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Greetings, Men of Issachar!

By Joel Landskroener, MLHS Executive Director



Dear Friends of Mayer Lutheran High School,

Thanksgiving greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The mission of Mayer Lutheran High School is to prepare the next generation of Christian leaders. You know that. Everyone involved with our school knows that. In fact, the major difference between Mayer Lutheran and any other school is that our mission is so well known by our school community. Ask Bob Johnson, our Director of Grounds and Maintenance, what he does here, he will respond, "I prepare Christian leaders." Ask Paulette Jopp, our faithful school secretary the same question, and she will give the same response. Our entire staff responds the same way. What a blessing to have such a well-known mission!

But, what exactly is a Christian leader and how do we prepare one? Books have been written on the subject and I choose not to write another one. Yet, I am drawn to one particular Old Testament book that shares some interesting descriptors of leadership. Read 2 Chronicles 12:23-38 and you will see a list of tribes who sent warriors to help David as he sought to have Saul turn his kingdom over to him. One group, in particular, caught my eye—the men of Issachar—who understood the times and knew what Israel should do (v.32).

The men of Issachar sound a lot like Mayer Lutheran students and alumni. Our job in preparing Christian leaders is to train our students to not just know stuff. Rather, we want them to be critical thinkers. We desire that when they graduate they truly understand the times. And what times they are! Radical changes in government, economics, society, and the church are making it more and more difficult to understand the times. Who can make sense of recent Supreme Court rulings, long-understood social norms seemingly melting away in front of our eyes, and the decline in engagement in the church or anything to do with the Bible? By God's grace, Mayer Lutheran teachers engage our students in understanding the times—a never-ending task. They work long hours pursuing the challenge of understanding the times and creatively sharing their findings with their scholars. It is on-going and tiring, but we choose to persevere for the sake of our kids and their Lord.

Of course, understanding the times is one thing. Knowing what God's people should do is a different kettle of fish. Schools often are accused of spending way too much time on understanding the times and too little time on putting that knowledge into practice. As a Christian school, Mayer Lutheran is committed to helping our kids know what to do as they lead in a world that cares less about Jesus and seems to be lost without even knowing it. We not only teach what the Bible says, but also how it relates to life and how to put it into practice. Knowing what to do outside of the context of our relationship with Jesus Christ is impossible. Learning God's law in light of His sweet Gospel, on the other hand, frees us to serve Him and each other without compulsion. The world will never understand why we serve and why we do what we do for the sake of the Gospel. But, God does, and, by His grace, so do we and our kids.

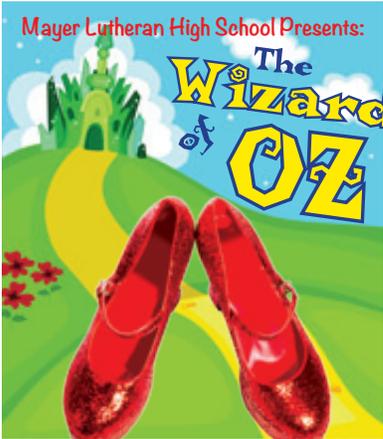
We are grateful for a ministry like Mayer Lutheran High School and for the men of Issachar. For, to "understand the times and know what [God's people] should do," is a mission we should pursue and a blessing we shall never forget.

Thankfully Serving in Christ,

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November 11, 10:15 AM, MLHS 9

To submit information for publication in *The Crusader*, please contact Renae Johnson at rjohnson@lhsmayer.org or 952-657-2251. Materials due by the 14th of each month prior to publication.

Seniors Give Back!

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serve others!



October 9, Mayer Lutheran Seniors spent their day giving back to the communities through several service projects.

The ongoing commitment of MLHS is to present opportunities for students to serve and to encourage them in their own mission work.

