



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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## ***DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL***

### **Thursday, June 17**

The other day I decided to take a look at Marietta. I didn't get there but had an interesting drive through the back roads and the countryside. On a narrow winding road, I came to a covered bridge. Like most Pennsylvania covered bridges it was of very sturdy construction - huge beams for the framing, large over hanging roof, and placed well above the gully it spanned. I was glad there was no traffic on this little road because I stopped the car to take a good look. There may be over 200 covered bridges in Pennsylvania but each one deserves a good look. What struck me as odd was that this big structure was built to cross a tiny trickle of water maybe three inches deep and six inches across at the bottom of a shallow gully. Although I am sure the water rises from time to time, the bridge seemed like a bit of "over kill." There must have been a reason, perhaps lost in history, for such a large bridge.

Jesus' death on the cross is like a bridge between us and God the Father. We sin and seem so far from God but Jesus stretches out his arms and closes the gap. He provides much more than we need and comes to us in so many ways – word, sacrament, fellowship, music, and much more. When God sent his Son for our salvation, he sent the very best. Many years ago, Simon and Garfunkel wrote a song called LIKE A BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS. The words are worth repeating.

*When you're weary  
Feeling small  
When tears are in your eyes  
I'll dry them all  
I'm on your side  
Oh, when times are rough  
And friends can't be found*

*Like a bridge over troubled waters  
I will lay me down  
Like a bridge over troubled waters  
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