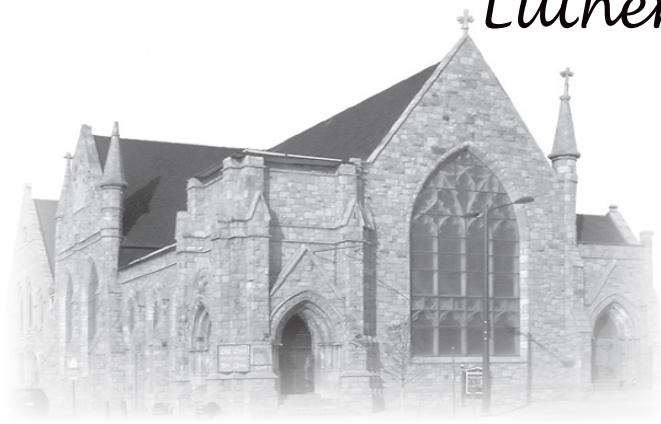


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*“The Lord will command His loving
kindness in the daytime,
and in the night His song shall be with me ,
a prayer to the God of my life..*

Psalm 42:8
NKJV/Luth.

*“ Der HERR hat des Tages verheißen
seine Güte, und des Nachts singe ich
ihm und bete zu dem
Gott meines Lebens.”*

A word from Pastor

From Luther’s Large Catechism—the fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

Jesus has taught us to pray, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” We pray this petition daily, because even though we are righteous before God through faith in Christ, we nevertheless must in this life still carry with us the sinful nature—the “old Adam”—with which we were born. We are at the same time “saints” (holy with Christ’s righteousness) and “sinners” who daily need our Lord’s forgiveness. Luther makes the point that our Lord teaches us to pray for His pardon every day so that we may believe that He does truly forgive us. And from such faith must come our forgiveness for others.

“Therefore there is here again great need to call upon God and to pray, ‘Dear Father, forgive us our trespasses.’ Not as though He did not forgive sin without and even before our prayer (for He has given us the Gospel, in which is pure forgiveness before we prayed or ever thought about it). But this is to be the intent that we may recognize and accept such forgiveness. For since the flesh in which we daily live is of such a nature that it neither trusts nor believes God, and is ever active in evil lusts and devices, so that we sin daily in word and deed, by commission and omission, by which the conscience is thrown into unrest so that it is afraid of the wrath and displeasure of God, and thus loses the comfort and confidence derived from the Gospel; therefore it is ceaselessly necessary that we run hither and obtain consolation to comfort the conscience again....

...For just as we daily sin much against God, and yet He forgives everything through grace, so we, too, must ever forgive our neighbor who does us injury, violence, and wrong, show malice toward us, etc.”



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)

Annual Meeting

Thanks to all who took part in our Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Old Zion Lutheran Church for the year 2020 was held on Sunday, February 16. Thanks to all for attending and contributing, and special thanks to all those who were installed as Council Members and Officers on Sunday, Feb. 23! May the Lord richly bless them for their willing service!

Bible Study

Our monthly Bible-Study will be held at 1:00pm on Tuesday, March 17 (shortly after the meeting of the Outreach Committee), at the church. We will continue our look at the Book of Jeremiah, and we will also consider some other Old-Testament prophecies of our Lord's Passion. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday this year was on February 26. At 6:00pm we had fellowship and a delicious meal of Mushroom soup and rolls provided by Helmut Reiser, followed by our combined service with Holy Communion at 7:30pm. Here at Old Zion, Ash Wednesday has always been a special occasion—a day when former members and old friends like to come back in order to share fellowship with us at the meal and to worship with us.

Please remember

our ongoing ministries of collecting food and clothing for the needy. With most of March still ahead of us, warm clothing is still needed. All of the food and clothing that you contribute will be put to good use!

The walking canes that outreach was asking folks to bring in will go to Global Health Ministry. Joan Wachlin's friend who volunteers as a Nurse Practitioner in Guatemala & Peru will take them with her to give to patients she will be treating.

!!Easter Surprise Chance Off!!

For various reasons our Frauenverein is on hold for the time being. Members and friends are forming a Social Committee to tend to the Churches social functions.

There will be a raffle for Easter Baskets on Palm Sunday, March 29, during the fellowship hour after the combined service. ---1 ticket for \$2; 3 tickets for \$5 and 20 tickets for \$10---

Happy Birthday!



March Birthday

3/3 - Barbara Cheyney
3/18 - Ronald Kenny
3/30- George Beckett

Altar Flowers needed for March :

3/8- (1); 3/15 - (1);
3/29 - (2)

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

A call, a card or a few encouraging words are always appreciated.

Please remember:

Sunday March 8 Daylight Savings Time begins! Please remember to set your clocks **foward 1 hour on Saturday night, March 7th.**



Schedule for Holy Week

Please be aware of the schedule for Good Friday, reflecting the change that we made 2 years ago.. Because so many have been unable to come to an evening service, we are having the English Good Friday service at 12:00 noon, right after the German service.

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday

10:00am, Joint service with Holy Communion

Thursday, April 9, Maundy Thursday

7:30pm, English service with Holy Communion

Friday, April 10, Good Friday (Karfreitag)

10:00am, German service with Holy Communion

12:00noon, English service

Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday

10:00am, Joint service with Holy Communion

Holy Week comes only once in the year, and all our members are urged to consider worshiping both on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday. The two services have very distinctive emphases. On Maundy Thursday the Church commemorates our Savior's institution of His holy Sacrament. On Good Friday, we observe in a special way our Savior's death as our Substitute on the cross of Calvary.

Available for Lenten devotions:

Some may remember when the custom during Lenten services was to read the history of the Passion of Christ as it was compiled from all four Gospels. Anyone who is interested in having such a compilation (using the New King James Version) for Lenten-season devotions can contact the Pastor.

Outlook Committee

The Outreach committee continues to work on signage and banners, the local Walking Tour, and a means to erect the street library box. The donations of food and clothing are wonderful. We welcome Scott Suzuki, our newest member. Please explore our web page and don't hesitate to send contributions to our webmaster, JP.

Old Zion Newest Member

We heartily welcome our new member, Scott Suzuki, and we pray that his membership here at Old Zion will be a blessing to him and that he will be a blessing to us.



Help is on the way

Glad to see that our "Little Ones" show so much interest in lending



a helping hand when it comes to cleaning up after our fellowship meal. Keep up the good work, Elizabeth and Curtis Cheyney!!

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.