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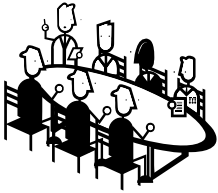
MESSENGER



2010
JULY

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6



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Please inform the Vicar or Secretary of any **MESSENGER** corrections. Any changes in address & phone numbers should be informed to the Vicar, Secretary, and the Trustees.

Please send items for upcoming editions of the **MESSENGER** to the Secretary by the 15th of the preceding month.

**For any announcements to be delivered on Sunday, please inform the Vicar and the Secretary by 5 PM of the preceding Friday.

FOR ALL MESSENGER AND ANNOUNCEMENT ITEMS,

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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

UNITY, FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER FOR POWER

**"Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in same spirit, intend on one purpose."
(Phil: 2:2)**

One of the signs of apostasy (falling from the truth) in the Christian church is the bickering and disunity among Christians. Jesus said that the world would know that we were His disciples by the love that we have for one another. (John 13:35). It says that love is the perfect bond of unity. The New Testament speaks about us being unified in Christ (Eph 4:5). In response to Christians who follow after individuals rather than Jesus, Paul says that Christ is not divided (1 Cor 1:12-13). Though Christ is not divided His body of believers are.

The growth of the first century church was based on love, care and concern of Christ. (Acts 2:43). However, later on divisions, separations, selfishness, power, positions, inequality and hatred came into existence and the relationship is broken. But fellowship and prayer creates unity in our community.

Unity, fellowship and prayer are the basic factors of a successful institution. We see in history that this is the corner stone of all the organizations and movements that made a success in itself. The Bible is one, God is one and our aim is one; that is the kingdom of God. We have to identify the factor causing disunity.

Unity helps people to apply positive spiritual principles in their daily life. However, negativity results only in destruction. Instead of that think positively and propagate good things in us. We can accept each other and grow together. Develop a good self-consciousness or self-esteem for a good future.

We have to obey God and His ministers. Moses and Joshua led people of Israel to victory. This leaders also obeyed God, led a prayerful and disciplined life. Jesus Christ proved through His ministry the unique quality of a good leader- the path of suffering, cross, patience, goodness, accepting others, appreciating others etc. Jesus accepted the goodness in everyone and gave his life to remove the evils of the world and humanity.

We can accept and appreciate others for their goodness and correct them by giving our lives as Jesus did. If we stand for justice, peace, equality and other good things, we will suffer like our Lord. The base of all success in the Christian Church is the blood of martyrs and those persons suffered for Christ.

Jesus accepted all categories of people; rich, poor, sick, young, old, from palaces, sinners, lepers, people of different casts, color, creed and etc. He defeated the powerful evil structures by defeating himself through the suffering, patience and sacrifice in His life. It was not a compromise but confrontation with the situation and he strongly pointed out what is wrong in the world. He took all sins, evils on his shoulder and died on the cross. Through this style, he defeated the satanic forces. For us also, the only way is this.

Thus automatically through the sacrificial love, fellowship, real worship or prayer or spirituality, the unity will come to our family, community, and the Church. Let us dedicate ourselves like Christ and the early Church to bring unity, fellowship in us. May God bless all of you!

-Roy Achen.



CMTC FAMILY RETREAT

We are extremely blessed that god has enabled us to partake in our Annual Family Retreat once again.

This year our family retreat will be held at:

Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Road 23,
Green Lake, WI 54941
(920) 294 3323

The dates that are set for this family event are from Sept 17th - Sept 19th, 2010.

We are honored to have, Mr. Thomas Kurian, Rev. Alex Peter and Rev. Roy P. Thomas as our leaders for the retreat! Further details and information about registration will be announced shortly.

Please keep this event in your daily prayers and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

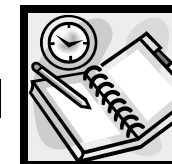
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY & AUGUST

National Family Conference – Dallas, TX	July 1st – July 4th
Sunday School - Singing Competition	July 11th at 9:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship – Men’s Volleyball League	July 11th, 18th, 25th & Aug 1st
Senior Citizens Meeting	July 15th at 10:00 a.m.
Young Womens Fellowship Meeting	July 17 th at 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship – Chapter 29	July 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Sevika Sanghom – Snack Sale	July 18th
Sevika Sanghom – “One Day Tour”	July 24th
Sunday School – Memory Verse Competition	July 25th
National Youth Conference - Chicago	July 22nd – July 25th
Youth Fellowship – “Praise Night”	July 31st
Choir Fest	August 7th at 4:00 p.m.
MFL – Football Tournament	August 14th at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Anniversary	August 14th
Sunday School – Student Dedication Sunday	August 15th
Sunday School Classes Resume	August 22nd
Edavaka Mission Convention	August 26th – August 28 th

