



# 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**

#### **Tuesday, March 9**

A couple weeks ago I was shoveling about 2 inches of snow off my walks. A smartly dressed 40 something was walking her small dog down the other side of the street. As she passed, she yelled “Do you need help?” I thought “Right, you have high heeled boots and a fancy tailored coat.” I said politely “I’m almost done. I’m fine.” Once again, she said “Do you need help.” I thought “Hey lady I’m not dead.” I said “I’m good. Thank you.”

We both made snap decisions about each other. She was being neighborly and I was insulted. She assumed I was old. I assumed she was on the way to her executive job. Psychologists say we make decisions about people in the first 30 seconds of our encounter. Frequently those quick decisions about someone are wrong. As I read the stories of Jesus, I am struck by the amount of time he spends getting to know people. Maybe the world of today could use a little more of that kind of interaction.