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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works and glorify your
Father in heaven.”.*

*“Also laßt euer Licht leuchten vor den Leuten,
daß sie eure guten Werke sehen und euren Vater
im Himmel preisen.”*

Matthew 5:16

A Word from the Pastor

During the same years that Luther was busy preparing the liturgy in the German language, he was also intensely involved in producing his Large and Small Catechisms. The connection in Luther’s mind was that the liturgy should be an instructive exercise for the worshipers, because the language of the Western Rite is a rich resource for thinking about the central doctrines of the Christian faith—Trinity, Christology, and Atonement. As we enter the New Year of 2022, we want to think about those central doctrines, using Luther’s Small Catechism as our guide. Here is the first Article of the Creed and Luther’s explanation of that Article.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.



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

Word from Pastor (continued)

Thanks to all of you from Pastor and Nancy!

Once again, Nancy and I want to thank all the members of Old Zion for the many wonderful cards and generous gifts which we have received during the Christmas season. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Dinner and our Sing-Along such a great event, and thanks to everyone who has pitched in to help clean, decorate, set up the tree, and to do everything else that has had to be done!

Altar Flowers

For each Sunday Service Old Zion provides the opportunity to place Altar flowers in memory or honor of Loved Ones, or to the Glory of God. If interested, please talk to Betty Meyer, she is happy to take your order. Please see the bulletins for openings.

Altar Flowers needed for January:

1/16 - (2); 1/23- (2); 1/31 - (2)

Happy Birthday to:

- 1/3 - Alena Reiser
- 1/14 - Joan Wachlin
- 1/20 - Pastor Metzger
- 1/28 - Josh Kurtz



The Frauenverein Thanks

its members, friends and the congregation for help with the “Red Sock” collection which made a monetary Christmas gift to the Lutheran Settlement House possible.

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

And please consider sending a greeting card, making a phone call or a visit and make someone happy with a wish for a happy New Year!

Food and clothing collection



Consider some special donations to our collections of food and clothing!

This is a good time for us to consider making some extra donations to our ongoing collections here at Old Zion. The food-stuffs and the articles of clothing, especially warm things like scarfs, hats gloves etc. that you give will be put to good use.



And again, a special thanks to Jaye Green Pam Fernsler and J.P. Meyer

We have been able to continue to live-stream our worship services each Sunday and on Christmas Eve. That is because of the special technological leadership and expertise contributed by our organist, J.P. Meyer. And Jaye Green, and Pam Fernsler our choir members, have faithfully showed up to sing the liturgy and the hymns so that those at home could join in the worship. For all that you continue to do, Old Zion congregation thanks you!

Our Annual Meeting is just a few weeks away!

The Annual Meeting for Old Zion Lutheran Congregation is planned to take place on the third Sunday of February—February 20th —after a combined service. We may have to do things a bit differently because of the Covid pandemic, but on the docket will be the usual business of the congregation: committee reports, the proposed budget for the year, elections, etc. Everyone’s attendance and participation are important, so watch for Council decisions on how we will proceed!



Old Zion Christmas Dinner

On the 5th of December, 2021, our Frauenverein (Women’s Auxiliary) was able to prepare our yearly Christmas Dinner, Christmas Hymn Sing and Raffle. Even though Corona virus presented some logistical problems, we were able to enjoy the fellowship, the singing, the raffle and of course the dinner. Thanks to Jaye, Sharon Rose and JP for the musical part of the program,!

Frauenverein Christmas Luncheon

On our Frauenverein gathered at the home of Joan Wachlin a festive Christmas Luncheon on December 14. We were treated to a wonderful meal and lively conversation.



Congratulations

to our organist and choir director JP Meyer on his engagement to Lauren Althea Adkins.



A Christmas message from Martin Luther:

“Through the Gospel this light is brought to us, not from a distance, nor do we need to go far to obtain it; it is very near us and shines in our hearts”

Let’s carry this thought into the new Year!

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.