



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL

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I love music. I played oboe, English horn, bassoon, and a few other things in high school and college. Orchestra, band, and marching band were all part of my life. After graduation, I played with a group called “Adults Can Toot Too.” It was great fun. I played many types of music, but my favorite music comes from the Middle Ages and the Russian Romantics. I love the sound of the shawm and bombard (double reeds of the Middle Ages) as their sounds enforce the melodies. I also love the lush sounds of Russian music of the 1800s.

My love of music sometimes clashes with the desires of my daughter when we are listening to the radio. I can't tolerate the heavy metal she loves. I don't want to hear the screaming I can't understand. She doesn't want to hear the strange music I adore. We agree on Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, and songs of the 1980s. In life there needs to be some give and take in our preferences. We all need to give a little sometimes. Patience, tolerance, and understanding are essential if we are to live together.