



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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## Easter 2021

### *Devotionals from Pastor Sell*

#### Thursday, April 22

My house is obviously decorated in period Victorian. (You have probably guessed that.) Among the oriental style rugs, the ornate fabrics, and tasseled drapes are things which are clearly not Victorian. When I started decorating, I had four rules:

1. There had to be unexpected whimsy to make me smile. In the bedroom there is a ceramic pot with the smiling face of a man with big round glasses and a green fern for hair. In the bathroom, three small white figures climb one wall. A white haired 'granny angel' sits by the TV. They are just little things and you would probably really have to look to find them, but they make me smile.
2. There had to be unique things to make you stop and think. By the front door are three wooden organ pipes from the restoration of an instrument at a former church. In the kitchen are a couple of deep sayings about life by Henry David Thoreau.
3. There had to be family remembrances, so there is a corner by the stone fireplace in the living room which has an antique high chair with 2 of my daughter's baby dolls and a selection of my favorite pictures of her through the years.
4. There had to be plants so throughout the house are lots of green plants.

The house is work in progress but so am I. Even at 73, I am learning, exploring, and growing. One of the ways we continue to learn is through the scriptures and worship. As we encounter God we think about life and our relationship to him. In encountering the people of the Bible, we can reflect on situations we all face. We are all a work in progress.