



2025 ALHS Joys of Ministry

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<p>Amazing Grace Virtual Academy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thankful for many years of service from Dr. James Grunwald who is retiring at the end of this school year. Jim served 48 years in the ministry and 14 of those since the inception of AGVA. ● Continued growth in enrollment, over 500 student seats per semester and courses offered, coming in 2025-26 Government/Civics and Geography ● Blessed to continue to work with Abide Academy in Beijing, China ● Faithful instructors diligent in their work and faithfulness to sharing Jesus ● First graduating class this May!
<p>Arizona Lutheran Academy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embarking on an expedited building project that promises to deliver five additional classrooms in time for the 2025-2026 school year! The remainder of the Phase 1 project, including a gym building, is still on target for a 2027 opening. Four years of record setting enrollment is expected to become five straight with the new school year. Caps on enrollment have necessarily been set and met. ● New teachers have brought tremendous positive additions to campus; two of four teaching vacancies have been filled for next year. ● New administrative model (President/Principal) is a return to one used about ten years ago. ● An upgraded and thorough division of duties policy is ready for implementation. ● A new PLC model has been introduced for this school year and is already showing positive impact. ● Celebrating state champion Girls Track team.
<p>Apostles Lutheran School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are blessed to have a 15% increase in enrollment this year, now at 76, and expect it to hold for next year as well. ● We will be adding Spanish starting next year and phasing out Latin; we are blessed to have our Call for a Spanish teacher filled. ● We are blessed with a strong financial base to fund our future growth. ● We are thankful for the continued opportunities to teach our students about their Savior.

<p>California Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In February, our Association approved an expansion of ministry to add TK-8 on our campus. Beginning in August of 2025, we will have TK-12 students on our campus! We thank God for blessing the planning and preparation to this point. We look forward to the blessings we pray will actualize as we strive to reach more students and families with the saving Gospel message. ● Our international program continues to be a wonderful opportunity to reach students from around the globe. Counting the USA, we are serving students from 13 countries this year. ● We reflect with thanksgiving for the service of Mrs. Vickie Faust, who will be retiring at the end of this year after 27 years at CLHS. ● We witnessed three baptisms and also welcomed multiple students into the faith through the completion of Bible Information Classes. ● Our football team won the league title, our boys' basketball team won the league title, and our baseball team is favored to win the league title. These three-sport athletes will complete the trifecta of winning the league in each season this year. ● We completed our reaccreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in October. We passed with flying colors, earning the highest level of accreditation, which requires just a mid-cycle written report. This is the first time in school history we have received this highest distinction. ● We continue to call for a Principal (Currently on #10) so that Mr. Rosenbaum may enjoy his remaining years of service as a full-time teacher in the classroom.
<p>Divine Savior Academy-Doral</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God continues to fill our classrooms with students as we operate near capacity with many grades maintaining waiting lists. ● God is blessing our harvest strategy with these students and families as our average weekly church attendance is up 23% with academy parents attending BIC and many students being baptized. ● We are wrapping up construction on Shark Stadium which will bring home soccer games on campus. ● Our college counseling department is hosting our first ever college fair with 27 colleges and universities. ● Our mission trips are back after a hiatus since COVID. We are teaming up with DSA Sienna to go to Grenada and the Apache Reservation.
<p>Divine Savior Academy-Sienna</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This is our first year with seniors on campus! We are excitedly prepping for our first ever HS graduation. ● We have seen tremendous success with college acceptances... a huge validation of all the work that has been put in getting our high school off the ground. God is good! ● Our building project is complete. A facility doesn't make a school... but it surely doesn't hurt! ● We have gotten a mission trip program off the ground which has engaged many more of our teens in attending our weekly Bible studies as they prep for our trips this summer. ● Mr. Bryan Scriver has been called to serve as our high school principal starting in the 2025-26 school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are splitting middle and high school administrative duties, which will be a huge blessing for our campus! ● Our boys' basketball team made it to the state championship! ● Our football, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball were all district champions! ● We inducted our first group of students into the National Honor Society.

