



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL

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It is 5pm and the sound of bells is wafting through Mount Joy. It happens every night. The bells begin and I find myself singing along with one or more old familiar hymns. Sometimes the bells are loud and strong. If the wind is blowing in the opposite direction, they are not so loud but are still there. The bells not only indicate the time, they are a restful reminder of God's presence as the evening approaches.

Bells have been used throughout history to alert people to important community needs. The fire and emergency bells called people to action. The bells at the end of a funeral called people to the roadside to show respect as a family escorted the deceased to their final resting place. The 33 bells rung 15 minutes before worship were a last call to come to church. The bells at evening were the sign to end the workday and rest. Bells ordered the life and times of people in the past. Today the bells bring beauty and a reminder that God is near.