



# 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 26**

For several days I followed a silly story from Krakow, Poland. It began with a question from a woman and a picture of a strange object in a bush. “What is this strange animal in my lilac bush?” she asked on the internet. “It sort of looks like an enormous slug” the question continued. Dozens of people offered all sorts of suggestions, but the lady was not satisfied. She called the police who said it wasn’t their concern. Finally, someone from Animal Control came and climbed the bush to investigate. It turns out the strange animal was a croissant someone had thrown out a window for the birds.

Each day we are bombarded with hundreds of claims to make us young and beautiful; amazing devices for \$19.99 with extra freebies and an enticement to buy a second at a reduced price; you can probably fill in many more offers, most too good to believe. There are religious claims too. Sometimes such claims make my head spin and ask “how can anybody believe THAT?” It is important as we practice our Christian faith to beware of claims too good to be true or just don’t square with Jesus’ command “to love one another as I have loved you.” When in doubt, check it out with biblical teaching, the catechism, or consider phoning the Pastor.