<p>Divine Savior Academy-Santa Rita</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are excited that while we are just in our 5th year as a school, we have entered the high school world with our inaugural freshman class (11 students) ● We have seen our students grow academically with the time and attention that a small high school provides. ● We hired a part-time college counselor to begin working with our freshman on goal-setting. ● We have been able to take our freshmen to visit two local colleges as we start introducing them to the options around them. ● Mr. Justin Eternick has accepted a call to serve as our Dean of Students for our campus beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.
<p>Evergreen Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Lord blessed us with an enrollment of 108 students this year. This is the first time that we have had over 100 students in quite some time. God is good! ● We have been blessed with no current vacancies on our teaching staff. ● We received our first Japanese 3-month international student through a trial program. His attendance at Evergreen was a tremendous blessing to both us and him. ● We are in the process of calling for a Campus Pastor to minister to our school family. We have been without an individual serving in this role for 7 years. ● The Lord continues to move the hearts of congregations and individuals to support our ministry through their monetary gifts. ● For the past several years, supporters who are now members of the saints triumphant have blessed our ministry through rather large gifts given to us through their estates. ● We were able to replace four rooftop HVAC units and will be replacing our roof this summer. We had the money already in the bank to cover the costs of these capital improvements. For much of our ministry, this would not have been the case.
<p>Fox Valley Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We continue to be blessed more than we deserve! ● Mr. Nolte and our Academic Council continue to make great strides with our Wednesday, late-start days focusing on weekly PLC meetings where academic growth continues to be a focus! ● Mr. Nolte is also working with a team to put more emphasis on our “Response to Intervention” (RTI) needs for our students. This will have an impact on many of our students who need additional intervention strategies of various levels. ● We have an extremely dedicated support staff to help make our school a place of excellence in the spaces of facility cleanliness, welcoming smiles, and day-to-day operations in support of various leadership roles. ● We were blessed to complete and open our new \$8+M practice facility that will support our high school athletics, youth sports, PE offerings, donor interactions, etc. This building is already in use and is fully paid off! ● We have various “small” capital projects taking place to expand our fitness center, boys team-room lockers, replacement of asphalt with concrete, new indoor flooring options, and others. ● We are gearing up for a classroom and locker expansion project to God-willing kick off in 2027 to open by fall of 2028.

<p>Great Plains Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We were blessed to welcome our new Principal, Kyle Bender, this summer, and to welcome a record 147 students to campus this year. ● This fall we completed a four-classroom addition to our building, without adding any debt service. We were able to occupy the classrooms after Thanksgiving. ● The addition is home to our Learning Resource Center, now fully equipped to better serve our student body as a whole, and additional students we were not positioned to serve in the past. ● Principal Bender is leading the thorough evaluation and development of our curriculum while also facilitating instructional growth and support. We are already seeing the benefits of his experience and this focused effort. ● We are in the process of evaluating and revising our campus master site plan in preparation for future development and growth opportunities. ● We continue to be blessed through the faithful support that enables us to serve a growing and broadening range of students.
<p>Hope Christian Academy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Celebrating 50 year anniversary of HVL/HCA on Sep 20, 2025 ● Adding a 4th classroom for middle school for next year (projecting 60 students) ● Called 2 new teachers; and prayerfully no vacancies heading into 25-26 ● Addition of Vice-principal for middle school, and school counselor roles have been a tremendous blessing ● Rebuilding music, fine arts, and athletics programs through the middle school
<p>Illinois Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An amazing group of ILS parents planned and coordinated Choral Fest in Crete. ● ILS choir and band instructor, Jonathan Witte, has returned to ministry after suffering a stroke. ● We have hired a recruitment director, alumni coordinator and social media coordinator since January 1st. ● Grace in Action guided our VTO development in February to focus our ministry. ● Our choir is heading to perform at Carnegie Hall in March!

