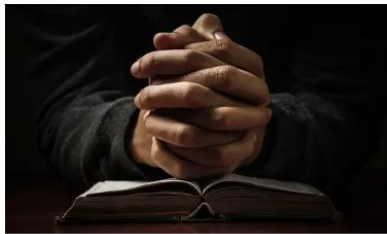




GPLHS Monthly Update

August 2025



Prayer for GPLHS

Heavenly Father, as preparations are made for another school year, let your hand of blessing be upon Great Plains Lutheran High School. Continue to bless the utilization of new facilities and plans for the future. Bless the administration, faculty and staff as they prepare to return to classes, activities, and events. Be with students as they begin practices, move into the dorm and embark on another year of spiritual and academic growth. Guide families who are still considering GPLHS for their children. May our prayers and words of encouragement bring blessings to all involved in this ministry of nurturing students as lifelong disciples of Christ. Amen.



Fall Enrollment

We continue to receive inquiries and applications for the coming school year. If you or anyone you know would like more information or a tour, please let us know. We want to help as many people as possible learn more about our school and what we have to offer. Pray that God will bless families as they make decisions regarding their children's Christian training and bless us with many opportunities to nurture students as lifelong disciples of Christ.



Alive with Christ

Our theme for the 2025-2026 school year is **Alive with Christ**, based on Ephesians 2:4-5.

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Throughout the year, the **Alive with Christ** theme will give us many opportunities to consider what being alive with Christ means for our eternal future and for our day-to-day life as a child of God. The source of this new life is the rich love, mercy, and grace of God. It all starts with him.

Our theme logo depicts this connection between a new, living heart and its source, the cross of Christ. Our life of faith starts with Christ and flows from our relationship with him.

Please join us in praying that God will bless us as we implement this theme and logo throughout the school year.



You Are Invited

Everyone is invited to the Opening Service of GPLHS. This will take place on Sunday, August 24, at 2:30pm in the chapel/auditorium. We will also be installing two new faculty members: Ben Riegsecker as Instructor and Emma Berg as Dorm Supervisor and Instructor.

Thoughts from a 2025 Graduate

"I have loved my time as a student at GPL and am going to miss it very much. GPL has not only helped me grow in my education but also helped me grow in my faith around others who believe the same as I do. I am grateful for all of the friendships that I have been given because of GPL and will cherish all of the memories I have made here. I hope that GPL continues to bless others in the same way that I have been blessed by it!"



Scrip Advantage

Want to turn your everyday spending into more than \$1,000 in tuition savings? Join GPLHS's RaisRight program and start buying gift cards, shopping online, or dining at restaurants to earn up to 20% back every time.

Take a look at the selection online at gplhs.org/scrip or contact Sarah Roloff at sroloff@gplhs.org to find out more about this simple, yet advantageous program.



Mission Advancement Year

Where did the summer go? It seems like only yesterday, we were saying goodbye to 38 seniors and now we are looking forward to sharing God's word with a new crop of freshmen. Our freshmen class is again going to be nearing 40 or more students and we are once again planning for an enrollment of 145 students. We are blessed with a full faculty and staff. They are eager to help our students grow mentally, physically, emotionally and most importantly spiritually.

There are so many great opportunities and blessings that God has given us and is giving us. We have the blessing of knowing there are more students out there that we would love to share the grace and truth of God's word with. GPLHS is blessed to have faculty and staff taking opportunities to improve and grow so that they can better assist families in preparing lifelong disciples. We are blessed to have coaches, directors, athletes, musicians and actors working to excel so they can do all things to God's glory and clearly display the love we have by being Alive in Christ.

Thank you again for all your support. Your support allows GPLHS to do what it loves, share God's word with our students and families. God is presently blessing us with an important opportunity. This opportunity is before us because this past fiscal year income did fall behind budget and actual expenses leaving us with an \$80,000 deficit.

This is the first time in several years that our income did not meet or exceed expenses. Gifts from individuals were nearly \$200,000 below what was budgeted, which helped lead to the deficit. This deficit means we have an opportunity to grow in our stewardship of giving as well as our stewardship of managing those gifts.

I know that this looks scary, but then I think of our mission statement which says *Our mission is to provide a Christ-centered education to assist families in nurturing students as lifelong disciples of Christ* and I see that is what GPLHS is doing! I am thankful to be reminded that this ministry is important. What we do here at GPLHS is a blessing to our families, students and churches. The ministry of GPLHS is needed today and will always be needed until our Savior comes. Knowing this I am confident that God will continue to bless this ministry through each and every one of you and we will be able to address this budget deficit.



Wish List Item

Our next project is to purchase 5 golf push carts. With the increasing number of golfers on the GPLHS golf team, these push carts will enable everyone to push their golf bag rather than carry them during meets and practices. The cost of each golf push cart is \$250 for a total of \$1,250. Designate your gift to “Wish List – Golf Push Cart” or call Angie at 605-886-0672.

Dates to Note

August 7	Football Practice Begins
August 14	Cross Country and Volleyball Practices Begin
August 22	First Football Game in Waverly
August 24	Opening Service at GPLHS 2:30pm
August 25	School Begins
August 26	First Volleyball Match at GPLHS
August 28	First Cross Country Meet in Milbank

Thanks again for your support!