

Pastor Kory's Page

September 15 & 16, 2018

Rescued

This past week, Mr. Dave Anderson was in Sioux Falls, leading chapel at our Lutheran Schools among other stops. Dave has also spoken and sung at Faith in past years. He is a Lutheran musician and missionary. A pivotal moment in Dave's life came on the return leg of a mission trip to Lavrentiya, Russia in 1993. Dave, along with his wife, Barb, and five other team members, were flying over the Bering Sea in route to Nome, AK when their plane unexpectedly ran out of fuel and crash landed in the ocean.

The seven missionaries survived the crash landing and exited the sinking plane, clinging to empty gas cans as flotation devices. They bobbed in the 37-degree water, encouraging one another to hang on and crying out to the Lord. The splash of the plane's impact happened to catch the eye of another pilot. After some circling, the missionaries were spotted in the water and word was radioed to flight services in Nome. Two helicopters happened to be in the vicinity of Nome at the time. Although neither was equipped for water rescues, the pilots, along with a firefighter, mechanic, and a geological survey team rushed to the crash site. Miraculously, none of the missionaries succumbed to hypothermia, even after being in the water for 40+ minutes. Despite not being outfitted for such a rescue, the two helicopter teams were able to pluck each missionary from the water and eventually fly them all to Nome for medical attention. What a powerful answer to prayer! (Our church library includes both the book and DVD, *The Rescue* – check them out for the rest of the story!)

What does one do after being rescued from the verge of death? In Dave's case, he has continued to share the Gospel through story and song over the past 25 years, including through the rescue story. He also founded Shepherd's Canyon Retreat as a ministry to church workers and their spouses as they face various struggles. (I began serving on the Shepherd's Canyon board earlier this year.)

While you and I have likely not experienced such a death-defying physical rescue, each of us has been rescued in an all-important way: *"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."* (Col 1:13-14) You've been rescued from sin and Satan and hell! Christ loves you so much that He redeemed you from eternal death, rescuing you to enjoy new & eternal life! May your words and actions reflect your gratitude for Christ's rescuing work in your life!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Kory Janneke

Announcement from SFLS:

Sioux Falls Lutheran School will have a United Voter's Assembly on Sunday, Sept 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the school gym (308 W. 37th St). Faith Lutheran must have 20 voting members present for this meeting. Business includes approving the low competitive bid from Kempf Construction for street and utility improvements at the new school site; one competitive bid from invited local general contractors for construction of the new school site; and the financing for the construction of the new facility. Please plan to attend this historic meeting!

Invitation from LHSSF:

Annual Celebrate Dinner

Saturday, September 29th, 2018

at Faith Lutheran Church

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to the school office by
September 24th, 2018 at 605-275-2024 or
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