

Pastor Kory's Page

Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

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This is a Test

I might be testing how closely you read this page ☺

Test #1: By the time you read this page, our Bible Bowl team will have competed in the 2015 edition of the LCMS South Dakota District Bible Bowl at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre. They have been preparing for several months, once again under the direction of Coach Brandon Nase, and now it is time to test their knowledge. Our team members this year are 9th grader Elizabeth Schmidt, 9th grader Allyson Thuringer (joining us from Our Redeemer), and 8th grader Tristen Ruesch. The subject matter this year is the Gospel of Matthew and the Lord's Prayer questions in The Small Catechism. I look forward to sharing about our team's results this year!

Want to test your Bible knowledge?

1. In what chapter of Matthew's Gospel do we find the baptism of Jesus?
2. In Matt. 5, You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder." But Jesus says that everyone who is what with his brother will be liable to judgment?
3. In Matt. 6:7, When you pray, do not heap up what as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.
4. In Matt. 18:15, If you brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between who.

Test #2: This week, our beloved South Dakota District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod meets in its 60th convention at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Yours truly will be *tested* by overseeing the registration committee. The delegates will be *tested* in using the electronic voting gizmos that I will be handing them as they arrive. Adam Weeman is serving as Faith's lay delegate to the convention.

The convention's theme verses are Mark 10:45, "*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many,*" and 1 John 4:7, "*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*"

You are invited to attend the convention. (Visit sddlcms.org for more information.) Especially take note the following events:

- **Opening Worship Service with Holy Communion:** 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 13 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church (1401 N. Main Ave. Tea, SD). LCMS President, Rev. Matthew Harrison, will serve as preacher.
- **First General Session:** Monday, April 13, 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Exhibit Hall 2. District President, Rev. Dale Sattgast will speak at 4:15 p.m., sharing a "state of the District" report. The election for the new District President will be held at 5:00 p.m. Pastor Sailer is among the three nominees for District President. Rev. Sattgast will not be on the ballot, as he is retiring. In the event that Pastor Sailer is elected to this position, it would be a "test" for our congregation, but one in which our faithful Lord will certainly continue to sustain and lead us in carrying out His work. The new District President will be installed on Sunday, June 14.
- **Synod President Harrison:** The Synod President's Report will be from 6:45-8:15 p.m. on Monday. He will share his Convention Essay on Christian Mercy from 9:10-10:00 a.m. and from 2:00-2:45 p.m. on Tuesday. (All sessions in Exhibit Hall 2.)
- **Exhibit Hall:** Various exhibits pertaining to the work of our District & Synod will be open in Ballroom A from 1:30 p.m. on Monday to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Test #3: Are you still reading? Here's where I'm testing to see. Heidi and I would like to share our news: we are expecting a baby! Janneke blessing #4 is officially due on October 22. Kiernan is especially hoping for a little sister. Rowan and Henry would probably prefer a brother. Heidi and I are simply hoping and praying for a healthy child – and I know she is hoping to get past her morning sickness! Please join us in thanking the Lord for the gift of a child and praying for his or her safe arrival.

The Lord be with you in the midst of whatever "tests" and trials you may be facing and give you the joy and peace of our Risen Savior Jesus!

In HIM, Pastor Kory Janneke