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Church Cleaning Schedule

- Oct 01 : Saraja Samuel
& Sunith George.
- Oct 08 : Biji Thomas
& Aneesh Abraham
- Oct 15 : Binu Cherian
& George Cherian
- Oct 22: Harish Sathri
& Jacob Chacko
- Oct 29: Jiju Thankachen
& Joy John
- Nov 1 : Manoj Daniel
& Mathews Jacob
- Nov 08 : Mathew C. Mathew
& Mathai John
- Nov 15 : Mathew Oommen
& Mathew M. Oommen
- Nov 22 : Mathew Varughese
& Robin Mundakkal.

News & Events - October 2017

- Oct 1 - Special Service for the CSI 70th Anniversary.
- Oct 21 - Cottage Prayer (Varghese Kurian's Res.@6:30 PM).
- Oct 28 - CSI Regional Youth Conference (10 am - 6 pm)
- Intercessory Prayer every Saturday at 10 AM (Church)

Treasurer's Corner

We are in the last quarter of the year, just a friendly reminder to pay the subscription and pledge dues. Many of us have committed additional contribution to the building fund in the next five years. Please start to make your contributions for this year. Five families are due for \$200 towards snacks and \$150 towards harvest festival, please make these payments. These dues will be carried forward to the next year.

We are still short in the following accounts

Account	Budgeted	Shortage
Pledge	23650.00	5446.00
Ministerial Sunday	1500.00	580.00
Lent	3500.00	647.00

If you have missed contributions to these accounts please make your contributions in the coming weeks.
Also pay the dues from auction.
- Treasurer.

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

BIBLE AT GLANCE: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLE:

The book of Acts serves as a vital link between the four Gospels. It is primarily a history of the rise and spread of the Christian Church throughout the known World. It is in this book that we find out when and how the Holy Spirit first came to indwell God's people. We may assume that although unnamed, Acts was written by the author of the third Gospel, Luke. The theme of this book is that the Christians are Christ's witnesses of the Good News to the entire world.



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Message for the Month of October 2017

MOTTO 2017

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.

I Chronicles: 29:11 says, "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours." This passage reminds about the comfort of God's power. While we go to the Washington Island in the Lake Michigan, we can see a 'weather rock' hangs by a rope from a tripod along a road on to this Island. A sign is tacked up next to the weather rock. This sign tells us how to use the rock to tell the weather. If the rock is wet, it is raining, if the rock feels cold then it is cold, and if the rock is white, it is snowing. The sign continues on and on and at the end it reads, "The wonderful thing about this weather rock is that it is not affected by the weather."

The implication is that we human beings are unlike the rock. We are affected by the weather and by our environment and by all of God's creation. Because we are in this world are affected by Cold and heat, prosperity and disaster, so these words of I Chronicles are so comforting: "Everything in heaven and earth is yours." Our God is the creator of all things. Everything that exists with his knowledge and by His creation. Because God loves us, all things created are for our good. But thing is that sin has corrupted all things. Sin has ruined the goodness of God's creation. But sin has not destroyed God's love for all people. In st.John:3:16 says "For God so loved the World that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

So dear all, our God really loves us and He cares for us. He knows that we are not weather rocks unaffected by the storms and troubles of this life. Therefore God gives us His great promises found in his Word: "In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, Romans: 8:28." Again while we come to Romans: 8:32 here it says

He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him graciously give us all things?" These are the promises of the almighty God who created all things and who governs all things because He loves us." We need to praise our almighty God for the comfort of his power which he uses out of love for our eternal good. So dear all, let us pray to the Lord; since all things are yours, protect us in this sinful World in your love and mercy by your great power.

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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Sunday Bible Readings - October 2017

October 1,2017,Sunday - CSI Formation Day special Service. Pilgrim journey towards forgiveness and reconciliation.

(Holy Communion Service in Malayalam)

Lesson 1 : Genesis 33 : 1 – 20.

Psalm : 85

Lesson 2 : 2 Corinthians : 5 : 11 – 21

Gospel : John 8 : 1– 11.

Communion Elements: Church Family

October 22,2017,Sunday - Taking Risk for the Reign of God.

(Holy Communion Service in English)

Lesson 1 : Esther 8 : 1 - 17 . (Warden)

Psalm : 12 (Harish Sathri's Family)

Lesson 2 : Phillippians 2 : 25 – 30 (Jacob Chacko's Family)

Gospel : Matthew 10 : 37 - 42.

Communion Elements: Aneesh Abraham's Family

October 08,2017,Sunday- Youth Sunday : Spirituality of the Youth in the Contemporary World : (Holy Communion Service in English)

Lesson 1 : Genesis 41 : 37 – 43 . (Youth)

Psalm : 111 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : Philippians 3 : 1 – 16 (Youth)

Gospel : Matthew 19 : 16 - 22.

Communion Elements: Youths

October 15,2017,Sunday - Mission Sunday : Good News to All

(Holy Communion Service in Malayalam)

Lesson 1 : Isaiah 55 : 1 - 6 . (Warden)

Psalm : 146 (Binu Cherian's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 10 : 34 – 43 (George Cherian's Family)

Gospel : Matthew 4 : 17 - 25.

Communion Elements: Varughese Kurian's Family



Birthdays

October - 2017

Oct- 01 - Mariamma Bajee. Oct - 13 - Carmalita Samuel

Oct - 02 - George Cherian . Oct - 14 - Thomas Kovoov

Oct - 02 - Robin Mundakkal Oct - 20 - Ponnamma Kurian

Oct - 04 - Varghese Kurian Oct - 25 - Samuel Cherian

Oct - 05 - Smyan Sathri Oct - 24 - Meril George

Oct - 05 - Joy John Oct - 25 - David Mundakkal

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 - Oct - Nov 2017

October 29 ,2017,Sunday - Reformation Sunday:

Rediscovering and Reliving the Faith.

(Mattin Service in Malayalam)

Lesson 1 : 2 chronicles 34 : 8 - 21 . (Warden)

Psalm : 46 (Jiju Thankachen's Family)

Lesson 2 : Revelation 2 : 1 – 7 (Mazy Cherian's Family)

Gospel : John 2 : 12- 22.

Communion Elements: Biji Thomas's Family

November 12,2017,Sunday - Unity Sunday.

Treasures in Clay Jars

(Holy Communion Service in English)

Lesson 1 : Micah 6 : 1 - 8. (Youth)

Psalm : 106 : 1-12 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : 2 Corinthians 4 : 7 – 15 . (Youth)

Gospel : Mark 4 : 26 – 29.

Communion Elements: Youths

November 5,2017,Sunday - World Sunday School Day

Abundant Life in Christ.

(Holy Communion Service in Malayalam)

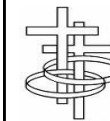
Lesson 1 : Proverbs 23 : 15 - 26 . (Sunday School)

Psalm : 119 : 33-40 (Sunday School)

Lesson 2 : Ephesians 6 : 10 – 18. (Sunday School)

Gospel : John 10 : 7 - 15.

Communion Elements: (Sunday School)



Wedding Anniversaries

Oct - 25 - Mrs & Mr. Jiju Thankachen

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)