Baylor Park volunteers: (front row) Quinn Ragone, Maddie Miller, Jenna Zellmann, Kaylie Winter, Makayla Drier, Lauren Zellmann. (back row) Nick Huinker, Pastor Wismar, Seth Boehlke, Gunnar Berg, Ben Quiram



The following note is from Sam Pertz, Parks and Trails Supervisor, Carver County Parks

Another outstanding day with a handful of your finest students last Wednesday at Baylor Regional Park. Weather was perfect, students were hard workers...all in all another great service day at the park. This has been one of my favorite volunteer arrangements in my 5 years with the County. I look forward to many more!

Work completed was significant: moving/storage of picnic tables, fire ring cleaning, grounds cleaning, Visitor Center deep cleaning, preparation for XC ski season, office inventory/housekeeping items.

Thanks again, we sure hope to work with you and your students down the line.



O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Why We Play

Fall 2015 has been an extremely successful season for the Activities Department.

As of this writing, our bowling team currently sits in third place, both the fall musical and robotics team are working hard to prepare for upcoming performances and competitions, our boys soccer team won a playoff game and hosted a second, our girls soccer team had an opportunity to finish its first ever season with a winning record, our volleyball team is the top seed in their subsection, and our football team won their first sectional game at home. Based on all of this evidence, one could argue Fall 2015 has been a great success for Mayer Lutheran High School. I would tend to agree. We have been very successful. Yet, I urge you to avoid focusing on win-loss records, number of participants, or postseason

games hosted as evidence of success.

At Mayer Lutheran High School, our co-curricular program exists to provide opportunities for our students to use the talents with which God has blessed them. We strive for successes such as those listed above. We do try to win, host playoff games, be a top seed, and make it to state. So do all of the other schools around us. What makes Mayer Lutheran co-curriculars different is the real reason we play.

Mayer Lutheran coaches, directors and advisors have a strong desire to build lasting relationships with the next generation of Christian leaders in their respective activities. Our coaches look to **equip** our student-athletes with the necessary fundamental skills to be successful in their activities. We provide a **nurturing** atmosphere, one in which our student-athletes can take risks and learn from their failures in a safe environment. Our coaches look to challenge our student-athletes, **aspiring** them to set

lofty goals and work hard to achieve them. All of this is done in a **Christ-centered**

arena, one that is surrounded by Christ's forgiveness and grace, lifted up in constant prayer for the growth of our student-athletes, which we see as true success.

It is quite easy to get caught up in the moment of a particular game, event or even season. Please take a moment to keep our co-curricular programs in perspective. While finishing with a winning record, hosting playoff games, and competing at state is exciting and important, the real reason we play is to help students become poised for success in life. At Mayer Lutheran we do this by nurturing them, equipping them, aspiring them, all enveloped with the loving arms of Christ. That is true success, one we celebrate each and every time we gather in our co-curriculars.



Photos left: MLHS boys soccer coach invites opposing teams to join our team in prayer after home games. Several teams have joined in!

MLHS boys soccer team serving at Feed My Starving Children.

Photo right: It is a blessing to see our students relying on the Lord before a competition.



The MLHS Boys Soccer team is a co-op between Mayer Lutheran, Watertown Mayer, NYA Central and Holy Trinity in Winsted. It's often a challenge to bring a group of players together who don't go to school together. Matt Polding, the new boy's varsity soccer coach, has a strong commitment to both the game of soccer and the development of character in his players. The co-op is an amazing opportunity to share our Christian values and faith with other schools. Coach Polding knew he wanted to work some team-building opportunities into the season to bring this diverse group together and Feed My Starving Children was at the top of his list. It's a great organization with a great mission and message. The players were humbled to hear the stories of kids who receive food from FMSC. It was also a lot of fun as players bonded by packing food (and made a

lot of noise as their boxes were completed).

A highlight was the opportunity to pray over the food that was completed during the shift.



The MLHS varsity volleyball team had the opportunity to serve dinner through Families Moving Forward to families experiencing homelessness. Coach Grimsley said, "We talk constantly about real life...serving others is a way to help to build relationships and to share Christ's everlasting love. We felt honored to be able to help!"

