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Church Cleaning Schedule

- Aug 06: Biji Thomas
& Aneesh Abraham
- Aug 13 : Binu Cherian
& George Cherian
- Aug 20: Harish Sathri
& Jacob Chacko
- Aug 27: Jiju Thankachen
& Joy John
- Sept 3 : Manoj Daniel
& Mathews Jacob
- Sept 10 : Mathew C. Mathew
& Mathai John
- Sept 17 : Mathew Oommen
& Mathew M. Oommen
- Sept 24 : Mathew Varughese
& Robin Mundakkal.
- Oct 01 : Saraja Samuel
& Sunith George.

News & Events - August 2017

- Aug 3 - 6 Vacation Bible School.
- Aug 19 - Youth Regional Retreat. (Detroit/Canada).
- Aug 20 - Mid Year General Body Meeting.
- Aug 27 - Harvest Festival.
- Intercessory Prayer every Saturday @ 10:00 am

Treasurer's Corner

We already past midyear and are short in the following accounts:

Account	Budgeted	Shortage
Pledge	23650.00	8296.00
Ministerial Sunday	1500.00	740.00
Lent	3500.00	647.00

If you have missed contributions to these accounts please make your contributions in the coming weeks.

We missed Parish Sunday cover this year we have budgeted \$2000.00 for Parish Sunday. We need to make this up as well.

Reminder: Please contact Achen or Warden to schedule Cottage Prayers and Fasting Prayers.

BIBLE AT GLANCE: THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE:

Luke was the companion of the apostle Paul and the authorship is generally accepting of the third Gospel and Acts. The preface to the Gospel indicates that Luke was not an eyewitness or immediate disciple of the Lord. The Gospel of Luke displays a keen interest in individuals, social outcasts, women, children, and social relationships, especially situations involving poverty or wealth. Luke's Gospel is addressed to an unknown man named Theophilus, whose name means "friend of God". Luke expressly states his purpose in writing, namely to provide a thorough and orderly amount of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ using eyewitnesses as his primary sources.



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Message for the Month of August 2017

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ISAIAH: 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be in faint"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Greet you all, in the name of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the Luther's hymn, "Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay; This evil generation; And from the Error of its way; Keep Thine own congregation. The wicked everywhere abound; And would Thy little flock confound; But Thou art our Salvation." This hymn is an earnest prayer that would keep his congregation safe from the errors of this evil generation of arrogant false prophets. How timely this prayer is for this day and age in which we live. The wicked truly abound everywhere. False doctrine and practice surround us on every side. The little flock of those who hold fast to the full truth of God's Word seems hopeless-

ly out numbered. Yet we need not despair. For the Lord is our salvation. He will fight for us and keep us safe and secure. While we come Judges:7: Here we can see the God send Gideon and 300 men to fight against the Midianite army of 135000. They were certainly a little flock, an outwardly small and seemingly insignificant army with an impossible task. But God was with them and gave them the victory. While we come to the book of Daniel:3; here we can see the three men in the fiery furnace. While we look in the human point of view, their situation also looked hopeless, but we need to think that happened there. They were delivered from the hand of the enemy by the Lord to whom they clung in humble faith. While we come to the life of the Paul, He stood almost as one man against the world in his missionary activity for Christ. His trust in the Lord, his strength and salvation, he conquered the heathen world for the Savior. As a strong believer, we need to understand that we are here because of God's

grace and we are overcoming our issues and obtaining the victory by God's grace. St.Paul assures us through the words in Romans: 8:31, 'if God is for us, who can be against us'. The word of God reminds us that God is with us in every walks / moment of our life. This brings us the confident that he will bless us and keep us and bring us safely to our eternal home above. Let us pray to the Lord that grants us with thy holy word, so that we can end our journey very meaningfully.

Thank you one and all for the wonderful support in all the Church activity.

May God almighty bless you and keep you safely in all the new areas of life.

Rev. Happy Abraham (vicar)

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AUG 3rd to 6th



Sunday Bible Readings - August 2017

August 6,2017,Sunday - Sacrament of Baptism.

(Holy Communion Service in Malayalam)

Lesson 1 : Exodus 14 : 15 – 31. (Warden)

Psalm : 32 : (Mathew C. Mathew's Family)

Lesson 2 : Titus : 3 : 3 – 8 (Mathai John's Family)

Gospel : John 3: 1 - 8.

Communion Elements: Mathai John's Family.

August 13 ,2017,Sunday - Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

(Holy Communion Service in Malayalam)

Lesson 1 : Genesis14 : 17 – 24. (Warden)

Psalm : 104 : 14 - 30 (Mathew Oommen's Family)

Lesson 2 : I Cori 10 : 15 – 17 (Mathew M. Oommens's Family)

Gospel : Mark 14 : 12 - 26.

Communion Elements: Mathew Oommen's Family.

August 20,2017,Sunday - Witness of the People of God

(Holy Communion Service in English)

Lesson 1 : Daniel 3 : 12 – 30 . (youth)

Psalm : 15 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : Acts 18 : 24 – 28 (Youth)

Gospel : Luke 10 : 1 - 20.

Communion Elements: Youths

August 27,2017,Sunday - Christian Presence in Multi Faith Society.

(Holy Communion Service in Malayalam)

Lesson 1 : Daniel 1 : 1– 21 (Warden)

Psalm : 67 (Mathew Varghese's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 10 : 9 – 16 (Robin Mundakka's Family)

Gospel : Matthew 13 : 31- 33.

Communion Elements: Mathew M. Oommen's Family.



Birthdays

August - 2017

August - 03 - Isaiah Thomas

August - 03 - Xavier Samuel

August - 04 - Betsy Oommen

August - 09 - Hannah Thomas

August - 29 - Mathew Varghese (Jr)

August - 29 - Saraja Samuel

August - 31 - Irene Happy

Happy Birthday to all of you. May the Lord continue to Bless you in the New year

-CSI Family

Choir Practice: Every Sunday after Service (unless announced otherwise)
Committee Meeting: Third Sunday of Every Month (unless announced otherwise)



Sunday Bible Readings - September 2017

September 3,2017,Sunday - Education Sunday: Teachers Agents of Liberation

(Holy Communion Service in Malayalam)

Lesson 1 : Proverbs 8 : 1 – 12. (Warden)

Psalm : 119 : 97 - 104 (Saraja Samuel's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts : 8 : 26 – 38 (Sunith George's Family)

Gospel : Mark 6 : 34 - 44.

Communion Elements: Mathew Varghese's Family

September 10,2017,Sunday - Transforming the oppressive Structures.

(Holy Communion Service in English)

Lesson 1 : Nahum 1 : 1 – 15 . (Youth)

Psalm : 113 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : Acts : 4 : 32 – 37 (Youth)

Gospel : Luke 13 : 10 - 17.

Communion Elements: (Youths)

Come to

VBS

August 3,4,5,6.

Wedding Anniversaries

August - 01 - Mrs & Mr. Varghese Kurian
August - 12 - Mrs & Mr. Shoba Pampati

Holy Communion Services: Will be announced ahead of time in Church and via Email
Sunday School at 9 a.m. & Bible Class at 9.30 am. (unless announced otherwise)