**News & Events - August/Sept 2020**

- **Aug 01, 08, 15, 22 & 29**: Women’s Fellowship meeting at 05:00 pm and Sunday School at 07:00 pm through Zoom
- **Aug 02 & 16**: Youth Meetings at 06:30 through Zoom
- **Aug 16**: Mid Year General Body & Harvest Festival
- **Sept 06**: Choir Sunday
- **Sept 27**: Senior Citizen’s Sunday

**Treasurer’s Corner**

- **During the lockdown period**, please mail all your contributions, subscription, Special offerings, Pledge, Ministerial Sunday Offering and any other payments to Mr. Mathews Jacob. The payments can be made by check payable to CSI Congregation of Great Lakes.
- **As per the yearly calendar** our harvest festival is scheduled for August 16th. In the present situation we will not be able to celebrate harvest festival at the Church. But we have budgeted $4500 as harvest festival collection. Please remember to make the $150 per family contribution towards the harvest festival.

**HOW SHOULD WE GIVE?**

**GIVE IN RETURN AND NOT JUST SEEKING A RETURN:** Generally, it is always with a motive of getting some reward rather than with a motive of benefitting others with our practice of giving. But the Bible seems to be very clear about the idea of giving to the Lord. It comes from a heart that worships God, not a heart that is looking for something in return.

**GIVE, TRUSTING IN THE LORD, NOT TRUSTING IN WEALTH:** Everything about life in this world teaches us how temporary it is, how impossible to keep it is what we buy wears out. When we think about today’s economical condition, it makes us sacred and also want us to hold on to our wealth. Giving, not only worships God, but it trusts God as well. Also it not only take care of our future but also looks forward for an eternal reward which is not temporary.

When life does not flow to others through us, there is no giving. When we begin to give as God gives Himself, God fills us with more of His life. That is the key to eternal life. As Christians, we are called to imitate this giving, this God becoming man, in our relation to our fellow brothers and sister. That makes us Light, and Salt of the World. One who does that, gives himself, gifts himself to others, like His Son Jesus, in whom God shows His face and reveals His glory to the world.

God bless you all.

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After several moments of silence I have replied: „Thanks!“, and then the inner voice told me: „Ask him if he needs help“. After a short hesitation I have asked him, if he needs any help. His respond was astonishing, I will never forget those simple three words that I heard from him: „Don’t we all?”

It was a true discovery to me. I needed help. Although I had money and a place to sleep, but I recognized that I needed help too. Then I have opened my wallet and gave him enough money to get a meal and some shelter for a day.

Suddenly I understood that no matter how much money, achievements, luxury things do we have, we all need help. And on the other hand, no matter how poor you are, how many material problems you have, you still might offer your help to others, you still might be giving. Even it’s just a nice word, you can give that and it can be priceless to other person.

Maybe that man was just a homeless stranger, but to me he was more than that. Maybe he was sent by the Highest Loving Power personally to me, to open my eyes, to show me that there is one thing, among all other values and achievements, which is very important and irreplaceable for each and every person. Actually, it is a true gift and it is called Giving. (Anonyms)

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- **Saraja Samuel’s Family**
- **Sunith George’s Family**
- **Youth**
- **Biju Thomas’s Family**
- **Biju Cherian’s Family**
- **Kari Thomas’s Family**
- **Binu Varghese’s Family**

### Choir Practice

- Every Sunday after Service (unless announced otherwise)

### Committee Meeting

- Third Sunday of Every Month (unless announced otherwise)

### Worship Service

- Every 2nd & 4th Sunday
- Every 1st & 3rd Sunday

### Wedding Anniversary

- Mrs. Shoba Pampati

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**Birthdays**

- 3-Aug: Isaiah Thomas
- 3-Aug: Xavier Samuel
- 4-Aug: Betsy Mathew
- 9-Aug: Hannah Thomas
- 17-Aug: Monu Sarah Joseph
- 26-Aug: George Idicula
- 29-Aug: Mathew Varghese Jr.
- 29-Aug: Saraja Samuel