



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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The secret garden behind my house has not been tended to for a number of years. The ornamental grass is overgrown. Trees and bushes have not been pruned. Gorgeous ferns were buried beneath several years of dry leaves. The bench was almost totally obscured.

Over the last couple days, I have cut down three small trees, chopped the grass, pulled weeds, raked, and shoveled. I have a pile of brush reaching above my head. I have a heightened appreciation for the words of Genesis. God placed Adam and Eve in the world and gave them dominion over it -- but that means work, and lots of it! I figure I need another 6 hours to finish cleaning up the secret garden.

On the flip side, however it feels good to see this small garden coming to life. I didn't know about the ferns and they will be lovely when they finally reach their glory at the entrance to the garden. I hadn't noticed all the wild strawberries in the ground cover. I look forward to the summer when the wild flowers I plan to plant bring color to this special place. Spend some time in a garden and you realize we are called to tend God's garden.