

News from Old Zion/Alt Zion Lutheran Church



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*“For the eyes of the Lord are on the
righteous, and His ears are open to their
prayers; but the face of the Lord is against
those who do evil.”*

1 Peter 3:12

*“Denn die Augen des HERRN merken auf die
Gerechten und seine Ohren auf ihr Gebet;
das Angesicht aber des HERRN steht wider die,
die Böses tun.”*

A word from Pastor:

From Luther's Large Catechism, The Lord's Prayer, the Second Petition

Luther reminds us that, just as the name of God is hallowed even without our prayer, so also His kingdom comes through His word also without our petition. We pray in this petition that we, too, may be among those who are included in His kingdom. Then Luther continues with a discussion of that term, “the kingdom of God.”

“But what is the kingdom of God? Answer: Nothing else than what we learned in the Creed, that God sent His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, into the world to redeem and deliver us from the power of the devil, and to bring us to Himself, and to govern us as a King of righteousness, life, and salvation against sin, death, and an evil conscience, for which end He has also bestowed His Holy Spirit, who is to bring these things home to us by His holy word, and to illumine and strengthen us in the faith by His power.

Therefore we pray here in the first place that this may become effective with us, and that His name be so praised through the holy Word of God and a Christian life that both we who have accepted it may abide and daily grow therein, and that it may gain approbation and adherence among other people and proceed with power throughout the world, that many may find entrance into the Kingdom of Grace, be made partakers of redemption, being led thereto by the Holy Spirit, in order that thus we may all together remain forever in the one kingdom of God.”



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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Word from Pastor (cont.)

A time of adjustments: Because of the threat of the coronavirus, we have had to make some adjustments in our worship at Old Zion. Please observe the requirement for wearing masks and for social distancing while attending our services. Also, for our communion-services during this time of special restrictions, we are offering the blood of Christ only in individual cups, and we ask that our members come to the altar at the direction of the usher in order that we maintain distancing for safety's sake. Thanks to J.P Meyer, we are continuing at this present time to “live-stream” our services on our Facebook site.

Summer time schedule changes!

Please be aware of the changes in our worship schedule during the summer. During the month of August all our services will follow our “combined” format, with Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays. As usual, we will not have German services during August. With the first Sunday of September, we will again take up our regular schedule of services in both English and German

Mike Anderson is heading for Japan!

Our fellow-member Pastor Mike Anderson has been reactivated by the navy and will go to Japan at the end of the summer for a three-year tour of duty as a chaplain. We pray for Mike and wish him the Lord's richest blessings!

One last reminder:

Wear “Old Zion” T-shirts for charity-work!

If you are involved in any volunteer work during the summer—“runs” or “walks” or any kind of charity work—pick up an Old Zion T-Shirt to wear as you take part in your chosen activity. It is an easy way for us to let people know about us and to show that Old Zion members are eager to help in the community!

!!!Happy Birthday!!!

8/8 - Nancy Metzger



Please pray for all in our congregation who cannot worship with us for reasons of health. A card, a phone call or a short visit when possible will always be appreciated.

Altar Flowers needed for August:

8/9 - (1); 8/16- (1); 8/23 - (2); 8/30 - (2)

Please consider donating flowers to be placed on the Altar in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. We ask for a donation of \$10 for each. Dates that are open are listed in bulletin and Newsletter. For more information please speak to Betty Meyer or Joan Wachlin. Thank you.

Trinity Season at Old Zion is “Pick your favorite hymn” time!

Once again, we bring back for the Season of Trinity the custom started by Pastor Schmutzler according to which you—our members—pick your favorite hymns to be included in our services. A box with request-forms has been placed on the bulletin-tables by both entrances. The Pastor will try to include your requests during the remaining months of the Trinity season.

Our Old Zion Students

Every September, as our students prepare to return to school or go on after graduating, we wish them well for the coming school year. We do so now, knowing that there might be some changes from their normal way of schooling. Maybe some students will go to school as always, some parttime, some may be home schooled, others will do their learning on line. Whatever the situation, we hope all of our Old Zion Students are able, with the help of parents and teachers, to make the best of their situation and achieve their goals.

Elliot Kurtz - Elliot is 15 years old and just graduated 9th grade where he will attend Haddon Heights High School. He has played soccer since the age of 3 and is “retiring” from the sport to join more school clubs in preparation for college. Elliot recently started working his first job as a cashier at Burger King but would like to work in a pet store for his next one. Right now, he is interested in having a career in business and has been taking Japanese language lessons online; however, he has also begun researching opportunities to serve in the military.

Olivia Kurtz- Liv is 12 1/2 years old and graduated from 6th grade at Glenview Elementary, where she was awarded the Most Artistic Student award. She will be attending Haddon Heights Jr. High School next school year. Liv continues working on her art skills and has extended her technique to include Japanese anime. She is also interested in learning graphic art and digital illustration design. Liv has expressed an interest in becoming an art professor but is still looking into other avenues to express her creativity.

Joel Kurtz- Joel is 6 years old and graduated from kindergarten at Atlantic Elementary. Known in our small town as “Mr Fantastic”, Joel is a favorite among his teachers and peers. He spends a lot of time jumping on the trampoline and recently learned to ride a bike without training wheels. Joel wants to have a Youtube Channel named “Mr Fantastic’s Adventures” with the first episode featuring him making tie-dye shirts.

Alena Reiser - “I graduated from Community College of Philadelphia with my Associate in Arts degree in “Mass Media”. I am currently a senior at Temple University, working on achieving my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in “Film and Media Arts” with a Concentration in Screenwriting, with an expected graduation in Spring 2021. As for exactly my future plans, I’m not sure, though I’m considering working an entry-level job at either a talent management company or a production company in development.”

This feature will be continued in the September Newsletter, featuring more of our students.

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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.