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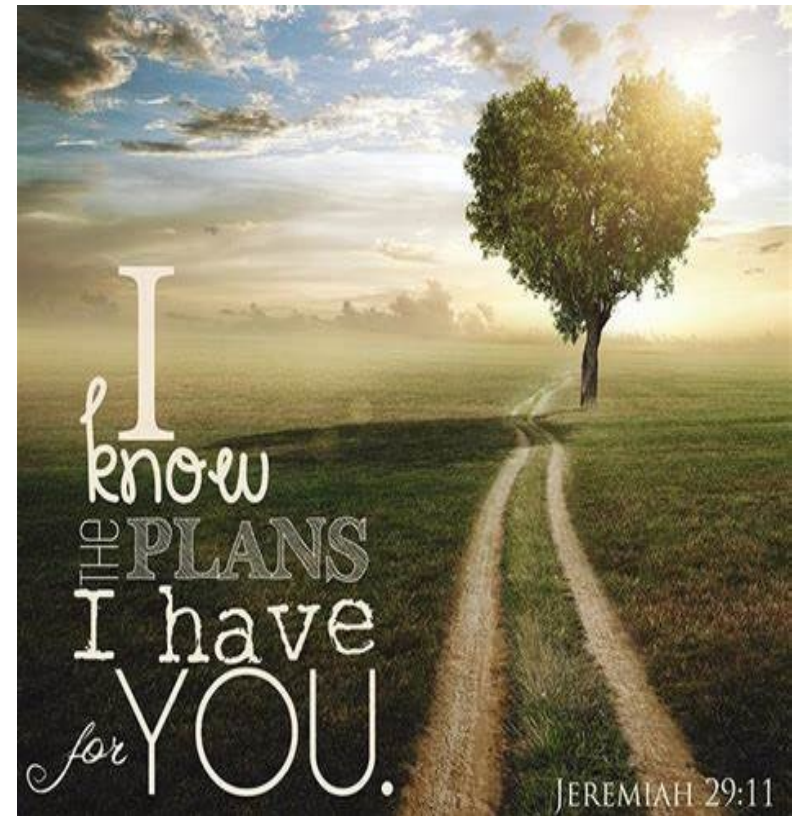
May your month of August
be filled with wonderful
blessings of good health,
love, peace, happiness and
prosperity.

Read Love
And Learn



Immanuel Mar Thoma Church

Houston, TX



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE AUGUST 2024

Aug. 04 Mission: Proclamation & Acts of the Kingdom of God			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Horeb area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 6:1-8 Acts 19: 8-12 Rom. 1: 8 –17 Matt. 10: 7-16
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Jerusalem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 6:1-8 Acts 19: 8-12 Rom. 1: 8 –17 Matt. 10: 7-16
Aug. 11 Freedom in Christ			
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Salem area Prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exod. 3: 7-14 Gal. 5: 1-14 Rom. 6:15-23 John 8:31-36
Aug. 18 Reformation based on the values of the Kingdom of God			
10:30 AM	English HQ assisted by Sehion area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 King 23: 1-3 1 Pet. 1:13-25 1John 2:13-17 Matt.23: 23-28
Aug. 25 Theological Education for faith Nourishment			
8:00 AM	G3 CFF & English HQ assisted by CFF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut. 6:1-9 Acts 28: 23-30 2 Tim. 3:10-17 Matt. 13:18-23
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Sharon area Prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut. 6:1-9 Acts 28: 23-30 2 Tim. 3:10-17 Matt. 13:18-23
Sept. 01 Education that leads to Divine truths			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Sinai area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov. 4:1-11 1 Cor. 1:18-25 Rom.11:33 -36 John 14: 5-14
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Tabor area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Prov. 4:1-11 1 Cor. 1:18-25 Rom.11:33 -36 John 14: 5-14

2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS		
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INTER-PRAYER GROUP BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITIONS

Date of competition: 8/31/2024

Guidelines

1. Questions will be based on the "Book of Amos, Colossians, and St. James liturgy, from confession onwards". Reference versions are "New International Version" (NIV) for English Bible and "Bible Society of India" for Malayalam version
2. Each prayer group can send a team with a minimum of three and a maximum of 5 members strictly belonging to that prayer group
3. Church members of all age group and genders are eligible to participate
4. Team roster must be submitted to the quiz coordinator no later than 5:00 pm on August 18, 2024.
5. In the case of any dispute, the decision of the quiz master shall be final

PARISH PICNIC

Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Annual Picnic



Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship!