Kiran Abraham Mammen	29	Sheela Varughese	30
Olivia Miriam John	29	Besil Mammen	31
Pravin M. Varghese	29	Saju Johnson	31
Sheena Mathew	29	Teresa Susan Roy	31
Rexy M Samuel	29	Abraham K. Abraham	31
Nisha Philip	30	K. I. Thomas	31
Mohan T. Varghese	30	Saramma Thomas	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - JULY

Mr. and Mrs. Chandy. K. Samuel	2
Mr. and Mrs. Sabu Kuruviilla	2
Mr. and Mrs. Sam M. Thomas	2
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mathew	3
Mr. and Mrs. Lijo V John	5
Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Chacko	5
Mr. and Mrs. Mathew V. Kottappuram	7
Mr. and Mrs. Rajan Cherian	7
Mr. and Mrs. Roy K Cherian	7
Mr. and Mrs. Sibi Mathew	8
Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ninan	8
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Thomas	9
Mr. and Mrs. Prince Thomas	10
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Jacob	10
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Mathew	11
Mr. and Mrs. Christian Heijmen	12
Mr. and Mrs. Varghese Jose	12
Mr. and Mrs. John Mathai	14
Mr. and Mrs. Mathai P. Mathai	14
Mr. and Mrs. Mathew V. Varughese	15
Mr. and Mrs. Yohannan Mathai	15
Mr. and Mrs. John Samuel	16
Mr and Mrs. Koshy V. Abraham	16
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Samuel	16
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chacko	17
Mr and Mrs. Sujai C Varghese	22
Mr. and Mrs. George Samuel	22
Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph	24
Mr. and Mrs. Raju V. Thomas	24
Mr and Mrs. Bijoy Easao Chacko	26
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Philip	26
Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Abraham	26
Mr. and Mrs. Varghese K. Varghese	26
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Abraham	27
Mr. and Mrs. Oommen Thomas	31



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JULY 2010	
4	09:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in English
11	07:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in English 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam
18	09:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service (Language TBD) -This service will be conducted by our Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan
25	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English

AUGUST 2010	
1	07:30 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English

MAR THOMA LECTIONARY – JULY

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
3 Saturday	St. Thomas the Apostle's Day	
	Isa. 52:7-15	2 Tim. 3:10-17
	1 Thes. 1:1-9	St. John 20:24-29
4 Sunday	Christian Stewardship- Tithe Offering (6th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Exo. 36:1-7	2 Cor. 9:6-15
	Acts 5:1-11	St. Luke 21:1-4
11 Sunday	Ordained Ministry - Call of Shepherding	
	Exo. 3:1-12	2 Tim. 4:1-5
	Acts. 9:10-18	St. John. 21:15-19
18 Sunday	Church: Community of the Kingdom of God (8th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Micah. 6:1-8	1 Pet. 2:1-12
	Col. 1:9-23	St. Luke 6:27-36
25 Sunday	Fellowship with God and One another (9th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Gen. 7:1-16	Acts 4:32-37
	1 Cor. 12:12-27	St. John. 15:1-12

MAR THOMA LECTINARY – AUGUST

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
1 Sunday	Beginning of Fifteen Days Lent - Social Responsibility of the Church (Mission Sunday) (10th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Amos. 2:1-8	Jam. 5:1-6
	Rom. 5:1-11	St. Mat. 25:31-46

PRAYER MEETINGS – JULY

DATE		Name & Address	Time	Area
Saturday	Sunday			
	11	Mr. Rajesh Philip Babu 169 Locksley Dr Streamwood, IL 60107 (630) 289-8090	6:30 p.m.	10
17		Mr. Chacko V. George 217 Eric Ave. Mount Prospect, IL 60056 (847) 253- 6376	6:30 p.m.	7
24		Ms. Rachelamma Oommen 7854 N. Kedvale Skokie, IL 60076 (847) 329-1734	6:30 p.m.	2
	25	Mr. M.C. Isaac 1708 Independence Ct. Mount Prospect, IL 60056 (847) 635-9370	5:00 p.m.	7
	25	Mr. Thomas Varughese 7810 Lake St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 (847) 583-0689	7:00 p.m.	3

