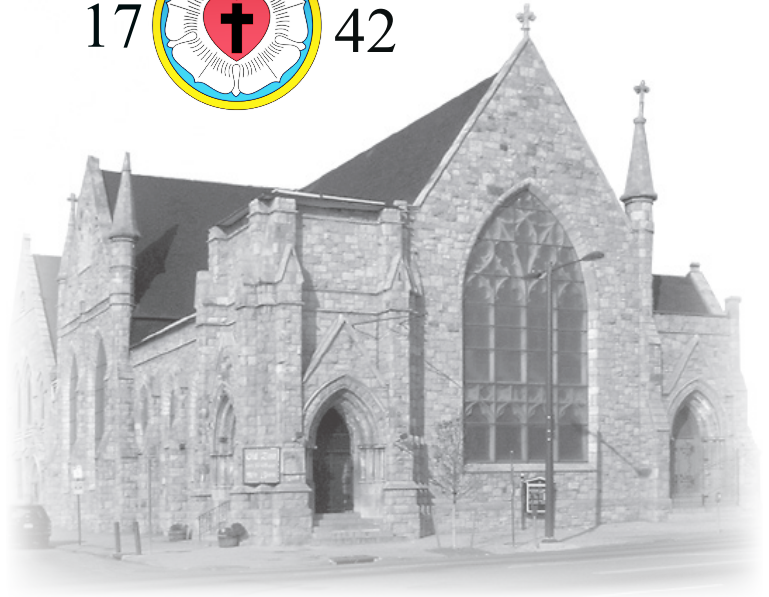
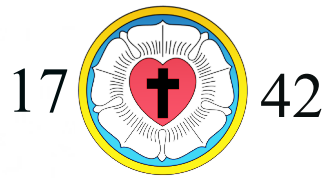


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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works and glorify your
Father in heaven.”.*

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

Matthew 5:16

Life in His Name

A popular trend when a new year begins is to choose one word to focus on that will shape the new year, such as *peace*, *gratitude*, or *resiliency*. And there's certainly nothing wrong with that. But there is one word, one name, that shapes our entire lives as Christians - the name of Jesus.

The name Jesus means “God is salvation,” and His name is powerful. For example, in the Book of Acts, demons are driven out, people are healed, and the Church is built, all in the name of Jesus. Peter proclaims that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

It is Jesus' name that saves us from sin, death, and hell. It is the name we were given in our Baptism. It is the name that the pastor speaks often during the church service, especially as he pronounces that our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. It is the name we confess at the end of our prayers. Jesus' name is the one word, the one name, that gives us life.

We have life with Jesus in His name, not just in this new year but also every day from now through eternity.

*Dear Lord, help me live this new year
in the powerful name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

~ From “Portals of Prayer,” written by Emily Hatesohl



Don't forget to bookmark our website, Facebook, and Instagram page to keep up with the happenings and services of the church!

We will continue to stream all of our services on Facebook.

A Slightly Different Christmas

This year, Christmas was a little different at Old Zion, due to a water main break that caused a lack of running water or the use of our boiler. Thanks to Pastor Wimmer, Jaye, and JP for braving the cold to provide a Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service for the Congregation! Please also consider a New Year's donation to the church to cover the needed repairs and support the ever-growing cost of our oil deliveries for heat!

Altar Flowers

Members and friends of the congregation can order flowers to be used on the altar for each service. Please speak to Joan Wachlin if you would like to order flowers - they can be used to honor departed family members, celebrate occasions, or given to the Glory of God!

Altar Flowers needed for January:
1/22 (2 needed), 1/29 (1 needed)

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 extrdnations 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!

Old Zion Christmas Dinner

On the 4th of December, 2021, our Frauenverein (Women's Auxiliary) was able to prepare our yearly Christmas Dinner, Christmas Hymn Sing and Raffle. As always, we enjoyed fine fellowship, singing together, and, of course, our dinner. Thanks to all who donated their time, energy, and talents, and to Jaye for organizing the musical program that followed!



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 of home-made crab cakes and lively conversation.

Repairs to our water line

'Twas the week before Christmas...and we discovered a leak in the basement! Upon inspection, the water company decided to shut off our water supply until repairs could be made. Thanks to Joan Wachlin, a plumber was found who was able to make the necessary repairs to our line and return our water (and heat!) to regular operation after the Christmas weekend. Repairs cost approximately \$4,000 please consider making a small donation to help offset the cost in the New Year!



Christmas Poinsettia's and Cyclamen

Thanks to all members and friends of the congregation for donating our beautiful Christmas flowers. Since we could not have in-person worship on Christmas Eve, the list has again been published in the 1/1/23 bulletin, and you can take your flowers with you after the service!

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 **Jaye Green**, the head of our leasing committee.