

Old Zion/Alt Zion
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“As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.”

2 Samuel 22:31

“ Gottes Wege sind vollkommen; des HERRN Reden sind durchläutert. Er ist ein Schild allen, die ihm vertrauen.”

A Word from Pastor:

From Luther’s Catechism, The Sacrament of the Altar

After asserting the Scriptural truth that it is the all-powerful word of Christ Himself which makes of the bread and wine His body and blood, Luther speaks of the benefits of the sacrament. In doing so, Luther reflects his profound conviction that the Gospel—in this case as it comes to us in the Sacrament—is precious especially to the one who worships like the tax-collector in Jesus’ parable who prays in humble penitence, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”:

_____“Now this is plain and clear from the words..., ‘This is My body and blood, given and shed for you for the remission of sins.’ Briefly, that is as much to say: For this reason we go to the Sacrament because there we receive such a treasure by and in which we obtain forgiveness of sins. Why so? Because the words stand here and give us this; for on this account He bids me eat and drink, that it may be my own and may benefit me, as a sure pledge and token, yea, the very same treasure that it appointed for me against my sins, death, and every calamity.



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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Word from Pastor (continued)

Frauenverein will resume!

After a long lay-off because of the pandemic, our Frauenverein will begin to meet again this month—Tuesday, October 13, 1:00pm at the church. We offer heartfelt thanks to the Reisers for hosting our meetings for so long and with such generous hospitality. The decision to move to the church has been made after long consideration and with much consultation about a place at which we can meet which will be central and accessible for as many as possible. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Pick Your Favorite Hymn

During the Season of Trinity, members of Old Zion are invited to pick their favorite hymns to be sung here on Sundays. There are forms by the entryways on which you can indicate your selection by name and number in the hymnal. The pastor will include your selections in our worship services. There are still some weeks left in the Trinity Season!

Remember our collections for the needy!

In spite of the pandemic, we are keeping up our on-going ministries of collecting food and clothing for the needy. Please consider making some regular contributions—a little bit from each of us can add up quickly! And please remember that we are now also collecting walking-canes here at Old Zion. They will be delivered to people in South America who need them.

Lightly worn clothing donations are in regular intervals delivered to the “The Wardrobe Boutiique” located at 413 N 4th St., Philadelphia, 19123. open from Tues thru Saturday 12-6.

”The Wardrobe Boutiique” Wardrobe for Opportunity works in partnership with the community to assist low-income individuals in their efforts to **Find a Job, Keep a Job, and Build a Career.**

Dates to remember

Reformation Sunday
on October 25th,
Reformation Day on
October 31st.



Altar Flowers needed for October:

10/11 - (1); 10/25 - (1)

For November:

11/1 - (2); 11/8 - (2); 11/15- (2); 11/22 - (2);
11/25(**Thanksgiving Eve**) -(2); 11/29
(**Totensonntag**) - (2)

Altar flowers are a beautiful addition to our services. For \$10 we give the opportunity to place flowers to the Glory of God, in memory of a loved one, or to acknowledge a personal holiday.

Betty Meyer is happy to assist.

!!HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

10/1 - Alex Reiser
10/9 - Nyasiah Murphy-Bell
10/17 - Mark wachlin
10/19 - Curtis Cheyney III



Why is autumn called Fall?

The word fall comes from the Old English word feallan which means “to fall or to die.” Over time, the phrase was shortened to fall. ... The use of the word fall fell out of favor in England. Today, American English uses the word fall, while British English uses autumn almost exclusively.

Consider this:

If you think you don't have the wealth to bless others, think again. Yes, you may have less than some people have, but you probably have more than many others. And you can bless people with more than money.

Take inventory of what God has given you, including things like skills, time, energy, service, empathy, resources, etc. For each of those, jot down at least one way you can bless someone else; get specific about who and when. Then go ahead and do it.

(Author unknown)

To members and friends of the Frauenverein of Old Zion Lutheran Church

from Betty Meyer, President

After several month of considering and talking with all Frauenverein members and some interested persons, I have considered to call for a Frauenverein meeting on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the church.**

Like all of you I would like to continue this fellowship, which we have missed for so many month now. It is my opinion that we can only come to a real decision about the future if we start at this point, all remaining questions can be answered in time.

We will follow our usual procedures, we will have coffee and cake, please bring a sandwich for your lunch.

I will ask Pastor to give us the usual meditation and presentation which we all have enjoyed so much.

I hope to see you all at this meeting so that we can start getting back to a somewhat normal schedule!

Please remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers. A call, a card or a few encouraging words is always appreciated.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“If you listen real carefully when the breeze blows, you can hear God whispering.”

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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One more Old Zion Student

Adriana Burmeister - is 17 years old, and she is driving now! She was a summer camp counselor and will be a senior in high school.



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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.