



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*

LESSONS DRIVING AROUND.

Friday, March 5

AJ Jacobs recently presented a Ted Talk titled “My Journey to Thank Everyone Responsible for My Morning Coffee.” It is a thoughtful recitation of all who participated in bringing the morning coffee – the coffee growers, harvesters, shippers, sailors, roasters, baggers, truck drivers, retailers and many, many more. It is fascinating to think about.

I drive a Jeep Renegade designed in the USA, tested in Australia, and built in Italy. Just thinking about all of the people who contributed to my every day drive is mind blowing. When I add in those who provide the fuel and the repairs, the owners of the place where I wash my car, etc., it becomes awesome.

And then, I read an article in Archeology Magazine about the ancient movement of goods between the cities of more than 4000 years ago...Who would have thought? By the end of the day, I was convinced it not only ‘takes a village to raise a child,’ it takes a village to make civilization function. How shortsighted we can be when we only concentrate on the final product.

The church of Jesus Christ is a like that too. We see the Pastor and the church staff but don’t stop to think about all the people who stand with them to make the church run smoothly. We don’t think about the national and international folks who contribute to us. We rarely, if ever, think about the impact that the faithful of millennia past have on us today.

Take some time today to think about the ‘village of the church’ and your part in it.