



# 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

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The other day as I was driving, I thought about all the different roles I have had in life: daughter, student, friend, Lutheran Deaconess, parish pastor, teacher, counselor, leader, musician, community member, historian, mother, mother-in-law, and on and on. Each role required different skills and sensitivities. Some roles lasted longer than others. Some brought more satisfaction than others. I was called to those roles in different times and places and God provided the needed skills.

Many times over the years I have heard people say “I don’t have any talents to use in the church.” Ephesians 4:11 talks about using our gifts for the building up of the body of Christ. Over the course of a lifetime, we are blessed with many gifts for ministry.

Many years ago, a member of a church made this lesson very clear. She was in her mid-eighties and had been an active church member all her life. She taught Sunday School and served on the kitchen committee. She was active in the Ladies Aid and even served for a time on the altar guild. Now in later life she was confined to her apartment hobbled with arthritis. In spite of all her difficulties, every month she baked cookies. She baked cookies with love and then called the church to pick up the cookies to share with members of the congregation. She baked with love and prayed over those cookies. It was what she could do to build up the body of Christ.

What can you do to follow in her footsteps to build up the body of Christ?