

OCTOBER MONTHLY UPDATE

GREAT PLAINS LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

MISSION ADVANCEMENT THOUGHTS

Why do you give offerings? This can refer to offerings at church, at GPLHS, or at any other ministry. Do you give because you feel that as a member, you should? Do you give because you (and others) need to ante up or the ministry won't continue? Or do you give offerings for another reason?

*At the end of this month we'll again celebrate **the** Festival of the Lutheran Reformation. The Reformation is about the Bible once again being recognized as the norm and source for our faith and life. The Reformation is also about placing front and center the one man who is the Bible's central figure, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus gave his all to the glory of God by taking our sins upon himself and paying God's price for sin. Faith in Jesus receives the forgiveness, life and salvation that he graciously won.*

With this in mind, the real question then isn't, "Why do you give offerings?" but rather, "Why do you joyfully offer gifts to God?" The answer is simple, "I get to offer gifts to God because he has graciously reformed my heart to see and believe that Jesus has done everything to give me salvation. That's why I give my offerings... like Jesus, my Savior, I do it to give glory to God.