



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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Ever since the two-day storm a couple weeks ago (2/3-4) I have found myself spending time basking in the sunlight coming through the window in the kitchen door. The sky has been bright blue and the temperature on the porch has reached the 70s. The warm sun on my skin has been delightful. One of the fish in the pond has come out from his hibernation spot under a plant near the waterfall each afternoon to the center of the pond where it is warm and sunny. Doves, robins, and cardinals regularly come to the garden. Tiny finches have been cleaning out the birdhouses preparing to nest. Behind Cooper House the green fingers of daffodil leaves are above the dry leaves and reaching toward the sun. The first day of Spring may be several weeks away and we may have cold and storms ahead, but all around us God is providing signs of hope.

When we go through life's challenging times, we often forget to look for the signs of hope and encouragement all around us. Practice looking beyond the immediacy of your problems and look for God's little hugs of hope.