



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God*

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## Easter 2021

### *Devotionals from Pastor Sell*

#### Monday, April 19

I stood in the line at the pharmacy waiting for my second Covid 19 shot. I waited for quite a while in the First Aid and Bandage aisle. There was nothing to do but look around. Do you know how many kinds of bandages there are? The good old, familiar Band-Aid brand took up about a foot of shelf space, but then there were all the other brands. There were children's bandages, comic character bandages, bandages by skin tone, size, allergy and on and on. All told there were 12 feet of 5 high shelves, 60 feet devoted to bandages. It boggled my mind! I guessed it would take a good 10 minutes to sort through all the choices and find what was needed.

As I contemplated the bandage aisle, I thought about a recent experience in the super market on a journey down the hot sauce aisle. Hot sauce; super-hot sauce; you're going to die hot sauce. Oh my! Could I find what I wanted among the hundreds of little bottles? (I didn't.)

Every day we are called on to make dozens of choices. Some are easy, some are not. We make choices about everything from what to buy to how to treat people; from what to watch on TV to when to pay bills. We make hundreds of choices in a week and hundreds of thousands in a lifetime. What informs our choices – the really big ones? Do we ask “what would Jesus do?” or do we just shoot a dart and hope it lands in a good place? I know Jesus didn't do bandages and hot sauce, but he does challenge us to make wise choices about how we treat people and how we live.