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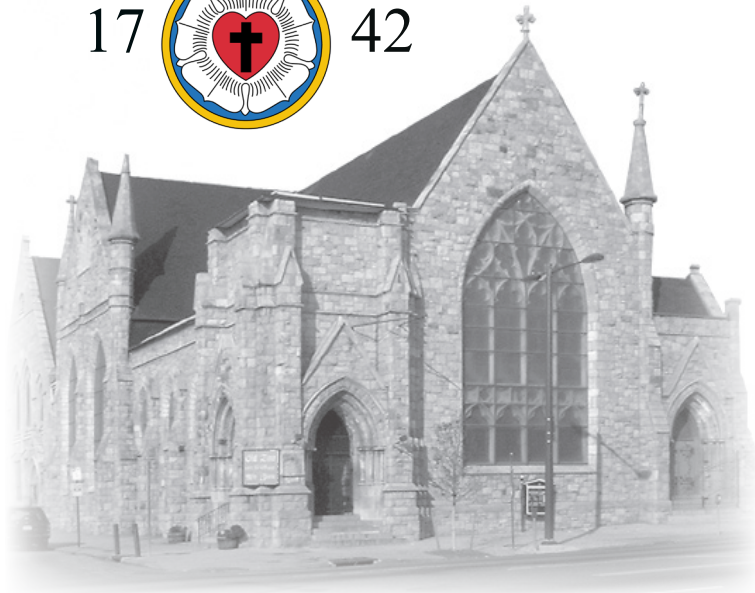
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*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and
into His courts with praise. Be thankful to
Him, and bless His name.”*

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 given 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

News from the ELCM: our Chaplains

Pro Deo et Patria—"For God and Country"—that phrase sums up the call to duty which is answered by a chaplain in any of the branches of the armed forces of America. Most of you are aware that the ELCM is the church home of several chaplains who currently serve in our nation's military. They include:

Mike Anderson, LCDR, USNR (a member of Old Zion!) Mike has recently been called to active duty in Japan. Mike graduated from Harvard and earned a Master's Degree in Counseling from Yale.

Philip Stewart, Captain, USAF, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ. Before going to Arizona, Phil preached for us here at Old Zion. He was awarded a Doctorate in Theology from the University of Munich and is fluent in German, French, and Spanish.

T.C. Judd, Lt. Col., TANG, Houston, TX. While continuing to serve as a chaplain, T.C. is currently also very active in our church-body, providing a format on "Zoom" where the chaplains and all the other pastors in the ELCM can meet, discuss issues, and have fellowship together.

Pastor Paul Schweinler, Fort Lauderdale. Paul is not really connected with the military; instead, he works with a government agency in Florida to provide emergency counseling for those who have been traumatized by hurricanes, earthquakes, the pandemic, and the like. Needless to say, he is kept very busy these days.

The veteran "guiding-light" for these chaplains is retired Chaplain **Russel Burr**, Lt. Col. USAR. Chaplain Burr also serves currently as the ELCM's Endorsing Agent.

Together, these chaplains are an extraordinary group of talented people who are devoted to serving the Lord and who will be of great help to the ELCM for a long time to come. Let's keep them in our prayers!

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, 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!

On All Saints Sunday, November 1st

We light a candle in memory of our Saints
Sara Dimitri + February 3rd, 2020
Ron Schaffer + May 6, 2020
Ruth Reiser + June 22, 2020
Barry Hill + September 11, 2020
Robert Ross + September 13, 2020
Birgit Johansson + October 21, 2020

Remember the time for our Thanksgiving Eve Service—12:00noon!

Last year we changed the time of our Thanksgiving Eve service in order to accommodate some who could not otherwise attend. This year we will again hold our service 12:00noon—on Wednesday, November 25. Make plans to attend, and bring as many friends as you like! We can supply the masks they need!

We have lost a dear friend—Birgit Johansson, R.I.P.

On the morning of Wednesday, October 21, our fellow Old Zion member Birgit Johansson died from a sudden and severe stroke. Her death came as a surprise to all of us, because she had just been with us at the Frauenverein meeting the week before. Arrangements for her memorial service at this time are still pending. We pray that the Lord would comfort her son and the rest of her family with the Gospel of our Savior's resurrection.

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.



During the last week Joan Wachlin has taken a large portion of donated clothes to Marie's closet in Kensington and to Career Wardrobe in Philadelphia. At both locations the donations were appreciated and thankfully accepted.

Thank you to everyone who has donated.

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



The annual Christmas Dinner that we know and love will not take place this year due to the restrictions of Covid -19. Plans for any eventual Christmas functions will be discussed by our ad-hoc committee during our Frauenverein meeting on Wednesday, November 10th. Please check our Sunday bulletins, December calendar and web site for this and other information.

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

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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.