

News from Old Zion/Alt Zion Lutheran Church



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“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”

Psalm 100:4

“Geht zu Seinen Toren ein mit Danken, zu Seinen Vorhöfen mit Loben; danket Ihm, lobet Seinen Namen!”

A word from Pastor:

From Luther’s Large Catechism, “The Lord’s Prayer”

After developing the point at some length that the Lord has commanded us to pray, Luther speaks about the promise which our Lord has made that He will hear us: “In the second place, we should be the more urged and incited to pray because God has also added a promise, and declared that it shall surely be done to us as we pray, as He says Ps. 50:15, Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee.” And Christ in the Gospel of St. Matthew, 7:7: Ask, and it shall be give you. For every one that asketh receiveth. Such promises ought certainly to encourage and kindle our hearts to pray with pleasure and delight, since He testifies with His own word that our prayer is heartily pleasing to Him, moreover, that it shall assuredly be heard and granted, in order that we may not despise it or think lightly of it, and pray at a venture (that is, with uncertainty about whether our prayer will be heard—Pastor’s note).

You can hold this up to Him and say, “Here I come, dear Father, and pray, not of my own purpose nor upon my own worthiness, but at Thy commandment and promise, which cannot fail or deceive me....”



keep up with changes on our web site especially the new Old Zion History blog, and check out our posts on Facebook!

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Pastor's report continued

Re our monthly Bible Study.

Our regular monthly Bible-Study will again be held at our new time of 1:00pm on the third Tuesday of the month (Nov. 19). This year we are looking sat the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

A New Time for our Thanksgiving Eve Service!

This year our Thanksgiving Eve service will be at **12:00 noon** on Wednesday, November 27. It is always a joy and a privilege to join together to read a psalm responsively and to sing hymns of thanksgiving for what we have received in the past year. Make plans to attend, and bring as many friends as you like!

Looking ahead to our Christmas Dinner

This year our Christmas Dinner will be held on the first Sunday of December (Dec. 1). We thank the Committee which has worked hard to plan this event.

Attention!

We Need Foodstuffs, Clothing, and Walking-Canes!

Our congregational ministries of collecting food and clothing for the needy are ongoing. It is once again time to think in terms of winter wear—caps, scarves, mittens, etc. And we are now also collecting walking-canes which will be taken to South America for people who need them. Your contributions are appreciated and put to good use

On All Saints Sunday, November 3rd

we will light a candle in memory of our Saints

Irene Heise † January 24, 2-1

Iris Murphy † March 28, 2019

Charles Rowan † May 16, 2019

Veteran's day, November 11, 2016

We honor our veterans:

Walter Meyer, Curtis Cheyney IV, Michael Reiser, David Robertson, Christian Davis, Charlie Davis, Pastor Russel G. Jenkins, Charles Rowan and our “veterans to be” Emma Robertson, and Chaplain-Michael Anderson

To all of you and those we may not know about,

We thank you for your service!

Happy November Birthdays to:

11/11 - Genean Murphy-Bell

11/14 - Carey Cheyney

11/15 -Art Plaxton - Aidan Davis

11/16 - Curtis Cheyney IV

11/27 - Joel Kurtz



Heartfelt Thanks to everyone who helped out for our “Clean-Up Day!” A lot of necessary work was accomplished!

Altar Flowers:

none needed for November

needed for December: 12/15 - (2); 12/22 - (2);

**Please remember our sick and shut-ins
in your prayers!!**



Christmas Dinner December 1, 2019



The Frauenverein of Old Zion is again preparing for our yearly Christmas Dinner and Musical Program.

Our member Ruth Reiser, together with family and friends has provided us with this feast for many years, for which we are very thankful. Ruth has placed the task into the hands of a committee, and our members are working hard to assure the continuation of this holiday event without too many changes.

After our combined service, hors d'oeuvres and Glühwein will be served, while raffle items can be checked out.

Dinner will consist of Chicken Marsala, Spätzle(German homemade noodles), Salad and appropriate sides.

Desserts can be found on a cake table filled with all kinds of goodies.

There will be donated baskets and other items to raffle off, and of course our Jaye Green will be leading us in singing our favorite Christmas Carols. No doubt our organist and others will contribute to the Musical Program

Price for the dinner will stay the same - \$ 12.00 for adults, \$ 5.00 for children 5-12yrs, under 5yrs. free.

A more detailed program will be available shortly.



News from the ELCM

We wish the best to our good friend Chaplain Michael Anderson! Mike joined our congregation and was a regular attender who had a deep love for Old Zion and its people. Mike has now accepted a position in Salt Lake City, Utah. That would be quite a commute, even for an Old-Zion member! So instead, Mike hopes to be able to start a congregation in his new home-town. We look forward to staying in touch with him. He has promised to stop by whenever he happens to be out this way.

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Fellowship Hall Rental Opportunities

Now that we have incorporated climate control elements into our lovely Fellowship Hall, the council of **Old Zion Lutheran Church** has made the Fellowship Hall available to members, friends, and those in the greater community on a rental basis for various functions, meetings, and events.

The Fellowship Hall is ideal for meetings and classes, small cabaret performances or recitals, and personal celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, etc). The hall can be rented on an hourly basis at \$150 per hour, or for a larger block of time at a discounted rate (4 hours for \$500). Ongoing rentals can also be considered.

Aside from both heating and cooling to meet your needs, the Fellowship Hall has space for approximately 70-90 people. We can provide tables and chairs to accommodate your guests, easy access to bathrooms, and space to put out any refreshments you may wish to serve. Basic wifi is provided, as is a large projector screen that can be pulled down for your convenience. We ask that any decorations be approved prior to use.

For more information, please see our new "Space Rental" page on the website by visiting www.oldzionlutheran.org/rental, or by searching for **Old Zion Lutheran Church** on the Philadelphia Space Finder (philly.spacefinder.org). For more direct information, please feel free to communicate with **Pastor Metzger** or **Jaye Green**, the head of our leasing committee.