



# St. Luke Lutheran School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trivia

## Question 1

How many pupils were enrolled in 1866?

How many are enrolled this school year?

## Answer 1

Not sure, because records are not complete  
before 1903

This year's enrollment is 185 K-8<sup>th</sup> graders  
and 34 preschoolers.

## Question 2

What year was the Old Schoolhouse built?

Where did classes meet before that?

1890

In the back room of the parsonage

## Question 3

How many pupils were squeezed into the Old Schoolhouse in 1955?

**Answer 3**

**59 or so**

## Question 4

True or False.

The Old Schoolhouse has not been used as a classroom since 1957.



**False, we've had to use it  
several times since.**

## Question 5

Which current teacher(s) taught in the  
Old Schoolhouse?

**Answer 5**

**Mr. Wilt**

## Question 6

When was the “Parish Hall”, which added 2 classrooms, added on to the church?

1957, thus ending our “one-room schoolhouse status” – and the end of the outhouses!

## Question 7

Which grades have held class in the church basement (where the church offices are now)?

**Answer 7**

**Preschool, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8**

## Question 8

In 1980 (when Mr. Wilt became principal), how many students were enrolled?

How many in that year's graduating class?



69 due to extenuating circumstances

1 boy graduated that year

## Question 9

When was the first addition, which included the gym and principal's office, completed?

When was the newest 2-story wing built?

**Answer 9**

1986

2002

True or False.

For several years, overcrowding caused students to be housed in portable classrooms (trailers) out by the playground.

**Answer 10**

**True**

## Question 11

True or False.

Currently, we have two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes; this is the first time we have ever had double classes.

**False, we have had to split large classes several times.**

## Question 12

Who painted the portrait of the Old Schoolhouse which hangs in the old school office (now the church copy room)?



Pastor Neitzel, a beloved  
Concordia Home administrator,  
who filled in here before Pastor  
Schmoock arrived

## Question 13

When did the school start paying a school secretary?

When did we hire a second secretary?

(And when will we be able to hire a desperately needed third one?)

## Answer 13

In 1985-ish, Karen Driscoll split her time between the church & school; before that, Margie Schmoock Montag volunteered for years. In 1991, Susan Ambrose was hired part-time, then full-time; later Michelle Allen was almost full-time, followed by Mrs. Hassler, who works full-time at part-time pay...

## Question 14

In the office, Mrs. Hassler:

- a) distributes band-aids, ice bags, and itchy cream
- b) takes naps
- c) fixes computers
- d) edits 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklets
- e) is faster than a speeding locomotive
- f) removes ticks
- g) all of the above

**A, C, D, F – and so much more!**

## Question 15

Which of these songs were written before 1866?

Amazing Grace  
Silent Night  
A Mighty Fortress  
Jingle Bells  
Deck the Halls  
Star Spangled Banner  
Jesus Loves Me

All of them – Even Jesus Loves Me  
was published in 1860

## Question 16

When did studies start being taught in English, rather than German?



**Answer 16**

1904

**When was our first Science Fair held?**

1971, under Mr. Walkmaster, and it  
made news in the Butler Eagle

## Question 18

When did Field Day competitions begin?

St. Luke has held the championship trophy since what year?

Name any schools who also competed during those years.

# Answer 18

Not sure, but definitely after 1954 and before 1957

1985

First Lutheran, Sharpsburg, St. Matthew, First Trinity,  
West End, Redeemer, Oakmont, Christ Lutheran,  
Forest Hills, Zion, Bridgeville

**True or False.**

**At one time, St. Luke had a traveling  
boys' softball team.**

**True, but they only traveled to  
Jefferson Center School.**

True or False.

At one time, St. Luke had a boys' basketball team, complete with cheerleaders.



**True, in the 1990's**

**True or False.**

**In the 1970's, St. Luke students voted to choose an official mascot name of "Vikings".**

**Answer 21**

**True**

## Question 22

For decades, what present did the children receive at the end of their Christmas programs?

