

Building on the Rock Makes a Difference!

Dear Friends of GPLHS,

The other day I had the opportunity to talk with some of our students. These students had different talents and different backgrounds, but one thing was the same for all of them: they loved their Savior.



Those students talked about how GPL had helped them build on the Rock by teaching them to and allowing them to become servant leaders. GPL did this by showing them that a servant leader is one who is led by Christ's example of willing sacrifice for others. While being built daily on the Rock of Christ here at GPL, they realized that they get to serve Christ as they lead and serve others. They saw a different and more beautiful way to lead and use their talents than what is often displayed by the world in which we live.

Another underlying theme that student after student noted was that being built on the Rock of Christ here at GPL had taught them how to make friends that are more than just friends. They learned that friendship is more than just hanging out with each other. They found that a true friendship is one that follows Christ's example. They found that friendships that are of benefit are best when built on the Rock of Christ. They saw how true friends are ones that will not always tell you what you want to hear. They have come to understand that true friendships involve a willingness to sacrifice and having friends that tell you what is needed even when it is hard.



The thought that brought me the most joy was when students talked about knowing that they have a Savior who cares. They saw this displayed by the faculty and staff and by their school-mates here at GPL. They observed how so often they feel attacked by all the chaos going on in the world today, but for them GPL was a safe place. It is a place they can go to to get advice that comes from people who care. These people are not helping them because they have to, but because they get to. The Students rejoiced knowing that they were being built on the Rock.

BUILD ON THE ROCK



GPLHS 2021-22

"Build on The Rock" was our theme for the 2021-2022 school year. I am asking that you reflect on this theme as you think about why you support the ministry of GPLHS.

Jesus, speaking to a crowd of people, shared these words with them: "The rain came down, the rivers rose, and winds blew and beat against the house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock" (Matthew 7:25). The devil is skilled at using the world and our own sinful flesh to send storms, temptations and confusion into the lives of all of us – especially our young people. The ministry of GPL is so needed, so important and so critical for our parents, our young people, our congregations and our communities to have available to them. Young people need to be built on Jesus, the Rock of our salvation. The need is great and GPL can not accomplish this without you.



We are blessed with a spiritual foundation that will never fail us, and it is vitally important that students build on this Rock. To do this we need your support.

This year, like so many years before, Great Plains Lutheran has been blessed with great students and people who support those students. Together as families, congregations and individuals many have graciously shared their gifts with this ministry so that we have a strong foundation.



This year we have budgeted income needs of nearly \$78,000 per month, and we have the opportunity to enter the new fiscal year moving in a positive financial direction. By finishing strong we will be able to seek new opportunities and build more and more young people on the Rock!

We can do this if we work together! I pray that the Lord will lead you to help us finish the year strong. We can finish strong as we meet and surpass our budgeted goals by giving additional gifts to GPL's active ministry. We will surpass our goals when we raise \$156,000 by June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Please think of the importance of building young people on the Rock, as you prayerfully consider sharing additional gifts.

God's blessings,

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey Roloff in blue ink.

Jeffrey Roloff