



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### **JUST LIVING AND THINKING**

#### **Monday, March 15**

I really did it and I felt so stupid! I wanted to put a piece of cardboard in the recycling bin on the porch. Just one of those simple 30 second things you need to do. I undid the door latch and checked the lock. As I opened the door to go out my hand brushed the lock and as the door closed I knew the door was locked. UGH I was locked out. My cell phone was on the kitchen counter and my extra keys were in my handbag. The second set of spare keys was locked in the car. I was locked out in the cold. I felt very alone and helpless. I wished I had hidden an emergency key under a rock. Maybe I’ll get around to that but then again it was only the second time in my life I was locked out. I really did it and I felt so stupid!

I thought about calling a locksmith but had no phone. I thought about knocking on a neighbor’s door but most of them work and it was 4 in the afternoon – I’d be in the cold for more than an hour. Break a window – not a good idea. Finally, I remembered it was Tuesday and my daughter was working from home, four blocks away! A short walk and salvation was mine.

When we hit rough spots in life we can quickly go into a lonely tailspin. We think there are options but the options all have a downside. As the panic subsides we realize there is a workable option. Faith is like that when we are overwhelmed. When we realize God loves us and will walk with us, there is hope. When we hear God say “You’ve gotten through difficult times before and together we can do it again,” then comes peace and resolution.