

Bible Bowl 2024

Topic: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Psalm 118, & The Apostles' Creed

Date: Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 am

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 714 N. Grand Avenue, Pierre, SD

After covering some new ground with Genesis and Exodus the past two years, I have decided to go back to a recently used topic (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, & Philemon from 2017). All questions come from the ESV translation (specifically I use a Faith Alive Student Bible, copyright 2011 from CPH).

The Psalms are new. I would like to branch out and cover some of the key psalms, but I think that less is more. Two or three psalms might quickly become confusing and overwhelming, but if I limit the scope to one psalm at a time, it might be easy enough to learn very well (possibly even memorize). Since the competition is the day before Palm Sunday, I chose Psalm 118 (v. 25: "Save us, we pray, O LORD!" is one word in Hebrew – *Hosanna!*).

After switching to the 2017 Small Catechism last year, while not going back, I am simplifying, limiting the scope to only Luther's Small Catechism and not the synodical question and answer portion. As a result, any catechism published after 1986 will suffice. In the 2017 edition, the Creed is found on pp. 16-18 (pp. 15-17 in the 2008 edition, or pp. 322-323 in the LSB hymnal). I would rather the scholars have an intimate knowledge (or memorization) of a concise explanation of the faith, than a stretched-thin overview of the in-depth explanations.

I have moved the start time back by one hour for those who travel there, compete, and return home all on the same day. For some teams, that makes for a very early morning. Pushing the start time back will, of course, make for a later return, but not so extreme as the departure time.

Registration: registration forms can be emailed to revmring@gmail.com or mailed to:

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