

News from Old Zion/Alt Zion Lutheran Church



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*“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you
a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a Son, and shall call His name
Immanuel.”*

Isaiah 7: 14

*“ Darum so wird euch der HERR selbst
ein Zeichen geben: Siehe, eine Jungfrau ist
schwanger und wird einen Sohn gebären, den
wird sie heißen Immanuel..”*

A word from Pastor

On Deck for December!

Please keep in mind the following dates for our busy month of December at Old Zion:

- Sunday, Dec. 08**, the 2nd Sunday of Advent, with Holy Communion at both the English and the German services.
- Tuesday, December 10**, 1:00pm, our special Frauenverein Christmas luncheon at the home of Joan Wachlin.
- Saturday, December 14**, We put up the Christmas tree at Church.
- Sunday, December 15**, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, English service at 10:00am, German service at 11:15am.
- Sunday, December 22**, the 4th Sunday of the Advent Season: a combined service with Holy Communion at 10:00am, followed by our Fellowship Meal and Council Meeting:
- Monday, December 24**, our Christmas Eve services: German at 4:00pm, English at 5:30pm
- Tuesday, December 25**, **CHRISTMAS DAY!!!**
- Sunday, December 29**, 1st Sunday after Christmas, combined service at 10:00am (because it is the fifth Sunday of the month).



Nancy and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

December is a good time for donating some food and clothing!

December is a good time for us to consider giving something extra to our ongoing collections for the poor here at Old Zion. During the cold-weather months, our stress is on gathering warm clothes, caps, gloves, etc. The food-stuffs and clothing that you contribute will be put to good use and will help to make the holiday season a bit more joyful for some needy people! Remember that we are also collecting walking-canes which will be taken to South America.



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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A Word from the Pastor (Continued)

From Luther's Large Catechism, The Creed—Second Article

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Luther explains the second Article by expounding on the word "Lord". After making the point that Christ has replaced with His lordship has taken away the rule over us of death and the devil, he continues:

Let this, then, be the sum of this article that the little word Lord signifies simply as much as Redeemer, i.e., He who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and who preserves us in the same. But all the points which follow in order in this article serve no other end than to explain and express this redemption, how and whereby it was accomplished, that is, how much it cost Him, and what He spent and risked that He might win us and bring us under His dominion, namely, that He became Man, conceived and born without any stain of sin, of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, that He might overcome sin; moreover, that He suffered, died, and was buried, that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe, not with silver nor gold, but with His own precious blood. And all this, in order to become my Lord; for He did none of these for Himself, nor had He any need of it. And after that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father's right hand, so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet, until finally, at the last day, He will completely part and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, and sin.

An Early Reminder about our Annual Meeting in February

The Annual Meeting for Old Zion Lutheran Congregation will take place on February 16th, the third Sunday of the month, after a joint service. The Annual Meeting is a time for elections, for adopting a budget for the year, and for taking care in the best way of the congregation's earthly business. The next weeks provide an opportunity for making nominations "from the floor" for those positions (officers and committees) which will become vacant this year. Make plans to attend!

"Red Stocking Collection"



The *Frauenverein* is asking for help from the congregation to be able to give a Christmas gift to a Lutheran charity. This year we again selected the Lutheran Settlement House, which provides social, educational, employment and counseling services to adults, youth, families, and seniors in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. Please look for the Red Stocking on the bulletin table. Your help is appreciated.

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

Altar flowers available for **January**. There is still time to order a poinsettia for our Christmas Services, Price per plant is \$7.00, Betty Meyer will be glad to take your order.



Happy Birthday to

Olivia Kurtz - 12/1

Elizabeth Norlynn Cheyney - 12/8

Barbara Turner - 12/22

Jesus - 12/24



Christmas Dinner and raffle on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 1st, 2019

It seems obvious from the pictures that a lot was going on, and everyone had a good time. The dinner was good, the raffle made a lot of people happy, the music program was wonderful, but the best part was the singing of German and English Christmas Carols. We went home with a real Advent and Christmas spirit in our hearts.



Old Zion Lutheran Church

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.