BIRTHDAYS – JULY

Christal B. Jacob	1	Beena Gijo Abraham	16
Robin George	1	Ackenkunju Mathew	16
Rajam Chinnamani	1	Nitin T. Mathai	17
Mary P. Mathew	1	Ronish Roy Mathew	17
Ethen G. Sam	2	Achyamma John	17
Nina A Idichandy	2	Nitin Mathai	17
Bindu Philip	2	Joe Mathew George	18
Jancy Sajan Punjonikavil	2	Bibin C. Mathew	19
Susan Thomas	2	Rani Eipe	19
Biji S. Samuel	3	Sodaran P. Jacob	19
Syrl B. Philip	3	Thanku A. Muthalaly	19
Jimmy P. Alexander	4	Chacko T. Oommen	19
Susan Thomas	4	Raj Mathew Pillai	19
Mammen A. Mathew	6	George Thomas	19
P. A. Varghese	6	Raju Varghese	19
Ashley K. Thomas	7	Mariamamma Idichandy	20
Ebin G. Sam	7	George A Kurien	20
Riyah Thomas	7	Mini Susan Oommen	20
Kevin K Roy	9	Ashley Abraham	21
Mancy A. Koshy	9	Stanley Thomas	21
Rency E. Koshy	9	Varghese Oommen	21
T. A. Abraham	10	Abraham Thomas	21
Alen Mathew	11	Annie Thomas	21
Anna E. Thomas	11	Samantha S. George	22
Anten Mathew	11	Bessy A George	22
Jessin George	11	Sara Itticheria	22
Lisa Eliz Mathew	11	John Mathai	22
George V. Adichithara	11	Abraham Mathew	22
Thomas T George	11	Daisy Sibi Mathew	22
Mariamamma Idicula	11	Joji Samuel	22
Thomas Thomas	11	Ajay Thomas Johnson	23
Philip Varghese	11	Sibil Kuruvilla	23
Randy V. Samuel	12	Anil Thomas	24
Reena George	12	Mollykutty Babu	24
Mariamamma Varghese	12	Archibald John	25
Betsy Mathew	13	Joncy Yesudasan	25
John Abraham	13	Rubin T. Varghese	25
Melin J Khandekar	13	Valsamma Abraham	25
Santhamma J. Mathew	13	Koshy Mathai	25
Kenneth A. Mathew	14	Angelena Jacob	26
Sibyl Abraham	14	Mary Varkey	26
Thomas J. Kolath	14	Smitha Thundiylil	26
Nimmy Mamman	14	Supriya Mohan	26
Glory Ninan	14	Vincy Ann Chacko	27
Saramma Thomas	14	Arun Thampy	27
Irene Miriam Varghese	15	Kayla Marie Mathai	27
Presto George	15	Rayan George	27
Joy Mathew	15	Thomas Mathew	28
Thampy Mathew	15	Jojikutty Abraham	28
Midhu Varghese	15	Sally Chacko	28
Aileen A. Thomas	16	Mathew Kurian	28
Beena Daniel	16	Biju Philip	28
Leena Varghese	16	Shiny K. Thomas	28
Rohin Praveen Thomas	16	Alwin John	29

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Chapter 29

Friday, July 16th at 7:00p.m.

Join us Friday, July 16th at 7pm for a night of worship and fellowship as we dig into the Word. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Pushpa Iype [pushpaiype@gmail.com]

MFL Tournament

Saturday, August 14th at 9:00a.m.

The Malayalee Football League will be holding a church-on-church flag football tournament on Saturday, August 14th at Harms Woods in Skokie. Please come out to watch and support our young men play in this tournament.

Questions? Contact Benji Kurian [benkurian1012@gmail.com]

Men's Volleyball League

Sundays, July 11th, 18th, 25th, and August 1st (rain day)

Registration for Men's Volleyball League is now open!

Go to <http://mvl.cmtcyouth.org/> to register to play.

Where: Flick Park, Glenview, IL

Time: 4:30-9:00pm.

Age: 16 and older

Registration: \$15

Questions? Contact Liju Varughese [lvarughese.84@gmail.com], Benji Jose [bjose93@gmail.com] or Sijin Mathew [Spmathew8@gmail.com]

Praise Night

July 31st, 2010

"Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds. His name is the LORD — and rejoice before him." Psalm 68:4

We are very excited to announce that God willing we plan to host Praise Night this year on July 31st at church! We're hoping for this to truly be a God-honoring evening and a blessing to all who attend.

