Luther and the Reformation

1. Luther’s parents and teachers meant well, but were harsh. He came to believe that God was harsh as well. It was here in 1514 while studying the book of Romans that Luther realized that God was not harsh at all, but loved him and freely forgave him.

2. As a way to raise funds for the building of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Church sold certificates called indulgences. If you bought one of these, what did they claim, would you receive in return? ________________________________

3. Luther was concerned that the practice of buying indulgences would bring spiritual harm to his congregation, since true repentance was not needed. Hoping to spark a scholarly debate on this and other topics, he posted these on the doors of the Castle church in Wittenberg.

4. After careful study of the Bible, Luther wrote many books on the practices of the Catholic Church that were not in agreement with God’s word. He was ordered to a Diet (meeting) in this town to take back what he wrote. ________________________________

5. At that Diet Luther said, “Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason—I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to ___________ __________________ __________ __________ __________. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen.”

6. Luther spent the rest of his life as a “wanted man” after he would not recant his writings. For a while Prince Fredrick the Wise hid him in the _________________________________ disguised as Knight George.

7. Luther lived out the rest of his life in peace. He continued to write and preach. He married Katherine von Bora a former ____________. They had several children and lived a full life in service to God. After traveling to Eisleben, the city of his birth, Luther fell ill and died. Luther’s death mask can be seen toward the end of this room. It was replicated from the original mask housed in __________________, Germany.

Imigrants and Missionaries to America

8. Name the five groups pictured on the Paths to Immigration map.
   a. ________________________________
   b. ________________________________
   c. ________________________________
   d. ________________________________
   e. ________________________________
9. In Teacher Winters’ letter he states that the trip cost 40 Thalers. What do you suppose is today’s English word for Thaler? ________________________________

10. The Saxons arrived in America in 1839 and within months established schools in St. Louis and Perry County, Missouri. ________________________________ has always been a priority with the Missouri Synod.

11. Pastor Friedrich Wyneken wrote to this pastor in Germany pleading for more pastors to be sent to America to serve the flood of German immigrants. ________________________________

12. Pastor Wilhelm Lohe (pronounced LAY uh) established a training seminary in Indiana for missionaries in this town. ________________________________

13. After the Saxons had trouble with their leader Martin Stephan, who stepped in to take the lead? ________________________________

14. The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel continues to serve as a guide for pastors and teachers today. Who wrote it? ________________________________

Growth of the Synod

15. C.F.W. Walther’s publication, ________________________________ helped to unite the various Lutheran groups that had immigrated to America. It became the official journal of the Missouri Synod.

16. In this year __________ these Lutheran groups united to form the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of ________________________________. ________________________________. ________________________________. ________________________________. This was later shortened to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

17. Where were the first schools built to train Lutheran school teachers? ________________________________. ________________________________. (This school is now located in River Forest, Illinois, a near-west suburb of Chicago) and ________________________________. ________________________________.

18. The fundamental difference between public schools and Lutheran schools is that students receive instruction in ________________________________. ________________________________. ________________________________. ________________________________:

19. Johann Buenger was the first pastor to establish Lutheran charitable organizations. Name two of the three listed in the text.
   a. ________________________________
   b. ________________________________
   c. ________________________________

20. During what war was Pastor Julius Biltz kidnapped and some of his parishioners killed? __________ _____________ Where did this occur? _________________________________. _________________________________.

21. Concordia Publishing House was established in what year? _________________
22. Mission work has been a goal of the Missouri Synod since before it was officially formed. This work was first directed at what group of people?

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23. This missionary’s family disowned him when he became a Lutheran. ________________________________

24. What country was our first foreign mission field and when did it begin? ________________

25. Name the three women highlighted in the mission fields in India and China.
   a. __________________________________
   b. __________________________________
   c. __________________________________

26. Missionaries fled China in 1949 when the Communists overthrew the government. To what two small parcels of land did the missionaries and millions of Chinese escape? ________________________________

27. Rosa Young wrote to this man for help to establish schools in Alabama. He suggested she write to the Missouri Synod, as it was “doing more for the colored race than any other denomination he knew of.” ________________________________

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28. Chaplains and servicemen played an important role in opening new mission fields following World War II. Name the two mission fields opened by chaplains that were served by Pastor Ji and Pastor Danker. ________________________ and ________________________

29. Chaplain Gerecke served the defendants at the Nuremberg Trials in Germany after World War II. Why did the defendants write a letter to his wife? ______________________________________

30. After what war did the Synod change the official language from German to English? ________________________

31. Why was the Lutheran Layman’s League first formed? ________________________________
32. The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was founded in what year to support mission work here and around the world? ____________________

33. What is the name of the Emmy award winning Lutheran Television series? __________________________________________________________

34. Who started KFUO radio station and what was the name of his broadcast? __________________________________________________________

35. Name at least three church work professions you might study to become at one of the Concordia Universities.
   a. __________________________________________________________
   b. __________________________________________________________
   c. __________________________________________________________