



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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The line painting crew was working at the East Main Street and Esbenshade Road intersection as I went to work in Landisville (6/28). Orange cones blocked the turn I usually take. Trucks were parked on the side of the road. Traffic was being diverted in one direction only and it wasn't toward Landisville. I only had a few seconds to think of other ways to get to the church. That afternoon when I was heading home it was even worse. The person driving the line painting machine was either blind, drunk, or both. The lines meandered all over the roadbed. To me it looked like the only solution to this mess would be to just paint the entire intersection black and start over again. In the middle of all this chaos - morning and noon - was a lone man in an orange vest trying to control the whole situation.

Sometimes life seems like that – confusing, chaotic, and out of control. We need something or someone to point the way. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the light.” For Christians, that makes all the difference. He points the way to peace and hope amid the most difficult of times.

PS – The next day I discovered they were not painting lines. They were cutting the pavement for future changes in the intersection design. Most chaos to come!