<p>Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God has blessed KML with an enrollment of 574 this year with a record enrollment coming in 25-26. Our enrollment will reach 635+ students. ● Construction has begun on our 55,000 sq. ft. facility expansion that includes a fitness center, gymnasium, trainer's area, classrooms, and atrium. We are grateful to move into this space in November of 2025. ● We have extended calls to many new teachers to be able to prepare for our growth next year. We trust that God will continue to provide workers for His field! ● Our KML family raised more than \$300,000 to support families in need during our 12 Days of Christmas this year.
<p>Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thankful for a strong, steady and full staff, serving 200 KPLHS young men from the City of Milwaukee ● Thankful for the big yellow school bus added to the fleet of vans for athletic/activities ● Thankful for fundraising/development goals met - Praise God for His generous people ● Thankful for 4 KPLHS graduates joining the staff family in <i>Recruitment, Interventions, Kitchen and Nehemiah Hour</i> ● Thankful for renewed lease of KPLHS facility for 15 more years (first 7 yrs in the books) ● Thankful for 33 junior/senior interns placed into meaningful job experiences this year ● Thankful for inaugural international mission trips and growing interest for mission work
<p>Lakeside Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our Administrative team is making grade strides on completing the school improvement goals given to us at accreditation last year. Thanks especially to our new Director of Curriculum and Instruction Matt Doering, we have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A solid process in place to evaluate, update, and upgrade our curricular offerings. ○ A good long-range plan of professional development for faculty growth ○ The beginnings of a process for the faculty to grow in the area of data analysis and turning that into improvement goals for instruction. ● We completed an addition and upgrade of our cafeteria, main lobby bathrooms, offices, and welcome area - debt free. ● Our eight new teachers, 4 of whom have "transferred" from the public school, have proven to be huge blessings to the students, families, and fellow teachers with their work ethic, positive attitude, knowledge of teaching, and diversity of backgrounds. ● Our student body is enjoying a new level of energy as our new student council advisors create new opportunities for students to bond with each other, serve each other, and lighten the overall atmosphere of the school. ● Our federation feeder schools are growing and as a result are sending more students to Lakeside than what we can handle. We are being forced to ponder master site plans, building additions, and plans for adding staff. ● The support staff continues to faithfully work with a servant mindset for the good of the students and the good of the ministry - their humble work ethic continues to be a good example for everyone to see.

<p>Luther High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Luther High School is thankful for the opportunity to serve families in the Onalaska area for 67 years. ● We continue to expand our practical arts curriculum. Luther students have the opportunity to take dual credit courses through Western Technical College on our campus. Course offerings included Metals 1, Metals 2, Introduction to Robotics, Introduction to Mechatronics, Introductions to Industrial Controls, and Introduction to IoT. ● Campus Pastor Adam Lambrecht has organized two mission trips for our students and staff for the summer of 25-26. One group will travel to Amarello, Texas and another group to Boulder, Colorado. ● Kyle Fax will join the Luther staff and serve as our Director of Curriculum and English instructor. Jon Beilke will also join the Luther staff and will serve as principal. ● Luther is blessed with a dedicated team of educators and staff who work together in providing a Christ-centered learning environment where students have an opportunity to thrive in Christian love each day.
<p>Luther Prep High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p>Manitowoc Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was the first school year in some time to begin with a full staff, including administration, teaching, and support staff. ● Enrollment is at its highest point in 25 years with a 30% increase since 2020. Higher enrollments in the Lakeshore Lutheran Schools result in a projected 10%-15% increase in the next 3-5 years. ● DPI report card ticked up to 88.7, which puts MLHS at #4 in the state for all schools. ● 98% of students are involved in at least one extra/co-curricular activity. ● 2024 Division 4 State Volleyball Champions!!!! ● Completion and 12 JAN dedication of the new gym/locker rooms.

