

Old Zion/Alt Zion Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter

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*“In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you”.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

*“Seid dankbar in allen Dingen;
denn das ist der Wille Gottes in
Christo Jesu an euch.”*

On Sunday, April 24th, Pastor Daniel Metzger gave his last sermon to the congregation of Old Zion /Alt Zion of Philadelphia. We are thankful for Pastor Metzger's 13 years of faithful service to this congregation and wish him well in his retirement, which he richly deserves.

Since Pastor Metzger is no longer available to contribute to this Newsletter, the following is a reprint from the May 2021 Newsletter in his honor:

From Luther's Large Catechism, the 1st Article of the Creed

Luther has just expounded on the idea that God is the Creator of all things, and he continues by speaking of our Lord's providential care and our duty to Him:

Moreover, we also confess that God the Father has not only given us all that we have and see before our eyes, but daily preserves and defends us against all evil and misfortune, averts all sorts of danger and calamity; and that He does all this out of pure love and goodness, without our merit, as a benevolent Father, who cares for us that no evil befall us....

Now, since all that we possess, and moreover, whatever, in addition, is in heaven and upon the earth, is daily given, preserved, and kept for us by God, it is readily inferred and concluded that it is our duty to love, praise, and thank Him for it without ceasing, and in short, to serve Him with all these things, as He demands and has enjoined in the Ten Commandments.+

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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!

***** HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY *****

Combined Service for Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 08, at 10am Pastor Sönke Schmidt-Lange will preach and conduct the combined Service.

A reminder: Wear "Old Zion" Shirts for charity-work!

Part of the "new normalcy" may be some fresh opportunities for volunteer work in our neighborhoods. Members who want to participate in special efforts on behalf of worthy causes here in the Philadelphia area or who like to volunteer in community programs (Philabundance, Manna, tutoring at Lutheran Settlement House, etc.) are urged to pick up an Old Zion Shirt (we have some at the church) to wear as they take part in these activities. It is an easy way for us to let people know about us, and to let them know also that Old Zion members are eager to help in the community!



Happy 90th Birthday to longtime member of Old Zion, Helmut Reiser!

And look at that beautiful cake!

Please remember
our sick and shut-ins in your prayers!!
A call, a card and a few encouraging words
are always
appreciated, especially right now, as we all
are affected by this coronavirus.

***Please remember
all Service men and women on
Memorial Day, Monday May 30***



May Birthday

13 - Helen Davis;



Lilies decorating the Sanctuary for the Service on Easter Morning



On Tuesday, April 23, 2022, Old Zion Frauen verein said Good bye to Pastor and Nancy Metzger with a luncheon at the Olive Garden in Philadelphia. We wished them well in their retirement and thanked them for their service to Old Zion.



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Welcome our newest members ,
Pete Hilerio and Sally Ren, to our church family!

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.