



LCCP MISSION NEWS

A monthly newsletter update from the Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan

God's Will Be Done

In the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod there are many opportunities for pastoral training. Pastor Jay Dass began his education through the EIIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology) and with Pastor Tim Droegemueller (Cumming, GA). The Nine in the Line started their Bachelors in Theology education from The Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia and are on track for a 2024 ordination.

Back in January, Pastor Jay spoke at a conference in Islamabad and peaked the interest of nine pastors of other denominations when he spoke about infant baptism, salvation by faith, and other basic Lutheran doctrines. Since that time these pastors have met the criteria, been interviewed and selected for the Pastoral Colloquy process. They will be prepared and God willing, certified

to become Lutheran pastors by 2023. They have congregations throughout Pakistan and have begun Catechesis alongside their congregants. They meet every Thursday for a Zoom class training and also with Pastor Jay on a regular basis.

Lastly, a group of college graduates will begin a Catechism and Liturgy class on Saturdays in preparation to begin Riga seminary in 2024.

God's will be done in Pakistan. His will to train faithful men who will be able to teach others. Your support and prayers has helped us to train up these men from all walks of life. Our prayer is that they would be equipped for every good work that the Lord has prepared for them.

Thursday for Theology

As mentioned above, nine non Lutheran pastors are in training to be certified in the Lutheran church. Two of our LCMS pastors from FL/ GA District are teaching Lutheran Confessions via Zoom. Pastor Dass starts the class at 8:00 pm Pakistan time and gives a brief introduction of that evening's instruction led by Pastor Droegemueller or Pastor Lingsh on alternative weeks. Thus far, three Articles of Augsburg Confessions from the Book of Concord have been completed. Board member, Staci Welburn has shipped ten books, but we are still in need of more for elders and 2 Bishops from the Pentecostal Church that have also been in attendance.

Music to Our Ears

Music & Liturgy classes continue on with the help of Dave Koch. Yeshua at Grace Lutheran Church and Jeremiah Samson at St. Mark Lutheran Church (under the tent) will be our first organists. They continue to learn the Lutheran Service Book.

"The church under the tent" is growing into an organized church. Just recently over 39 youth, their parents and younger siblings were in attendance. We now have a altar, baptismal font and lecturn for proper worship services. Deacon Samson assists Pastor Dass weekly.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

PRAYERS & SUPPLICATIONS

Please keep LCCP and all the mission work in your daily prayers.

- ◇ Pray for resources to build a building for St. Mark soon.
- ◇ Pray for the families of Nine in the Line as they have given up much.
- ◇ Pray for the New Nine as they begin catechesis with their congregants.
- ◇ Favorable weather for worship at St. Mark Lutheran Church.
- ◇ Health, safety and overall well being of Pastor Jay and Julie Dass as they continue the work of the Lord.

The needs are great in starting a church in Pakistan. Can you or your congregation help with any of the following needs?

- ◇ Books: children's Bibles, LSB hymnals, Augsburg Confessions
- ◇ Altar paraments
- ◇ Acolyte gowns
- ◇ School supplies, paper, pencils, books
- ◇ Funds for increase in amount of food for all the students before or after classes
- ◇ Laptops for theology classes and homeschooling classes

Spring into Education

Grace Lutheran Church-LCCP will conduct its first Lutheran Confirmation in June. Over 20 youth have been attending classes since the Mission House opened in November.

The Penpal Ministry has been progressing well but not without a few challenges. First, many of the children come from poor areas and cannot find transportation to The Mission House. Therefore, we are renting space in a Pentecostal church so that the children can be together in one place. We take time to teach Luther's Small Catechism and have a "videopal" time with American children. Christian parents who can afford schooling for their children are afraid of the persecution they can face. Our hope is to use the penpal/videopal ministry as an avenue to start a school. For now we have our hopes set on a homeschooling group for 50 children.

The Masih Family

One such example of the persecution and the need for a Lutheran School is with the Masih family.



Christian children in the United States, for the most part, are free to express their religious beliefs in their actions, words, and work in public schools. They will not be punished if they sing a song about Jesus or write a poem about God. Their parents are blessed to have a local church to supplement the Christian faith they are taught in their home. With the Masih family, that is not the case.

The Masih family live 24 miles outside the city of

Islamabad. They have three sons, John (7), Joel (5) and Jared (3) and a baby on the way. Mom and Dad do everything they can to teach Christian faith in their home by reading the Bible, watching a Christian TV channel or YouTube songs. Unfortunately, they do not have a local church in their community and they are without means of transportation to travel to a church. The new baby will come in May and with four children under the age of 7 it will only make life harder for them.

Now meet, Joel. He is a vibrant 5 year old who loves school. When he comes home he chants non-Christian religious prayers that he learns in school. His parents have asked us to come to them for prayer, teaching, and for resources. We are humbled and encouraged by their request.

God has showed us a great opportunity to do mission work for them and the many other families in similar situations. Our prayer is that a homeschooling group can be the beginning of a educational movement in the outer areas and smaller communities.

Nine in the Line Student of the Month Simon Javed

BIRTHDAY: October 9, 1991

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in Commerce, began Masters in Divinity at Gujranwala Theological Seminary

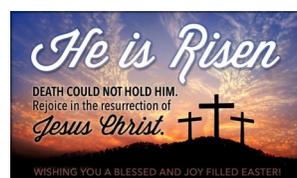
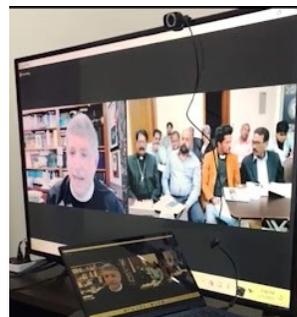
POST GRAD: Vicar, Associate Pastor



GIFTS & TALENTS: Community organizer, youth leader. Education and counseling. Well versed in communication skills.

CALLING: I am dedicated to becoming a Lutheran Pastor to bring reformation to Pakistan through true doctrine and teachings of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUEST: Thanksgiving for all those helping in my seminary education.



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