

150th Celebration Questions	
#1. Who donated the land the church was built on?	#1. Alfred and Anna Olsen
#2. What year did the congregation decide to build a new church?	#2. Congregation originally voted in 1945 to build a new church. Due to the fear of it being to costly, it was delayed. September 16, 1952 it was voted to not proceed and give the land back to the Olsen's. January 4, 1954 congregation approved the plan to move the old church and begin construction around it. The vote was 37 yes, 12 no, and 5 absent.
#3. Where did all the stones that were dug up to clear the land go?	#3. Many stones were loaded onto stone boats and hauled down to Poy Sippi Park and used as rip wrap for the Pine River. This portion of the project was engineered by Herb Nipko.
#4. Where did all the lumber come from to build the new portion of the church?	#4. Leon Jorgensen was in charge of locating the special trees needed. The trees needed just for the exposed timbers inside the church needed to be able to cut a timber from them that was 8in X12in X 26feet. Leon walked many miles on congregation members land looking for all the lumber. In the end he was one tree short so the last tree was donated by Leonard Sattler, a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church.
#5. Who was the Pastor of First Lutheran when the new church was dedicated?	#5. Pastor Raymond Paulson
#6. What was the original name of this congregation?	#6. Danish Evangelical Lutheran Lazarus Congregation. 1940 Name changed to First English Lutheran Church. 1954 Name changed to First Lutheran Church.
#7. Can you name the 6 Sons of our congregation that became Pastors?	#7. Pastor Stanley Hansen; Pastor James Carpenter; Pastor Franklyn Schroeder; Pastor Mark Thompson; Pastor Sidney Jorgensen; Pastor Jerome Godson
#8. At whose home and what date was the resolution to establish a church named Danish Evangelical Lutheran Lazarus Congregation of Pine River {later to be changed to Poy Sippi}?	#8. At the home of Anton Christensen Dec 20 1874

#9. The decision to build a church in Poy Sippi was voted on at the January 26 1880 meeting. What size was the original church building	#9. The building was 24' X 40' X 14' and upon completion was nearly free of debt due to pledges of money and labor.
#10. In 1902 Mrs. Lars P. Sorensen was given the job of cleaning the church and building fires. What was her salary?	#10. \$20.00 for the year
#11. Feb 19 1917 a special congregation meeting was held. What decision was made at that meeting?	#11. Decision was to build a basement under the church.
#12. In 1919, a special bell committee was formed. What was its purpose?	#12. A committee was formed to move the bell from the congregational church {now Sacred Heart Catholic Church} to our church. As far as we know, our bell is still that bell.
#13. In 1919, the parsonage burned. Another parsonage was purchased for \$2400.00. What present day house was it?	#13. Melvin Jorgensen home [now David Erb]
#14. In 1934 a vote was taken, 25 to 5 to eliminate something. What was it?	#14. To eliminate the one Danish service each month
#15. November 6-10 1955 a special celebration took place. What was it?	#15. Dedication of new First Lutheran Church celebration
#16. December 1, 1964 First Lutheran held a special ceremony. What was it?	#16. The mortgage burning ceremony
#17. March 15, 1970 a special congregation meeting was called. What was the purpose of this meeting?	#17. A motion was passed to build a new parsonage. June 6 th , 1971 a new parsonage was dedicated.
#18. What construction began in June 1965 and was completed and dedicated November 21 1965?	#18. The new education center. It consisted of 7 Sunday School rooms, a library, extended Narthex and a Lectern was added.
#19. "Kvindeforening" was organized in 1897. What was it?	#19. It means Ladies Aid. At its origin there were 17 members that with their children, and sometimes their husbands, attended an afternoon monthly meeting which included devotions by the pastor and a program.
#20. In 1948 how did this Ladies Aid evolve?	#20. January 7, 1948. The Ladies Aid was divided into 3 circles to meet monthly in the evenings. This took place in members' homes for bible study and service projects. The general Ladies Aid meeting became a quarterly meeting.
#21. What additional activities, responsibilities and changes came to the	#21. In 1962 the Altar Guild was formed. In 1964, a fourth circle was added. Sponsored