**A little box of chocolate candy**

## Question 23

How many principals have we had since  
1866?

How many pastors have we had since  
1866?

Not sure, because records are confusing –  
maybe 21? Since O. J. Nichol, only 6

16

## Question 24

Have we ever had a female principal?

Name the next female teacher hired (42 years later!).



Not officially; however, from 1897-1903, then from 1913-1914, four different women were the only teachers

Mary Jean (Borer) Montag was called in 1956 to teach 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades

True or False.

Over the years, most of our teachers were NOT born in Pennsylvania.

**Answer 25**

**True**

## Question 26

How many teachers have taught here for  
30+ years?

How many pastors have served here for  
more than 15 years?

## **Four Teachers**

Brenda Fett (34 years and counting)

O. J. Nicol (36 years)

Mark Wilt (37 years and counting)

Mary Jean Montag (45 years)

## **Five Pastors**

Pastor Andree (16 years)

Pastor Schmooch (16 years)

Pastor Wilhelm (21 years)

Pastor Hofius (27 years)

Pastor Barry (34 years and counting)

## Question 27

What was Principal O. J. Nicol's full name?

**Answer 27**

**Otto John**

**True or False.**

**Since 1991, St. Luke has employed 46 teachers.**



**True – Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup>,  
including special classes**

## Question 29

How many current staff members are  
St. Luke Alumni?

**Four –**

**Linda (Clowes) McCall,  
Judy (Ambrose) Abernathy,  
Angela (Hawley) Turner,  
Susan (Klein) Ambrose**

## Question 30

Which two teachers did Mr. Wilt and Miss Fett have as students, who are now their colleagues?

**Mrs. Angela (Hawley) Turner  
and  
Mrs. Judy (Ambrose) Abernathy**

## Question 31

1. Which former staff member was terrified of birds?

2. Which current staff member despises mice?

3. Which current staff member abhors spiders and snakes?

4. Which current staff member holds Elvis Presley and General Robert E. Lee in highest regard?

1. Mrs. Giziencki

3. Mrs. Ambrose

2. Miss Fett

4. Mr. Wilt

**When was Kindergarten added?**

**When was our preschool program  
added?**



**Spring of 1962 (this 6-week session  
was the first kindergarten in the area)**

**1975**

## Question 33

When did St. Luke start serving hot lunches?

On average, how many lunches does Miss Joni serve on a “Pizza Friday”?

**Current lunch program – maybe 1997  
We tried hot lunches in the 1960's, but  
program fizzled out.**

**Average 100**

## Question 34

For Friday night's picnic, Mrs. Carney cooked how many hot dogs?

**Answer 34**

**350 hot dogs**

## Question 35

When was our PTL (originally, PTA) organized?

One of its first acts was holding a strawberry festival; what did we purchase with the funds raised?

1956

They bought a new ditto machine.

**True or False.**

**At one time, St. Luke ran its own bus,  
and stored it in the Old Schoolhouse.**



**Answer 36**

**True**

True or False.

Local school districts were not required to provide transportation for St. Luke students if they lived outside of South Butler until the late 1970s.

**Answer 37**

**True**

## Question 38

Currently, how many buses come to St. Luke each day?

Recently, students from how many different school districts have attended St. Luke?

**Twelve**

**9 different school districts**

## Question 39

This year, how many students have a parent who is a St. Luke alumni?

**Answer 39**

31

## Question 40

How many paper leaves are on the Alumni Tree outside the office, which feature the names of 150 years of students?



Approximately 750, thanks to  
Diane Lynn and family

## Question 41

How many 150<sup>th</sup> committee members were also part of the 125<sup>th</sup> committee?

**Three**  
**Brenda Fett**  
**Mark Wilt**  
**Sharon Ambrose**

## Question 42

What is the theme of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration?

**“Shaping Young Hearts &  
Minds for Jesus”**

True or False.

After everyone went home Friday night,  
Mr. Wilt inflated the Crazy Obstacle  
Course, raced Miss Fett, and won!

**False – but wouldn't you pay to see that!**