<p>Michigan Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We rejoice that we have a full faculty, and all new members are excellent contributors to our team. ● God has blessed us with 4 consecutive years of growing enrollment...just added another 9 students at semester. ● Through our Gala and a state grant we were able to replace many doors and make many security enhancements. ● Through generous donors, we were able to replace flooring in nearly our entire building, bringing the look from 1970s to 2025. ● Through Lighthouse Attic, our resale shop, this year we were able to update student/teacher technology, instructional materials for 6 courses, and other visible furniture improvements. ● K-12 alignment efforts continue to improve with our Southwest Michigan Schools (promotional, policy, curriculum). ● Successfully hosted our WELSSA visiting team who validated our findings (97% fully met).
<p>Michigan Lutheran Seminary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thankful to have a full faculty and administration for the first time in 3 years. ● Blessed to have students from our WELS church in Grenada attending MLS in 2025-26. ● Thankful to start Master Site planning with Credo firm. ● Excited to offer a new Math curriculum that gives our students more AP & dual credit possibilities. ● Football and Boys XC teams were both recognized as Academic All-State teams, one of only 4 schools in our division to achieve that status. ● The 2024 MLS football team has also been recognized by the National Football Federation as a Michigan Divisional Winner and National Finalist for the 2024-25 Hatchett Cup recognizing Athletic and Academic Excellence, one of 65 teams recognized nationally. ● Senior Logan Broekhuizen was a finalist for the Hawkins Award (the “Heisman” for Saginaw County). This is the second time in 3 years that MLS has had a finalist for that award. He is headed to MLC, pre-seminary. ● Senior Will Salgat just eclipsed the 1000 point mark on the basketball court. He is headed to MLC, pre-seminary. ● Polling suggests that close to 50% of the MLS Senior class will enroll at MLC in the fall of 2025, 12 or more in the pre-seminary program.
<p>Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are thankful to our gracious Lord for all His blessings and our opportunity to share Jesus each day with our students and fulfill our mission of “training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity.” ● The addition of three teachers to our faculty: Eli Dorn, Rev. Stephen Kuehl and Noah Ungemach. We pray that their ministries will be a blessing to our school! ● We dedicated a \$12 million addition of classrooms, activities commons, and fieldhouse at our opening service. Our “old” gym is being remodeled into a Fine Arts Center. ● We continue to expand our offerings in Project Lead the Way classes in all three pathways. ● We will offer two new classes next year: Home Maintenance and Foods. These additions to the curriculum will help us meet the ever changing needs of our student body. ● We thank God for the ministry of Rollin Timm who will retire at the close of this school year.

Nebraska Lutheran High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Northland Lutheran High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We thank God for all of our called workers and staff as we TOGETHER train leaders by following Christ.• We are blessed with 124 students. This is roughly double the enrollment from three years ago.• Operating debt from past years has always been a dark cloud around Northland. By God's grace we are now down to \$437,000 in operation debt from past years.• Our Special Education program added an additional staff member this year.• We now offer Biomedical courses and Architectural Design.• God continues to bless us and challenges us to use those blessings as we move, God willing, from surviving to thriving.
Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

<p>Shoreland Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A capital campaign that has us on track to add classrooms, a second gym, and more starting this spring. ● 5 teachers, who previously were not teaching in the WELS system, joined the Shoreland team last fall making it possible for us to have a full team to start the school year. ● 176 students are enrolled in our SkilledTrades courses. 16% of last year's graduates pursued a career pathway in the trades.
<p>St. Croix Lutheran Academy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The SCLA General Board approved a building renovation project to convert a vacant dorm into Career and Technical Education space, wrestling room, concessions, and storage. Work began 2 weeks ago with an early July expected completion. ~\$750k has been raised for the project thus far. ● We are implementing a CRM solution for admissions to automate much of the inquiry and enrollment process, and capture a higher percentage of inquiries for follow-up. ● Groups of prospective students from China and Thailand will visit SCLA for 3 weeks beginning in late March. ● A new SCLA website was launched Jan. 1 with a mobile-first, long scroll format. Both traffic and visit duration have increased. ● Junior Callie Oakland set the GBB school record for rebounds in a career. She is now over 1,000 rebounds with another season+ to go ● Senior Riccardo Marzetti set the BBB school record for points in a game with 41; he has also reached the 1,000 point plateau ● Last year we had a turnover of 14 faculty/dorm staff. This year we are currently at zero retirements, zero calls taken, and we are +1 with a call that was accepted to serve as our grade school band director. Stability has been such a blessing during this call season!
<p>West Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We added Pastor Isaac Cherney to our faculty this summer as our West Campus Pastor. He teaches religion, Latin, and has counseling sessions. ● Our English call was accepted on the first call in October after a year-long vacancy. ● We are building a Warrior Depot Shed for bus and other dry storage. ● We made three Alphe Conference visits to other countries for international students this year (UK, Germany, Korea) thanks in part from a donor to pay for all three trips. We will now wait to see if our visits gain us new international students. ● We met our \$160,000 Christmas Appeal goal which included adding to our Sustainability Fund and Tuition Assistance ● We currently have 9 AP classes (Three years ago we had 4.) and we plan to add a 10th this summer(Art) and possibly an 11th(World History). ● We have 23 students signed up for the Idaho Mission Trip to go door to door visiting with Mormon families (The last 3