Mayer Lutheran High School Presents:

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by
Harold Arlen and
E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by
Herbert Stothart

*presented by arrangement
with TAMS WITMARK MUSIC
LIBRARY, INC., New York*



7 PM • Friday, November 20
7 PM • Saturday, November 21
2 PM • Sunday, November 22



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The Mayer Lutheran High School drama department proudly presents *The Wizard of Oz* the musical. Come join us as we journey over the rainbow on November 20 and 21 at 7:00 PM and on November 22 at 2:00 PM. We will follow the grand adventures of Dorothy Gale, a young girl living on her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry's farm in Kansas, who dreams of a place without trouble. Her wish comes true as she and her dog Toto are whisked away in a cyclone and transported to the magical Land of Oz. Here, in this wonderful and sometimes curious place, her adventure begins. Dorothy meets vivid characters and learns valuable lessons about friendship, self-sufficiency, and kindness as she travels to the Emerald City to help her friends find a brain, a heart, and courage. Come join us for a magical, musical evening.

The Wizard of Oz



The MLHS drama department would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have been working hard to make this production happen. This year we have a team of supporters and participants; we would like to recognize each and every one of them. We are so proud to have fourteen middle school students join us this year as our munchkins. There are a total of forty-seven MLHS students on and off the stage. We greatly appreciate the twenty-eight students who will be sharing their acting and musical abilities with everyone. Without these people there would be no show and we thank them for all the hard work that they have put into this. On November 4th, some of the main characters will be making appearances at area schools, so keep a look out for Dorothy and her friends.

Equally important to the production of this musical are the people that are working behind the scenes. This year we have a total of nineteen people working in music and pit band, sewing, set design, photography, and advertising, our director Alan Holasek, and our producer Wendy Bakken. Without the long hours of hard work that these people contribute to the performance our musical wouldn't be able to happen. We would like to say a thank you to everyone who has helped this year.

Tickets available at the door: \$7-Adults; \$5-12 yrs and under; MLHS Students-Free
(Written by Katelyn Cooper)

Top Photos: Rehearsals are going fast and furious. Area grade schoolers have the unique opportunity to perform as Munchkins in the production.

Bottom Photo:

The Wizard of Oz Cast: (left to right) Brandon Holmes-Uncle Henry; Lynnea Marlatt-Glinda; Josh Marlatt-Scarecrow; Alex Telford-Lion; Kiah Bakken-Dorothy; Riley Thomas-The Wizard; Jon Chapa-Tin Man; Inset photo: Sarah Johnson-Wicked Witch of the West



Mayer Faculty Milestones

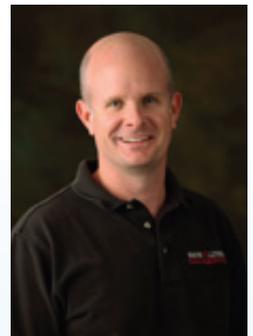


Congratulations Mr. Loontjer!

Mr. Gary Loontjer was recognized at the Minnesota South Educators Conference for his 40 years of service to his Lord and the LCMS through his teaching ministry. Mr. Loontjer heads the Science Department where he teaches Chemistry, Physics, and Physical Science. Outside the classroom Mr. Loontjer coaches trap shooting, golf, and football. We are blessed to have you as an essential part of the Mayer Lutheran High School family!

Pastor Wismar Takes the Pledge

Pastor Stefan Wismar recently completed his training to become a Chaplain in the Carver County Sheriff's office. Pastor Wismar is the Director of Christian Faith Development at MLHS where he teaches Old Testament, History of Christianity, Apologetics, Comparative Religions, Christian Doctrine. He also coaches girls soccer. Your commitment for sharing God's calling beyond the classroom is a wonderful example for students, Mayer Lutheran, and beyond!



The Carver County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Program is established for the purpose of providing spiritual and

emotional support to all members of the Office, their families and members of the public. The Chaplain Program is a non-denominational, ecumenical ministry provided by volunteer clergy without financial compensation.

