Testimonial Talk #1

**Sunday #1 Presentation - Worship Service - a Cong. United in Praise Leader**

**(3-4 minutes)**

The following talking points may be used by a UiP leader introducing the campaign effort. Testimonial Talk #1 may be used for any type of funding structure (all-member mailing, after worship only presentation or group presentations). Feel free to modify and adjust to best fit your needs and personal tone.

SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain who you are, your role in the campaign effort, and your involvement in the church and connection with Great Plains Lutheran High School (GPL).

2. Emphasize the tools God has given the church to carry out his will: time and money. The church gets to use them to effectively serve God and his people. The reason for giving of our time and treasures is to glorify God and serve him. Our possessions are really his and we are simply returning a portion of them to him.

All of our reasons reflect upon the love we have for Jesus who first loved us. One of the following passages may be used or paraphrased:

2 Timothy 1:10

Colossians 3:4

Philippians 3: 20, 21

3. In the coming weeks, everyone will be given information to consider supporting a special ministry of our church, Great Plains Lutheran High School. A gift for GPL is an investment in God’s kingdom here on earth and in heaven forever. I want to encourage everyone to attend a group session, carefully read the material that will be provided, and give thoughtful consideration to a special gift.

4. Close with a word of thanks for the opportunity you have in serving fellow Christians in support of GPL’s important ministry. Share your excitement for the church’s ministry and the many opportunities of connecting souls with God’s Word.

## Testimonial Talk #2

**Sunday #2 Presentation - Worship Service - a Cong. United in Praise Leader**

**(3 – 4 minutes)**

SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain your personal background and connection with Great Plains Lutheran High School.

2. Jesus is the Lord of the Church. You and the people of your congregation are “members” of that Church. Being a member gives us “special privileges”. Choose a passage and share with them some of the many blessings Christians have in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1:7

Matthew 28:20

Romans 8: 1

3. Share with the members why Great Plains Lutheran High School is / was so essential to you and your family. Describe how the Word preached and taught at GPL is / was so important and how it has fostered spiritual growth in you / your children. Tell how your / your child’s relationship with Jesus has grown closer because of this ministry. Do you have a personal story to illustrate this fact?

4. Connect how the capital campaign will enable Great Plains Lutheran High School to share God’s Word with more and more students and others in the future.

5. Close with words / phrase from the Bible passage. Give your fellow members encouragement to keep close to God’s Word so they continue growing in their faith and in their desire to support Great Plains Lutheran High School. These blessings will continue because our God has promised so.

Testimonial Talk #3

**Presentation - Celebration Sunday - a Cong. GPL Student / Parent Grandparent**

These talking points are for speakers giving a testimonial of a positive impact that GPL had on their life. It’s intended for use with churches on Celebration Sunday. Feel free to modify and adjust these points to best fit your voice and situation.

SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At the conclusion of the DVD video, the Testimonial Talk speaker is introduced by presenter / pastor, speaker stands and shares the following points:

* Today is important for our ministry and that of Great Plains Lutheran High School. GPL is one of [name of church] ministries and has been a blessing to many. By God’s grace, GPL has been ministering to high school students for over 22 years!
* Offer a testimony of the benefits-blessings of your attendance at GPL / that of your children attending GPL. Focus on the Christian environment and friends; include the most important thing - faith increased because of the hearing of God’s Word. GPL has been a blessing for hundreds of students and families from our area!
* God is offering all of us a giving opportunity. GPL hasn’t conducted a major building project in over 10 years. Their space needs are real and much needed. You now have an opportunity to be part of something very special. I encourage you to prayerfully consider this ministry and invest in the *United in Praise* campaign.