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women of the Ladies Aid from 1948-1954?	annual chicken supper and bazaar, served special dinners and volunteer at Bethany Home.
#22. When did the 5 th circle get formed and why?	#22. The 5 th Circle was formed in the early 1980's. It was called Koinonia (meaning friendship) and it consisted of young mothers who could bring their young children and have them taken care of by some of the women of the church. To name a few: Elsie Nipko, Helen Deppe, Ione Maldari, Sandy Andersen and Millie Godson.
#23. A Sunday School formed as soon as the church was organized in 1875. What was the earliest known resource used for teaching?	#23. In 1903 it was decided that each child pay for their own copy of Borneblat (A Sunday School Paper). Copies of this resource were found as early as February 1897.
#24. The Sunday School supported missions as far back as 1903. What mission was supported by youth of all ages beginning in 1984?	#24. This began many years of supporting St Jude's by doing a bike-a-thon with pledges
#25. In 1996 our Youth Group went on a service trip. Where did they go and what was the service about?	#25. 7 Youth and 6 adults flew out to Libby, Montana to a church that Pastor Karras had served at. The group cleaned out weeds and brush in what had been a prairie park and built a handicap platform for fishing on a mountain lake.
#26. Music was important in the congregation. What year did the candlelight service begin and who directed it?	#26. In 1934, the first Christmas that Rev R E Morton was at First Lutheran. The candlelight service was organized and directed by Mrs. Morton
#27. There were many directors and accompanists over the many years of candlelight services. Myrna Tostensen did both positions when no one else was available. In 1970, a high school student filled in. Who was this student?	#27. Christine Olson with the help of Mrs. Ruth Olsen. She was in the junior year of High School.
#28. In 1897, a group called Ungdomsmod was formed with 12 members. What was it? (That is the correct spelling. It's a Danish word).	#28. The group was "Young Peoples Society". In 1902 the group grew to 21 members and was called "The Luther League of Lazarus Lutheran Church".
#29. What effect did World War II have on the makeup of the congregations Luther League?	#29. Before the war, the League was made up of all the young people, not just High School students. But because the older ones

	went off to war, the League became High School students, and that remained through the years.
#30. Did you know that First Lutheran had a band? When did it form and can you name some of the 24 members?	#30. The band formed in 1923 and continued into the early 1930s. The band played concerts on Wednesday nights in the summer months.
#31. What was CO-80?	#31. The Co-80 club was organized in March 1966 by Pastor Freund. It consisted of young married couples whose combined ages did not exceed 80.
#32. What was formed in 1907 called "Dansk Skole"?	#32. The first daily Vacation Bible School began in 1907 with all Danish language used. The school was held all day for 6 weeks.
#33. What is the Lord's Acre and why did it begin?	#33. The idea of the Lord's Acre began at a church meeting in December 1947. The plan was for farmers and gardeners to give the proceeds of one or more acres of land to raise monies for a new church building. All sorts of produce or animals were raised for this program.
#34. What other purpose did the Lord's Acre fill beginning in 1955?	#34. At the annual meeting December 1954, officers were elected for a new mission organization that might include all members. On May 8, 1955, the organization voted to be called "Family Mission Workers" and it was decided the Lord's Acre project would continue with one half of the receipts would go into the mission fund.
#35. What opportunity arose, involving a son of the congregation, that First Lutheran congregation mission fund went to work in the mission field?	#35. On June 23 rd , 1957, Rev. Mark Thomsen (a son of the congregation) was commissioned at First Lutheran as a missionary to Nigeria, under the Sudan United Mission. The Family Mission Workers gave the Thomsen's \$1000 outfitting allowance, and for 9 years gave \$100 a month support.
#36. When was the Altar Guild formed?	#35. The Alter Guild was formed in 1952. Prior to that Mrs. Alfred Olsen took care of all altar guild responsibilities
#37. From 1873-1975, how many Pastors did First Lutheran have? How many since 1975?	#37. From 1873-1975, First Lutheran was served by 17 Pastors. From 1975-Present, there have been 2 Joint Pastors with

	Saxeville, then 4 called Pastors on our own, ending with our present Pastor shared with Grace Lutheran, Berlin.
#38. In 1970, what was the average attendance for Sunday School classes, including the 2 adult classes?	#38. The years total attendance in 1970 was 4,648, making it an average of 91 students per Sunday!
#39. In September of 1972, a festival was hosted by First Lutheran. What was it?	#39. It was a music festival that was attended by all the area churches.
#40. In 1980, Sunday School classes changed from year round to a 9 month year elimination June-July-August. In 1984 Kris Timmerman began meeting with the high school students for what reason?	#40. Kris wanted to get a youth group formed. The youth group continued for many years until adult leaders became hard to find.
#41. Can you name some of the things the youth group did?	#41. The youth group raised funds for activities and to offset camp costs. They did car washes, spaghetti suppers, aebleskiver dinners, sub sandwich sales on Super Bowl Sunday, and bake sales. They raised money sleeping in boxes for Habitat for Humanity and did some local service projects.
#42. What was the proposed financial budget for 1990? What was the proposed financial budget for 2015, just 25 years later?	#42. The proposed budget for 1990 was \$56,470.80. 25 years later the proposed budget for 2015 was 106,498.26 and actual 2015 budget was 103,962.76, just \$2,535.50 short of proposed budget!
#43. In 1997 First Lutheran sponsored 2 members (Diane Krutzik & Patti Langkau) in a special program. What was it?	#43. From 1997-1999 Diane & Patti attended Lay School of Ministry of the ELCA East Central Synod. One weekend a month from Friday night thru Saturday they attended classes and completed project to grow their faith and learn ways to lead in the congregation.