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH
WHERE: KITTY HOLLOW PARK
9555 HIGHWAY 6, MISSOURI CITY
8:30AM - 2:30PM

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

The month of August marks the beginning of a new academic year. Let me wish God's abundant blessings and guidance on our dear students, teachers and all those involved in educational activities. The word of God reminds us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." All those who pursue wisdom and understanding are called to live in "reverential awe of God's sovereignty, goodness and mercy and in obedience to and relationship with him." If we strive to develop committed and sincere relationship with God, we will be able to relate well with others and live meaningful lives. Education is not just about accumulating knowledge and information or securing good grades, but also about growing up to become good, compassionate, and responsible human beings.

I encourage all our dear students to set aside time to read and meditate on the word of God regularly and pray as you commence your study sessions at home. Be diligent in attending Sunday School classes and worship service. Help your parents with various tasks at home. Be kind and courteous to others. Always remember that God has a great plan for our lives – "For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29: 11).

As parents, we must remember that our own lives and example have the greatest influences on our children. No amount of advice or exhortation can substitute for the power of our actions. As the saying goes, "Children's ears may be closed to advice, but their eyes are always open to example." We need to introspect our lives, make necessary corrections where needed, and rise to the challenge of parenting our children in ways God wants us to do.

"It is with great sorrow that we heard about the multiple landslides triggered by heavy rains, causing death of many innocent lives and destruction of at least two villages in the picturesque Waynad district in Kerala. Let us pray for the consolation and relief of all those affected by this natural disaster. Let us pray for God's guidance and blessing on the rescue and rehabilitation efforts."

Prayerful Regards
Rev. Joseph John

JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities are continuing for the Jubilee Project. The contractor is working with Centerpoint Energy and Fort Bend MUD on approvals and routing of water and electrical utilities to the new facilities. Foundation preparation and concrete pouring for the Jubilee hall will occur in the next few weeks. Steel structure for the gymnasium is expected towards the end of August.

Please continue to support the project financially through new donations and by paying off your pledges. Also, please participate in the personal loan initiative which would help us in reducing the loan amount that we have to borrow from the bank at high interest rate. Above all, please remember the project in your daily prayers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS (2024-2025)

Superintendent: Mr. Jim Thomas
 Associate Superintendent: Miss. Asha Philip
 Secretary: Miss. Jasmine Abraham
 Treasurer: Mr. Jojoy John.....**Congrats to the new team!!!**

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER GROUPS

Jerusalem area prayer meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday August 9th at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Shaiji Thomas (ID # 659). Address: 20310 Port Bishop Lane, Richmond, TX.

Hebron area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Sunday August 11th at 7 pm at the residence of Mr. Varghese Zachariah (ID # 614). Address: 5511 Havelock Ln., Missouri City, TX.

Horeb area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday August 17th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Mammen Mathew (ID # 104). Address: 5827 Berkshire Ridge Dr., Sugar Land, TX.

Sinai area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday August 17th at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Sabu Podiyan (ID # 549). Address: 13412 Ravens Park Ln., Pearland, TX.

Carmel area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday August 24th at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. K.K. John (ID # 113). Address: 907 Piedmont St., Sugar land, TX.

Sehion area prayer is arranged to be held on Sunday, August 25th at 6.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Raju John (ID # 296). Address: 4923 Bellmead Dr., Missouri City, TX .

Bethel area prayer meeting is arranged to be held on Saturday August 24th at 6 pm at the residence of Mr. Abraham Mathai (ID # 473). Address: 6906 Senebe Way, Missouri City, TX.



AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Justin J. Mathew & Sonia Tom	26-Aug
Stanley Varghese & Julin Varghese	26-Aug
Jibin Abraham Varghese & Adia Michelle Reyna	26-Aug
Benson P. Kurien & Anna Laura Dominguez	27-Aug
George Eapen & Acha Ann Grace Jacob	27-Aug
George Thomas & Deepa Thomas	28-Aug
Thomas Mathew & Suni Mathew	29-Aug
Cherian Palackamanni Mathew & Bincy Mathew	29-Aug
Jibin T. Luke & Sheba A. Kuriakose	30-Aug
Felix Abraham & Jetty Felix	30-Aug
George John & Lalimol John	31-Aug
Varghese T. Mathai & Saramma Mathai	31-Aug
Dr. Mathews Ninan & Tina Ninan	31-Aug
Sanil Mathai & Zeema Daniel	31-Aug

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/9-8/11 - Southwest Regional Sports Tournament
 8/31 - IMTC Inter-Prayer Group Bible Quiz
 9/7 - Parish Picnic @ Kitty Hollow Park, M. City
 9/20 - 9/22- Parish Convention
 10/26 - Auction (Tentative)
 11/17 - Parish Day
 11/30 —House to House Christmas Caroling
 12/24 - Christmas Carol Service
 12/30 -12/ 31 – Year End Retreat



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Baby girl Celeste was born to Anju & Lijo on July 6th in New York. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents Mr. M.G. Philip & Mini of the Bethel area prayer group.

