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"Preparing to Serve"

Ephesians 4:11

A Monthly Newsletter

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Beastly or Beautiful: The Choice is Yours

Lutheran High students often say things better than I ever could. I recently read an essay written by Lutheran High senior, Erika Herrmann. Her personal story touched me and offers a terrific perspective on what it means to be a Christian Leader. She dealt with a setback and adversity in a very humble and uplifting way. We all can learn a lot from her. Her words are printed verbatim below.

I didn't usually get angry like this. What was wrong with me? Why was I getting so worked up? I had always been in the chorus. So why should I expect anything to change just because I was an upperclassman? I was doomed to yet another year of obscurity as just another face in the crowd, overworked and under appreciated.

*I had just seen the casting sheet for my school's spring musical, **Beauty and the Beast**. For the third year in a row, I was just another chorus member. I had one of the better voices in the school, and I was expecting a larger role than the one line I had the previous year. After a few moments of irrational anger, I calmed down and decided to just swallow my pride and make the best of it.*

I went through the rehearsal process as I usually did, helping my peers learn dance steps and harmonies in between homework and scenes and, later, getting to rehearsal an hour early to help others with costumes, hair and makeup.

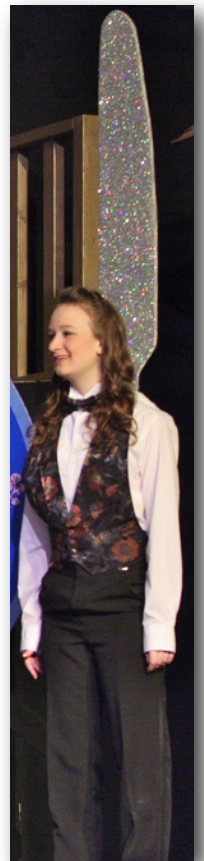
One evening, I overheard a girl with one of the main roles talking with my director, saying how she had to leave practice for a voice lesson. Since we took lessons from the same teacher, I volunteered to switch voice times with her because my time did not conflict with musical practice. I was just a chorus member, and she was an important lead, so I figured it would be a no brainer for our director. To my surprise, the director turned to me and, looking torn, said that he would rather that I not leave either, because I was an anchor for the chorus and he needed me to lead the chorus in the right direction. I was shocked. My hard work was appreciated after all,

Lutheran High teaches more than math and theology: The people here teach us to be better Christians with better attitudes toward life, and they give us the tools to deal with almost anything that comes our way. You don't always get what you want in life. You have two options after disappointment: You can either choose to stay bitter and be miserable through the experience, or you can choose to swallow your pride, put your best foot forward, and give it your all. I decided to do the latter. The Bible says, in 1 Corinthians 10:31b, "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." To volunteer for something, or even to be assigned to something, and not to give it your best shot is a recipe for misery and failure.

*I love to act, and I had a blast being a chorus member in **Beauty and the Beast** because I followed God's advice and did not let my disappointment sour my attitude. I try to apply God's Word to everything I do in life, from choir to gym class, to volunteering at Lutheran High's thrift store—Neat Repeats. I think it has made me a better Christian leader, and I hope my positive outlook might lead others to the same discovery: that no matter what the situation, following God's instructions can make the difference between a horrible experience and an amazing one. God knows best because He knows everything. Following His advice is the best way to deal with anything the world throws at you.*

Your congregation's support makes it possible for students like Erika to continue growing in the nurture and admonition of the Lord here at Lutheran High. For your faithful support, please accept our deepest thanks and gratitude.

In Christ,
Jim Pingel, Executive Director



Be sure to see Erika Herrmann, in a major role, with the rest of her peers in this year's spring musical, "Annie". Erika will play Grace Ferrell, Oliver Warbucks' personal secretary.



Save the Date!

Annual Dinner Auction

Friday, April 1 - Preview Night

Complimentary Auction Preview
featuring cash bar and food - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2 - Auction & Dinner

Silent Auction to open at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner Buffet opens at 5:30 p.m. Live Auction opens at 8:00 p.m.

Early Reservations are \$60 per person

After March 15 Reservations are \$75

Online Auction Begins March 1

Check out our website at www.lhsauction.com to find the online auction, an expanded wish list and more information about this years "Do Not Miss" event!



Your Donations Are Still Needed

Do you have a TimeShare or Condo that you can donate for a week? Packers, Badgers or Brewers Tickets are great donations! Artwork, sporting goods, gift baskets and gift certificates would also be appreciated. Can you bake a special cake or torte for our dessert auction?

If you have any questions or would like to donate,
please call the Lutheran High Office at 920-452-3323.

Lutheran High Students of the Month

have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude and academic achievements.

Senior - Dani Radloff

St. John Lutheran Church - Plymouth

Junior - Katie Herrmann

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

Sophomore - Haleigh Kaiser

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

Freshman - Joseph Meador

St. John Lutheran Church - Plymouth