



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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As I tied the belt on my bathrobe this morning, I began to wonder about the knot I tied absentmindedly as I walked down the hall. Who first tied that knot and why and how long ago? I thought about all those fancy knots I learned long ago in scouting – half hitch; clove hitch; bowline, and so many others probably devised by sailors 3,000 years ago. I occasionally use a bow, or slip knot, or a square knot, but all the others are lost somewhere in my brain. Each knot, used or not, is a bit of ingenuity passed from generation-to-generation hundreds or more times. When you stop and think about it, so many of the things we take for granted but use every day are really gifts from the ancient past.

We are indebted to the people of past generations for the blessings of our faith. Jesus' parables are over 2,000 years old. The Ten Commandments are even older. Many of our beloved hymns are from the last 300 years or so. Luther lived more than 500 years in the past. These witnesses of faith have been handed to us a treasure which has sustained Christians through the centuries. Let's be sure to pass it on.