

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH

LIGHTNING



“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6

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Grand Island Lutheran High School

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As another month passes, I am continually amazed by God's work at GILH. The passion and talents of our students, paired with the way they live out our core values each day, create a culture that allows us to grow academically, socially, and spiritually together.

From Honor Band and Honor Choir to National Honor Society inductions, athletic achievements, and everything in between, our students continue to shine both in and out of the classroom. As we gather each day in fellowship, it is truly inspiring to watch our students support one another.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, there are so many things to have gratitude for. I'm grateful for our students, staff, and families who reflect Christ's love in all they do. I pray your Thanksgiving is full of joy, surrounded by those who mean the most to you, as we celebrate His faithfulness.

-Jeremiah Slough

Lightning SPOTLIGHT



Meet Our TEACHERS



Mr. Daniel Gibson, a Heartland Lutheran graduate, teaches Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, and Anatomy. Mr. Gibson has taught at several Lutheran schools before making his way back to Grand Island in 2024. He recently won first place in a Backyard Ultra race that was held in O'Neill, NE. Daniel ran 162.5 miles in 39 hours! One piece of advice he likes to give students is to not be afraid to try. Even when things seem challenging or overwhelming, when you face those struggles head on and persevere, you'll find more success and grow more than if they had come easy at first. He likes to call this "the power of yet." He shares this advice in class when students are struggling. By changing, "I'm not good at this" to "I'm not good at this yet" we see that we have the opportunity to grow.

Student VOICE

Chloe Keasling is a senior at GILH this year. Her favorite part of school so far has been celebrating the successes of the volleyball team this season. Chloe enjoys being a part of the Lightning family and the support she and her classmates receive from their teachers and coaches. What she loves most about Lutheran High is the Christ-centered environment that strengthens her relationship with God and reminds her of the ultimate gift of eternal life with Him in heaven one day.



Notes from the Front Office:

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Saturday
MARCH 21, 2026

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Upcoming Events

- **November 26-28-** Thanksgiving Break
- **November 27th-**Happy Thanksgiving
- **December 3-** National Honor Society Induction
- **December 12** @ 6:30pm-GILH Winter Concert @ Trinity Lutheran Church
- **December 14-**Trinity Lutheran School Advent Service @GILH
- **December 22-Jan 2-** Christmas Break

We will continue to monitor our office@heartlandlutheran.org e-mail; however, please add hsoffice@cnlutheran.org to your e-mail contacts to ensure you receive all future communications from the High School office.
Thank you!



Congratulations to Colton Zehendner on receiving the Believers and Achievers award! This award by the NSAA recognizes High School Seniors for academic excellence, leadership and community involvement.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Aiden Stewart, Abby VanBibber, Emma Strong, and Madison Dack on being chosen to participate in the CUNE Honor Choir!

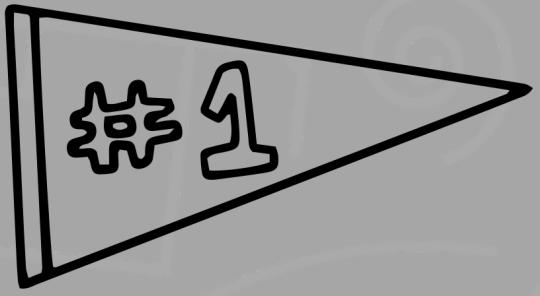
Rafe Mendyk, a talented saxophone player, was selected to participate in the CUNE Honor Band that was held on Nov. 14th.

Congratulations, Rafe!



Congratulations to the following Juniors that will be inducted into the National Honor Society on December 3rd!

- *Daisy Canady*
- *Madison Dack*
- *Walker Dietz*
- *Katelyn Hoins*
- *Colton Krueger*
- *Aubrey Reynolds*
- *Grace Salmon*
- *Emma Strong*
- *Abigail Uden*
- *Abby VanBibber*



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to junior Abigail Uden on breaking the season serving-percentage record (98.9%) and missing only three serves all year!



Senior, Ramsey Rathjen placed 2nd overall at the Centura Powerlifting Competition.
Squat: 315
Bench: 205
Deadlift: 405



Congratulations, Ramsey!

Congratulations to our All Conference Volleyball Players!
3rd Team:
Abby VanBibber
Honorable Mention:
Chloe Keasling,
Lauren Smith, and
Abigail Uden



Congratulations to senior Chloe Keasling on setting 3 new school records in Volleyball for set assists in a game, a season, and a career. Chloe recorded 41 set assists in a single game, 614 for the season and 1,506 over her career!



Picture Highlights



LIGHTNING CORE VALUES

A-Accountability

We take responsibility for our actions, words, and growth.

B-Belief

We trust in God-and in the abilities He's given us.

C-Consistency

We show up with integrity and do our best every day.

D-Discipline

We stay focused, work hard, and grow through challenges.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ben Peters is a 2004 HLHS graduate. Ben and his wife, Shalee, farm near St. Libory. They have six children who all attend school at Trinity Lutheran. Charlie (10), Will (8), Walt & Henry (7), and Leighora & Ray (4). Ben's favorite class was English with Mrs. Blake. His favorite memories from high school were pranking Mrs. Keilig and watching Strong bad emails during lunch.

