

## **Vision Statement**

*Empowering young minds for servant leadership, discipleship, and innovative thinking for today's challenges and tomorrows opportunities.*

### **Purpose (Mission): (Why we Exist?)**

Grace Lutheran School exists to share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ, to prepare our children for today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities, and to equip children with the tools necessary for lives of Christian service.

### **How do we accomplish this?**

#### **I. Climate – An Exemplary School:**

- A. Provides a place where students feel comfortable, safe and accepted. (John 15:12)
- B. Promotes open communication between parent, teachers, and students.

#### **II. Staff – An Exemplary Staff:**

- A. Focuses on increasing student growth and academic achievement with instruction methods that reflect research and proven effective classroom practices.
- B. Collaborates to improve student learning.
- C. Views the pupil through the cross of Christ, by being concerned with the child's total needs physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual.
- D. Encourages, trains, and equips young people to live faithful lives. (Ecclesiastes 11:9-10)
- E. Inspires God's children to share their faith naturally and eagerly (Acts 4:19-20)
- F. Models professionalism through integrity, commitment, and ethical behavior. (Isaiah 51:7-8)

#### **III. Academics – Academic Excellence:**

- A. Utilizes the curriculum to promote intellectual curiosity, cognitive growth, self-actualization, self expression, optimal development, social growth, moral development, character, and natural learning.
- B. Engages students through multiple learning modules that work on a student's kinesthetic, tactile, visual, and auditory strengths.
- C. Utilizes 21st Century technology in our courses of study such as but not limited to: Smartboard, ELMO, Smart Response Systems, Robotics, and the like.
- D. Utilizes hands on laboratory learning in science and technology.
- E. Develops servant leadership opportunities for students to be active participants in their faith walk with Christ.

#### **IV. Students – An Exemplary Student:**

- A. Accepts responsibility for their learning and actions.
- B. Sets their own challenging goals and give their best effort to achieve academic excellence.
- C. Encourages and uplifts one another by being considerate, responsible and committed. (Hebrews 10:23-25)
- D. Becomes involved in school and community service. (Romans 12:1)

#### **V. Parents – In an Exemplary School Parents:**

- A. Form partnerships with teachers to demonstrate the importance of education. (1 Timothy 4:12)
- B. Are supportive of the school's vision, goals, and mission.
- C. Play an active role in the academic and character development of their child.
- D. Monitor their child's academic progress.
- E. Are actively seeking ways to be involved in the school by volunteering their time and/or talents.