ZELLE PAYMENTS

Making Payments to Church Using Zelle

Zelle is a faster method of payment, that is protected by online encryption and can be done with just a few steps using your phone or PC. This mode of payment transfer, offered by the 7 largest banks in the US, is one of the safest alternatives to sending cash or a check in the mail. and that money is automatically deposited into the recipient's bank account and doesn't incur any fees.

Email address for the transaction is:

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AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Gracious John & Joyce John	1-Aug
Mathew Philip & Saramma M. Philip	3-Aug
Thomas M Koshy & Aleayamma Koshy	4-Aug
Chacko Mathew & Susan Mathew	5-Aug
Dr. Ronnie Abraham & Dr. Leenu Mary Abrahan	6-Aug
Abraham Mathai & Legi Abraham	6-Aug
Ajay Thomas & Jessey Thomas	6-Aug
Sabu Podiyam & Beena Sabu	7-Aug
Rony Johnson & Shani Johnson	7-Aug
Samuel K. Eapen & Josephine Samuel	8-Aug
Thomas Koshy & Rachel Thomas	11-Aug
Binoy Puthenmadathil & Bincy Puthenmadathil	11-Aug
Manoj George & Dr. Latha Manoj George	12-Aug
George John & Renimol George	12-Aug
Jack Sam Saban & Aleena Jacob	12-Aug
Subi Philip & Anisha Philip	13-Aug
Reni K. Thomas & Sheen Reni Kavalayil	14-Aug
Aby J. Roy & Asha Elizabeth	14-Aug
Thomas Varghese & Sheeba M. Varghese	16-Aug
Abraham K. John & Baizil S. John	16-Aug
Rev. Joseph John & Nisha Joseph	17-Aug
Dr. Varghese George & Dr. Jessy Skaria	17-Aug
Manoj S. Raju & Bettina Manoj Raju	18-Aug
Rengith R. Karikottu & Shiney Karikottu	19-Aug
Jissan Cherian & Shanthi Cherian	20-Aug
Philip George & Amminiamma George	20-Aug
Mammen Thomas & Jolly Mammen	20-Aug
John G Mathai & Solly Mathew	21-Aug
Robin John Kaarikottu & Elizabeth Rachel Karikottu	22-Aug
Shaiji Thomas & Girija Shaiji	22-Aug
Paul Thomas Varghese & Jean Mary Thomas	22-Aug
Thomas Daniel & Susamma Thomas	23-Aug
Thomson Varghese Thayil & Susan Thomson	23-Aug
Dr. Thomas Kannankara Abraham & Dr. Anita Rose Joy Thomas	23-Aug
Abraham John & Annamma Abraham	23-Aug
K. K. John & Annamma John	24-Aug
Kuriakose Thottyil & Mary Kuriakose	24-Aug
Shibu Babykutty & Anu Shibu	24-Aug
Abraham Mathew & Thankam Abraham	24-Aug
Shiju George & Tina George	25-Aug
Dr. Yujan Shrestha & Mekha S Thomas	25-Aug

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	Aug. 3: Sunday school Regional Competitions Aug. 18: Sunday school Anniversary Aug. 18: Sunday school Students Dedication Aug. 25: First day of Sunday school classes
CFF	Aug. 16: 7 pm at Church
Senior Fellowship	Aug. 3: Monthly prayer meeting @ 10 am Aug. 8: Pakalveedu Fellowship @ 10 am Aug. 15: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Aug. 25: prayer meeting @ the church after service.

CONDOLENCES

1. Mr. John Jacob, 70 years old, brother of Mrs. Mariamma George (ID # 171) of the Salem area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Charlotte, North Carolina.
 2. Mr. E.C. Jacob, 77 years old, father of Mrs. Sony Sam Jacob (ID # 563) of the Sehion area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Ponpally, Kottayam.
 3. Mrs. Susy Shaju, 69 years old, sister of Mr. Mammen Mathew (ID # 104) of the Horeb area prayer group and sister of Mr. Sam Mathew (ID # 241) of the Salem area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Ernakulam, Kerala.
 4. Mrs. Mary Jose, 75 years old, mother of Mrs. Shiney Eapen (ID # 186) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Idukki, Kerala.
 5. Mr. Philip Daniel, 85 years old, father of Mrs. Beena Abraham (ID # 568) of the Sehion area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Kozhenchery, Kerala.
 6. Mr. P.K. Francis, 91 years old, brother-in-law of Mr. George Thomas (ID # 132), Mr. George Joseph (ID # 174), Mr. George John (ID # 187), and Late Mr. George Philip (ID # 253) all from the Tabor area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Chennai, India.
 7. Mr. K.V. Yohannan, 82 years old, brother of Mrs. Annamma Samuel (ID # 166) of the Sharon area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Moovattupuzha, Kerala.
 8. Mrs. Annamma Philipose, 85 years old, mother of Mr. George Philip (ID # 581) of the Sinai area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Thrissur, Kerala.
- The Vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heartfelt condolences. May our thoughts and prayers comfort and console the families during this time of bereavement.