Questions? Contact Rincey Abraham [rincey.abraham@gmail.com] or Cia Mathew [cia.mathew425@gmail.com]

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S SCHEDULE

Our Youth Chaplain, Rev. Alex Peter will be at:

- ✚ Bethel Marthoma Church on 1st Sunday
- ✚ St. Thomas Marthoma Church on 2nd Sunday
- ✚ Chicago Marthoma Church 3rd Sunday
- ✚ Detroit Marthoma Church on 4th Sunday

Alex Achen's contact details are as follows:

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Telephone: (847) 749-3288 (home)

(847) 630-0015 (cell)

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SEVIKA SANGHOM

2010 Events for Sevika Sanghom

Snack Sale	Sunday, July 18, 2010
One Day Tour	Saturday, July 24, 2010
Snack Sale	Sunday, August 8, 2010
One Day Retreat	Date TBD
Grandparents' Day	Saturday, September 11, 2010
Sevika Sanghom Day	Sunday, September 12, 2010
National Conference	Thur. Sep. 30 – Sun. Oct. 3, 2010
Snack Sale	Sunday, October 24, 2010
Food Sale	Sunday, November 14, 2010

Snack Sale

Sevika Sanghom will be conducting a snack sale on Sunday, July 18th. We welcome anyone who wants to bring snack items for sale. Also, join us on Saturday, July 17th at church for preparing snack items.

One Day Tour

A one day tour has been arranged by Sevika Sanghom on Saturday, July 24th to Lake Geneva. There will be boat rides, sightseeing, and etc. Please register early for this family event. Contact Sevika Sanghom representatives for details or registration form.

National Conference

The 11th National Sevika Sanghom Conference will be hosted by St. Mark's Marthoma Church, Tampa, Florida, from September 30th through October 3rd, 2010 at Christian Retreat Center, Bradenton, FL. Those who wish to attend, please register. For details, please contact Sevika Sanghom secretary

EDAVAKA MISSION

Edavaka Mission has great plans for 2010. We like to make it a regular practice for all our earning members to support the Mission activities of Marthoma Church by giving their "One Day Income". The collected funds will be utilized for the construction of Worship Places and Mission Homes in new Mission Fields and also for constructing Bible Colleges for training local candidates as Evangelists. It will be a great chance for us to directly involve in the process of Evangelization, and we need your whole hearted support.

Again, with the support of our Youth Group, Edavaka Mission likes to serve the Thanks Giving Lunch to the needy around us and give at least 1000 Christmas Gifts to the less privileged fellow beings in our area. As a new venture, in 2010 we like to concentrate more on the community activities in our local surroundings. So during this year, we plan to serve the Thanks Giving Lunch and Christmas gift distribution in our Church also in addition to our regular location, Fair Field Baptist Church in Chicago. We have to expose ourselves as a serving/giving back community to the City where we live and function. For this, we need everybody's support and cooperation. In addition to the financial support, we need your participation. All our members (including children) have to meet the cost for at least one Christmas Gift to be given to an unknown person live in this city, during 2010. We need your prayers and support for making all these to happen.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizen's Meeting will be held at the church on July 15th at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions regarding the meeting please contact Mr. Varghese Ninan at (847) 297-7087.

YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Young Women's Fellowship will be held on July 17th at 11:00a.m. at the church. If you have any questions regarding the Young Women's Fellowship please contact Mrs. Anu Cherian at (312) 953-8121.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Yuvajana Sakhyam regular meetings will be held every second Sunday after second service. Any changes regarding the meetings will be notified to the YS - members via e-mail/phone call.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 11 - Sunday School Singing Competition will be held at 9:00 a.m.

- Pre-Kg - 3rd Grade will sing: "Seek Ye First" or "We Are One in the Spirit," and Song of Choice
- Grades 4 -10 will sing: "Amazing Grace" or "Showers of Blessings" and a song of choice.

July 25 - Sunday School Memory Verse Competition

Please ask the child's respective teacher for the verses or contact Mrs. Laly David.

CHOIR

Malayalam Choir Practices will be held on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of every month from 2:00PM - 4:30PM. If there are any changes regarding the practice days & times, e-mail will be sent out to all of the Malayalam choir members.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend:

Choir Festival 2010

**Saturday, August 7th
Chicago Mar Thoma Church
4:00 pm**