



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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Farmers are the most hopeful and optimistic of people. I can say that after working with farmers for more than 20 years. One farmer was more hopeful than most. Every year, in addition to his regular farming, he and his family would plant a plot of 600 mums.

When February came there was a special twinkle in this farmer's eyes. We knew the seed catalogs had come. In March he would be out walking the field and he would soon order the tiny mum plants. Mother's Day marked the weekend to plant. Every September people would drive passed the Mum Man's farm to see row upon row of flowers of every color. The profit from the sale of the mums was the family vacation money. The last I knew he was almost 90 and still planning the field of mums. Farmers are optimistic. They plant and tend the fields with hope for a harvest and a profit.

Hope is an interesting concept. We close our eyes at night not just hoping to see the morning but expecting to. We marry hoping and expecting to spend a lifetime together. We have children hoping they grow to good adults and eventually bless us with grandchildren. So much of what we do is based on hope. The death and resurrection of Jesus give us the hope and expectation of life eternal. Baptism makes that hope real as we hear God's promise. Communion keeps us close to the Lord and his promise. Worship is an opportunity not only to be with other Christians but to express our common trust in God.