount of historical background, explanations, and other aids to the reader that it contains. Over the past year I've taught three BOC courses using the older Chinese translation. Now that the new edition is available, I'm planning to teach the Lutheran Confessions two more times this year. The students will certainly appreciate this much easier-to-read and also more accurate translation.

Catechetical Lenten Services

Last year our mission station had its first Ash Wednesday service. This year we decided to have midweek services the whole Lenten season. With the six weeks following Ash Wednesday we decided to review the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism during the sermon time. We began with the Ten Commandments this week and will continue with the Apostles' Creed the next.



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