



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Lent 2021 – God’s Lessons All Around Us *Devotionals from Pastor Sell*

JUST LIVING AND THINKING

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I spent the last 20 years of my ministry living in farm country. I got quite good at identifying crops and different types of cattle. Farmers like to talk “farm” with the Pastor before they talk “church.” One of the things that always came up during the winter months was snow. I learned not to complain about the snow because I would always be told farmers like snow -- and lots of it. They would tell me the snow pack would melt slowly and the ground would hold the water. Winters with little snow but lots of rain would cause the water to run off quickly and erode the fields unless it was planted with a winter crop. Planting winter wheat was a way of being prepared for whatever the winter brought.

Over the years I have found this is true for the Christian life as well. Those who plant the seeds of faith in their lives are ready when the storms of life come. Those who know the Lord Jesus and lay their trust at the foot of the cross are able to live in peace and grace knowing God is ultimately in control.