



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Pastor Melody Sell, Interim Pastor  
85 E. Brandt Boulevard  
Landisville, PA 17538  
(717) 898-2911 (o)  
(570) 916-8835 (c)  
prmsell2@ptd.net

---

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

### **JUST LIVING AND THINKING**

#### **Thursday, March 11**

I admit it – I have a serious case of Spring Fever. One recent warm day, when I could leave my coat on the coat rack, I walked around my gardens. I watched the fish who more active than I had seen in weeks. I looked for the little green things pushing up through the ground. I rejoiced as I looked at the big pussy willow bush and the fuzz bursting forth from the buds. I marveled at the purple iris leaves showing themselves in the plantings along the sidewalk. I even pulled a few dry weeds.

As I walked around, I noticed a glimmer of silver among the dry leaves by the pond. It was totally out of place so I brushed the leaves aside and found pair of pliers I apparently forgot to bring inside last Fall. They were rusted and did not open and shut. As I walked around, I squeezed the pliers hoping I could break the rust and make them usable again. It worked. They slowly loosened up and I knew there was hope. I washed them off. The rust was still there and they could be returned to my tool bag.

Faith and Christian life can be like the rusty pliers. Sometimes we just get lazy in our faith practices. Sometimes faith gets lost and hidden in the business of life. The good news is God is still with us offering the grace to once again open ourselves to his love.