	<p>years West has had students going to Utah with TILM and now they are starting a new location in Idaho.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● West and its Boosters have been diligently working on 3rd source funding by partnering with local businesses connected to West in some way. ● West Robotics went to state again for 3 of last 4 years ● Junior Marissa Tusler set the all time West scoring record for basketball and the season is not complete and God-willing has another season to add to those totals. (I love the humbleness in which she goes about her season.) ● West has 4 seniors enrolled for MLC next year along with 4 last year (we had 1 student at MLC 6 years ago). Thankful to staff that have stepped up to work out a great plan for West students to look into MLC as a possible career path. They are using Focus onsite visits along with planned visits with our recruiter while he is on the West campus to put MLC on their radar.
<p>Winnebago Lutheran Academy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WLA is overjoyed this year to be celebrating our centennial! 100 years of Grace upon Grace. This whole year has been marked with special celebrations of thanksgiving for God’s amazing blessings. ● We were blessed to meet our first major financial milestone, realizing God’s blessings in our <i>Amazing Grace, Amazing Gifts</i> capital campaign. Please rejoice with us and pray that God continues to help us make connections and secure his gifts for our new campus. ● The shortage of called worker candidates has opened doors for teachers with other varied experiences to come on board our Viking faculty family. Currently, we have four staff that are pursuing synod certification. Excellent teachers, continue to pray that our God sends workers into his harvest field. ● Special Education continues to be a focus at the Academy. We are blessed with an excellent program with two full-time K-12 Cross Categorical leaders and two full-time Spec Ed Paraprofessionals working with more than 20 students with Service plans and 504s, and they support more than 40 at-risk through regular education co-teaching and special course offerings. ● We are overjoyed with the work that both Alissa Ambroso and Greta Scharp oversee as the K-12 Curriculum partnership in the WLA Association continues to become clearer in all our schools.
<p>Wisconsin Lutheran High School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wisconsin Lutheran High School was blessed with the chance to purchase three adjacent acres of land - currently occupied by a PickNSave. This once-in-a-generation opportunity will significantly expand our ministry potential. ● Worship remains central to student life. Chapel services are varied and include significant student involvement. In 2024, we celebrated over 40 student baptisms—praise God for His grace! ● We thank God for academic success. ACT scores rose by 0.8, growth scores improved, and teaching practices advanced through the collaborative work of our department coordinators under the leadership of our academic dean. For the seventh consecutive year, a student achieved a perfect ACT score. ● Enrollment reflects a strong mix of WELS and local students. Over 50% of WLHS Conference 8th graders enrolled this year—the highest in several years. 75% of our students come from one of our WLHS Conference schools. Each day brings chances to share Jesus with students new to the faith. ● Students continue to glorify God with their gifts. Viking Steel (steel pan group) led at the Youth Rally, and our basketball team went undefeated (30-0) to win state. We had 10 Conference Championships and expanded our student-led clubs like one focused on mental health and another on suicide prevention. ● Our International Student Program enrolled 66 students, with 40 new this year.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WLHS sent 113 students on 14 mission trips—eight domestic and six international. With interest from students exceeding available spots, we thank God for students eager to serve and grow in their faith! |
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