

JANUARY MONTHLY UPDATE

GREAT PLAINS LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mission Advancement Thoughts

A new year at times comes with some emotions and feelings that seem to oppose each other. Psychologists note that many of us feel these opposing emotions and feelings at the same time. I feel many opposing emotions as I think about GPL and our financial position. I rejoice in the many gifts and blessings, but then I am concerned about the budget and the many needs. I realize that as I examine these emotions and feelings I see two things. The blessings have nothing to do with us. The blessings are gracious gifts from God. The concerns are also blessings that God graciously allows us to work with. So this new year I am asking you to help GPL grow our blessings by helping with our needs. Here is my top ten list of ways you can help us grow our blessings this new year:

1. Pray for the ministry of GPL each and every day!
 2. Look for opportunities to encourage our present students!
 3. Encourage young people from your congregation, or area, to consider GPL!
 4. Tell others around you about this great place and share ideas, information, stories and thoughts about GPL!
 5. Volunteer to help out with your time and talents! (ladies guild, congregation groups, alumni groups, marketing ideas, concessions, school cleaning and maintenance, serving on the board, helping out at GSI, responding to surveys and the list goes on.)
 6. Share a gift for student assistance or consider financially sponsoring a student or students!
 7. Make use of SCRIP! (We are willing to help you get started.)
 8. Prayerfully consider funding one or more items from Finishing Touches! (The list is found on the web-site under the *United in Praise* button)
 9. Prayerfully consider completing your pledge to *United in Praise* and/or extending your pledge for a longer period of time and/or for a greater amount!
 10. Make a gift to the active ministry supporting the everyday ministry of GPL!
- God's blessing this new year and always!

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