



# God's 20/20 Vision

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
Hebrews 12:1-2

Grace Lutheran Church and School of Pocatello, Idaho, is preparing to graduate its first high school class this spring. The theme chosen for this landmark school year was "Vision 2020" based on Hebrews 12:1-2.

Grace Lutheran High School (GLHS) launched in the fall of 2016 with its first class of ninth graders, with the intention of adding one grade each year.

This Lutheran high school has been a dream for many in Pocatello. The vision of GLHS took thousands of volunteer hours, millions of dollars in donations, dedicated staff and lay people, and, most of all, prayer. God has worked in this place since before the groundbreaking and continues to work throughout each classroom.

The LWML Utah-Idaho District also had a hand in bringing the dream to a reality with a \$5,000 grant during the 2014-2016 biennium.

The first headmaster of GLHS, Pastor Jonathan Dinger, played a major role in the formation of the school. "In 2015, when LWML made this generous grant to us for our music and chapel program, Grace Lutheran High School was still a dream in the midst of construction. It required people of vision and faith to see what God could do here in Pocatello. We can now look back with 20/20 hindsight and see again and again how God guided and blessed our work. In graduating our first 12 seniors, we stand in humble gratitude for the wonderful generosity of many and the faithfulness of God. With our eyes 'fixed on Jesus' we will continue to walk where our Lord leads by faith and grace."

Reflecting on the first graduating class, GLHS Principal Hanne Krause said, "Being a part of something special — they will always be able to say they were a part of this, and that can never be taken away from them." She also noted how unique their time at GLHS has been. "This class went from a one-room class to a full high school and being the leaders of a population of over 60 kids (including 6 exchange students). The constant of Christ and His love for them has been evident."

Grace Lutheran High School is currently the only Lutheran high school in Idaho. Two students from the senior class are to be baptized this year. God is good! The high school is a continuation of the ministry at Grace Lutheran School which serves Preschool through 8th grade. *Q*



Top: Students spend time together at NLOMA Camp Perkins. Right: Three of GLHS's class of 2020.