Our mission is to serve everyone with respect and dignity and to do so with honor, integrity, and pride.

GOALS OF THE CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

- By serving as a resource for Office personnel when dealing with the public in such incidents as accidental deaths, suicides, suicidal subjects, serious accidents, and drug and alcohol abuse, and other such situations that may arise.
- By providing an additional link between the community, other Chaplain Programs and the Office.
- By providing counseling, spiritual guidance and insight for Office personnel and their families.
- By being alert to the spiritual and emotional needs of Office personnel and their families.
- By familiarizing themselves with the role of law enforcement in the community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Chaplains are volunteer members of the Office. The duties of a Chaplain include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assisting in making notification to families of office members who have been seriously injured or killed.
- Visiting sick or injured law enforcement personnel in the hospital or at home.
- Attending and participating, when requested, in funerals of active or retired members of the Office.
- Assisting other personnel in the diffusion of a conflict or incident when requested by on-scene staff.
- Responding to natural and accidental deaths, suicides and attempted suicides, family disturbances and any other incident that aids in accomplishing the mission of the Office.
- Attending Office and academy graduations, ceremonies and social events and offering invocations and benedictions, as requested.
- Responding to all major disasters such as floods, bombings and similar critical incidents.
- Providing liaison with various religious leaders of the community.
- Assisting public safety personnel and the community in any other function of the clergy profession as requested.

- Making referrals in cases where specialized attention is needed, or in those cases that are beyond the chaplain's ability to assist.





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 Glencoe-Silver Lake
 Driver's Ed 3-6 PM
 Alumni Phonathon 6-9 PM</p> <p>3 Driver's Ed 3-6 PM
 Alumni Phonathon 6-9 PM</p> <p>4 Student Only Blood Drive 3-6 PM
 MLHS
 Driver's Ed 3-6 PM
 Alumni Phonathon 6-9 PM
 History of Christianity 7-8:30 PM</p> <p>5 Volleyball Section Tournament
 Mankato East High School
 Driver's Ed 3-6 PM
 Alumni Phonathon 6-9 PM</p> <p>6 Driver's Ed 3-6 PM</p> | <p>7 Volleyball Section Tournament
 Gustavus Adolphus College</p> <p>9 MLHS Board Meeting 6 PM
 Alumni Phonathon 6-9 PM</p> <p>10 Alumni Phonathon 6-9 PM</p> <p>11 History of Christianity 7-8:30 PM
 Alumni Phonathon 6-9 PM</p> <p>12 Volleyball State Tournament
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 MLHS Fine Arts Center</p> <p>23 Delegate Meeting 6 PM</p> <p>24 Boys Basketball-C Squad 4:30 PM
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 Boys Basketball-Varsity 7:15 PM
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Youth Activities Outreach of
 Mayer Lutheran High School



Knights 5th/6th grade Tackle Football Team: (front row-left to right) Dru Houser, Caleb Olsen, Sam Iams, Chad Heinlein, Jack Bauman, Abram Jopp, Levi Hahn, Nate Pawelk (back row-left to right) Coach Hahn, Jacob Bauer, Joe Iams, Weston Stahlke, Elijah Jopp, Ty Hoese, Connor Olsen, Isaac Hahn, Monte Diedrich, Coach Pawelk.
 Not pictured: Head Coach Jeremy Hoese

Mayer Knights Tackle Football Highlight

Congratulations to the Mayer Knights 5th/6th grade Tackle Football Team who were undefeated for the 2015 season! This team, coached by Jeremy Hoese, Blake Hahn, and Fred Pawelk worked hard all season and it showed in their record. They played other 6th grade teams from our area in Saturday games throughout the season and gave it their best. Thank you to these young athletes and their parents for supporting the Mayer Knights and giving their all! **Go Knights!**

For more information on Knights school year activities, go to mayerlutheran.org and click on Knights. Contact Knights Coordinator Barb Christopherson at 952-657-2251 x1010 or barb.christopherson@mayerlutheran.org with questions or suggestions.



