



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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Devotionals from Pastor Sell

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Since I moved to Mount Joy in August 2020, only 8 people (other than my daughter and son-in-law) have been inside my house – the two responsible for the installation of the new shower; the two handymen who took care of some chores; 4 who came for business reasons. It was all because of the pandemic. Even with a lack of visitors, I have kept the little, old fashioned glass covered cake stand on the coffee bar filled with goodies. It's about hospitality. To be honest it's the "kids" who hit the goodies each time they visit. As they are leaving, they ALWAYS grab a cookie or two for the journey to their home four blocks away. I can count on one or both of them stopping by several times during the week so I always have at least two packages of Oreos in the house.

When you read Scripture, you read about hospitality. In the Old Testament, you were required to show hospitality, even extending 3 days of lodging if it was needed. In the New Testament, Jesus and the disciples depend on the hospitality of many for lodging and meals. Hospitality runs deep in Christian tradition. I hope it runs deep in your home too.