

Old Zion/Alt Zion Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter

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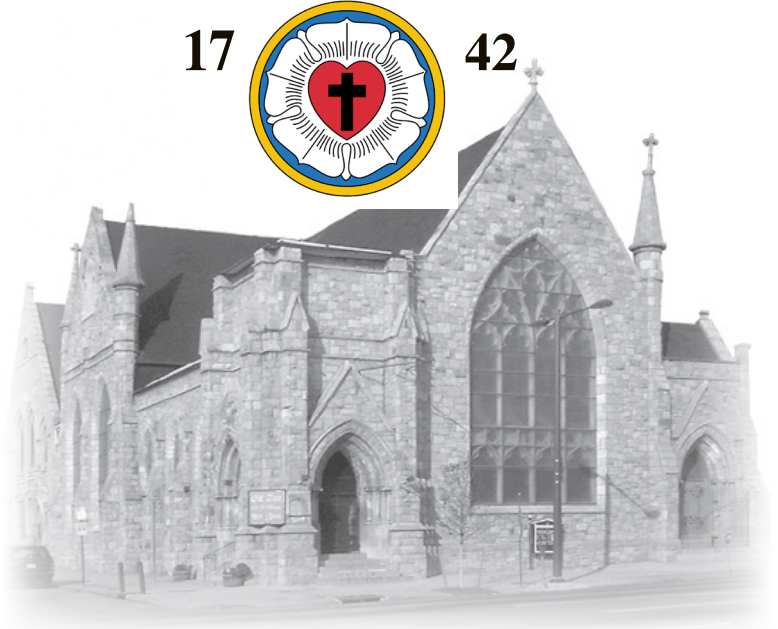


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*"The Lord is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knows those who trust in Him."*

Nahum 1:7

*" Der HERR ist gütig
und eine Feste zur Zeit der Not
und kennt die, die auf ihn trauen.."*

A selection from a special source:

**The Zion Messenger/Zionsbote, September 1996
published by the Rev. Dr. Carl Heinrich A. Schmutzler**

Curious indeed and heartwarming is the mutual care and thoughtfulness that is such an important part of our being together at Old Zion: the friendly words, the shared joys, the mutual consolation, the phone calls and the cards, the simple "missed you", and the hugs as we meet again., the prayers lifted to God for those in stress and dire need, or a-traveling. the birthday singing. the flowers given to take home (not to mention other garden goodies)) the hospital visits - and much more, as you know, flowing artlessly out of our common faith and the shared experience of being Christians at Old Zion, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ our Lord.

There could be much lonesomeness in the Big City, surrounded by the multitude of people as one is, but in our fellowship you are not forsaken. And this is not, mind you, a knee-jerk reaction, or something that comes automatically, or is part of some kind of obligation - no, it flows from warm hearts and caring souls, out of genuine concern and Christian love, the way we sing it in that beautiful hymn "*Blessed be the tie that binds*", the way Paul thought of it in Romans 12: 10. Yet you also need to realize that precious flowers do need tender loving care, a certain consciousness, an intent, a desire to keep it this way.

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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!

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A selection from a special source (Continued)

I mean: how are we to pray for your safe homecoming unless we know you are a-traveling ? Who is to give you a hug when your body is not there? Who will speak to you softly if you are inaccessible? Fellowship is a kind of relationship. that is: it needs people to whom to relate. It also needs remembering: birthdays, e g. And making an effort: mailing that card, dialing that number. schlepping that sore body of yours out of bed on Sunday mornings. Speaking to people at Fellowship Hour giving that hug.

Surely you will come to think of more such little things. We need to think of them especially at this time, when our little church is undergoing a change in generations; when the old pillars are becoming fewer and the Young Guard still is groping for its proper role and function, when we feel the pang of transition: some things may have to change, but the good and precious ones we will want to carry on - but it will not happen just out of old habit: you need to desire it and make it happen!



Summer Schedule—check the website!

The arrival of summer reminds us all to be aware of changes to our schedule—for worship and for congregational activities. Since we find ourselves in the position of searching for a new Pastor, this is especially true. We pray that, with the end of the summer season things will have improved. In order to stay informed of the service schedule it is recommended to check the website (see top of page) or call church #215-765-5883. For the remaining May service (combined Service at 10am), on May 29, the Supply Pastor will be Rev. Sönke Schmidt-Lange.

June Birthdays

6/11 - Elliot Kurtz

6/12 - Claudia Reiser



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

A card or a call is always appreciated!

A memorial for Arthur Plaxton PHD



As you are all aware, Art Plaxton passed away 2 weeks ago. We extend our sincere christian sympathy to Art's widow Elke, who will be in our prayers.

A memorial service is being planned, there are no further details available.

Frauenverein Spring Luncheon

We will meet on Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 12 Noon at the home of Walter and Betty Meyer 25 Betsy Lane, Ambler, PA

Our regular meetings will resume on September 13, 2022 at Church.

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Old Zion members and friends at work in church and in the community: cleaning, painting, visiting, delivering donated goods and taking part in social events.



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.