AUGUST 2024 BIRTHDAYS



Jonathan Philip	1-Aug	Elizabeth Abraham	10-Aug
Ashron R. Johnson	2-Aug	Nisha Varghese	
Teena Thomas		Lizy Alexander	
Sandra Sara Santhosh		Sarah Prem	
Vivin G. Varghese		Asha Serah Mathew	
Binu Zachariah		Dr.Cindy Jacob	
Sana Mary Joseph	4-Aug	Manoj Kanneri	
Dr. Lila Cherry		Erick Santhosh	
Anumol P.G		Jincy Philip	
Rijul Raju		John Mathew	
Sindhu George		Vasthin Barbara	
Esha Mary Abraham	5-Aug	Shreya Sara Thomas	12-Aug
Lyla Philip		Abin Shibu	
Andrew T. Samuel		Jeena Mathew Polachi-	
Jilu Anna George		Annamma Jacob	13-Aug
Dr. Priya Mathew		Kunjamma Oommen	
Gino P. Abraham	6-Aug	Vanson M. Samuel	14-Aug
Gijo P. Abraham		Maya Thomas	
Ester Maria A. Thomas		Dr. Sandeep C. Mathew	
Shery Cherian		Joy N. Samuel	
Arianna Sarah Abraham		Reena Jacob	
Susan John	8-Aug	Shincy Mathew Abraham	15-Aug
Dimple Monzy Mathews		Jopy Jacob	
Angie Alexander		Mathews Abraham	
Isabella Mary Jacob	9-Aug	E. K. Kurian	
Sherry Oommen		Shinu Kurian Joy	
Niksy A. Varughese		Reni K. Thomas	
Joel John Jacob	9-Aug		
Mark Ashwin Isaac			
Jeffrin C. Varghese			
Joseph K. T.			
Sruthi S. Daniel			



AUGUST 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



Alwyn Thomas	16-Aug	Anil Chandy	23-Aug
Jeeya Joby		Nisha Kiran Roy	
Dr. Cecil Abraham Cherian		Reba Thomas	
Joby George Cherian	17-Aug	Alina Grace Johnson	24-Aug
Cherian Abraham		Anil Valiaparambil	
Bindu M. Thomas		Shani Johnson	
Susha Thomas	18-Aug	Samuel Koshy	25-Aug
Varghese P. Varghese		George Philip	
Babetta B. Mathai		Thomas Chacko	
Rani Susan Varghese		Dr. Yujan Shrestha	
Mason Valiaparambil		Joshua John Thomas	
Annamma Varghese		Jibin T. Luke	26-Aug
Jeslin Jessy Jacob		Anjali Ann Koshy	
Benson Mathew		Roshan Reni Kavalayil	
Dr. Anita Rose Joy Thomas		Aksa Alex	
Susamma Philip		Thomson Varghese Thayil	
Isaac Philip	Jayson K. Varghese	27-Aug	
Sarah Thomas	Sosamma Varghese		
Jetty Felix	Beena V. Kalathoor		
Sherin Thomas	Shiney Karikottu		
Alan Thomas John	Elton John Mannil		
Mathew Cherian	19-Aug	Dr. Leena Philip	28-Aug
Cassian P. Kurien		Kezia Liz Kalloor	
Abraham Philip		Dr. Abraham Abraham	
Jeffin George Samuel		Annamma Thomas	
Cyril J. Varkey		Toby C.Thomas	
Marykutty M. Thomas	20-Aug	Mariamamma Jesson	29-Aug
Dr. Sheena Itty		Joel Philip	
Luca Agith Mathew		Nisha Jereesh	
Alvin Mathew		Nevin Abraham	
Sofia Elizabeth Cherian		Ligy Anish	
Ancy Samuel	21-Aug	Praveen Philip Sunny	30-Aug
Aleykutty George		Jack Sam Saban	
Dr. Sheebu Chacko		Aleena Marie Varughese	
Grace Zachariah		Robin Tristan Mathew	
Shiju Oommen		Mia Susa George	
Solly Mathew	22-Aug	K. Joseph Abraham	31-Aug
Jonathan Varghese		Sophia Lizy Alexander	
		Aji George Varughese	
		Christopher M. Anaghan	
		Jeesa Saraa Isaac	