



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL

Thursday, December 16

The Mexican custom of Las Posada (the Inns) begins on this night among Christian congregations including Lutherans. It is a custom of visiting a succession of houses for the nine days before Christmas in memory of the Holy Family's search for a room in an inn. Each night a party is held in a home in the neighborhood. At dusk, the guests gather outside, and a small child dressed as an angel leads the children in carrying the figures of Mary and Joseph, followed by boys and girls and the adults all carrying candles. At the house, half of the number enter, and half remain outside begging shelter. The door is opened, and the secular celebrations begin. (Philipp H. Pfatteicher: *New Book of Festivals and Commemorations*; Minneapolis; Fortress Press 2008)