MLHS Spiritwear

The MLHS winter spiritwear online store will be open **November 1-15**. This would be a great time to outfit those family members that do not have Crusader gear and a perfect opportunity to stock up on Christmas gifts. We cannot accept any late orders so please be aware of the timeframe the store is open.

Online store log in information
<http://www.bsnsports.com/mts>
Access Code: crusad9N7

Our next online store will open in the spring.

If you have any questions please contact Casie Paulsrud at 612-810-2106 or casiepaulsrud@gmail.com.

2015-16 MLHS STAFF DIRECTORY

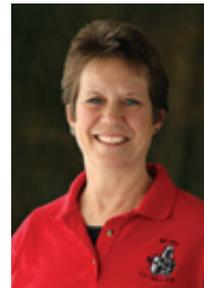
Dial 952-657-2251, wait for the prompt, then dial the telephone extension for the desired room.

NOTE: All email addresses for reaching MLHS staff have changed. To email a particular staff member, use their full first name, followed by a period, then last name @mayerlutheran.org (example: joel.landskroener@mayerlutheran.org) or go to mayerlutheran.org, click on Get to Know MLHS, then click on Faculty and Staff directory for a full list of contact information.

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Jopp, Paulette	1001	Office Manager
Wilaby, Kevin	1008	Principal
Christopherson, Barb	1010	Mayer Knights
McCalla, Corrine	1014	School Nurse
Kris Gustin	1217	Athletic Office
Attendance Line	1501	
Activities Line	1502	
ASSOCIATION OFFICE		
Loehrs, Karen	1003	Business Assistant
Johnson, Renae	1002	Communications Assist.
Landskroener, Joel	1007	Executive Director
Perrel, Dan	1011	Recruitment
Kelzer, Debra	1012	Counselor
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Counselor's Corner

By Debra Kelzer, Guidance Counselor
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My one-on-one meetings with seniors have concluded. Each senior has a great plan for finishing in May, as well as some thoughts and ideas about what they plan on doing next fall. I will begin meetings with juniors soon. Please keep in mind that any student taking a PSEO course the 2nd semester of this school year, will need to sign up during the month of November.

Many schedules did not permit students and parents to attend the *College Night* seminar for juniors/seniors held in October. The presentation outlined what all juniors and seniors should be doing for "Success After High School." Please contact me with questions. Coming up on **January 25, 2016**, I will be having another Financial Aid meeting for all juniors/seniors and their parents. This meeting helps families understand FAFSA and all other resources for helping to pay for college. Watch for upcoming details.

Several juniors and seniors attended the College Fair at Dassel-Cokato High School. It was a huge success and I hope you've had the chance to sit and visit with your child regarding the information they found on their colleges of interest. Students had the opportunity to visit with each representative for a lengthy amount of time. There were approximately 80 colleges represented, giving our students a wide variety of information.

Continue to look for scholarship opportunities on Moodle, *The Blast*, and *Email Extra*. I post them weekly as they come across my desk.

Right before our MEA break, freshmen through juniors participated in taking EXPLORE, PLAN, and PSAT. As soon as the results get back to me, I will be sharing them with each student. Please ask your child about their scores and interest results. Discuss how this fits into their own personal gifts, talents, and future plans.

May you feel blessed by the beautiful fall colors that God has revealed to us!

Golf and Track Coaches Needed

Mayer Lutheran is seeking an individuals interested in helping prepare the next generation of Christian leaders by leading our golf and track programs. Duties include providing skills instruction, scheduling meets, and supervising students at practices and competitions. We are seeking a head coach for boys and girls golf and a head coach for girls track. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a good fit, please contact Kris Gustin at kris.gustin@mayerlutheran.org or 952-657-2251 x1217.

ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Habits

Exploring the absolutely fascinating subjects of habits, Charles Duhigg (2012) asked, "When you woke up this morning, what did you do first? Did you hop in the shower, check your email, or grab a doughnut from the kitchen counter? Did you brush your teeth before or after you towed off? Tie the left or right shoes first? What did you say to your kids on your way out the door? Which route did you drive to work? When you got to your desk, did you deal with email, chat with a colleague, or jump into writing a memo? Salad or hamburger for lunch? When you got home, did you put on your sneakers and go for a run, or pour yourself a drink and eat dinner in front of the TV?" (p. XV).

"'All our life, so far as it has definite form, is but a mass of habits,' William James wrote in 1892" (Duhigg, p. XV). Using very sophisticated research methods for brain mapping, researchers estimate that no less than 40% of all actions we take in a day are strictly speaking, habits—not actual decisions (p. XVI).

Wow! Double wow! I'm not sure I should be glad to know that or staggered by the reality that so much of my day is spent on a kind of auto-pilot that reaches a cruising altitude and then, regardless of the constructive or destructive nature of the flight pattern, just flies straight ahead into the same behavior over and over.

It has only been in the last two decades that researchers have begun to unravel the mystery of how habits are formed, and even more fascinating, how we are able to break/change habits. Which, by the way, brings this article to its fine point—you.

Habits are technically defined as "the choices that all of us deliberately make at some point, and then stop thinking about but continue doing, often every day" (p. XVII). So, we want to ask you to incorporate a choice in your life that involves Mayer

Lutheran High School. We want to ask you to continue making that choice about Mayer Lutheran every day. And we want to ask you to make that choice about Mayer Lutheran every day for so long that it becomes an action that you no longer think about, you just do it.

I'll bet now you're wondering what that choice is that we want you to make. It's a simple one. We ask you to choose to wake up every day and determine to tell one person per day about the good things students are doing and great things the Lord Jesus is doing at Mayer Lutheran High School.

One person per day—make a deliberate choice to share MLHS with a friend, colleague, fellow church member, fellow fitness club member, next door neighbor, or family with kids that live three doors down the street. This habit doesn't even have to be done face-to-face. It can be done creatively via Facebook, LinkedIn, blog posts, Instagram, or Twitter.

Moms reading this—many of you are awesome at social networking! We're asking you to put those terrific skills and wonderful passion for connectedness to work for Mayer Lutheran High School. Make the choice to share MLHS so often that you start doing it without having to think about—in other words, we'd love for all our parents and friends of Mayer Lutheran to have the habit of spreading the word that this is a high school where everyone should send their kids for an outstanding Christian education.

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MLHS Hosts Veterans

On November 11, Mayer Lutheran High School will host its annual Veterans' Day celebration at 10:15 AM in the Fine Arts Center. The entire community is invited to attend the hour-long event which will include music by the choirs of Mayer Lutheran High School. A luncheon for the veterans and their families will follow the ceremonies.

Join us as we commemorate and rally our community around those who served their nation in the armed forces and to show our gratitude for their commitment to our freedom.

Veterans Day

Mr. Lane,
 Thank you so much for helping to provide your wonderful volunteers for the Ridgeview Medical Center's "Achieving a Healthy Balance" event this past weekend. These young people were a delight to work with and were a huge help to our day. Our future looks bright in the hands of future leaders such as these. Thank you to Katie Schroeder, Dylan Fisher, Morgan Harpel, Denae Henning, Clara Snow and Emilee Gustin.
 Thank you again,
 Jan Held, Business & Events Coordinator

What can \$100 buy these days?



MLHS 2015 PHONATHON

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31 Full-ride scholarships
62 Half-ride scholarships

Thanks to our faithful, generous army of 3100 MLHS alumni, you make it possible for students desiring a Christian education to attend Mayer Lutheran High School. The **2015 Alumni Honor Fund** provides support for tuition assistance. Your donation of just \$100 can make the difference in preparing the next Christian leader! (That's only 27¢ a day or \$1.92 per week.)

Current students, staff members, and fellow graduates will be contacting you, **NOVEMBER 2–5 or 9–12**. Save a phone call—donate online at our new website mayerlutheran.org (Support MLHS). Any amount adds more benefits for students.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

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THE LAST WORD

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Growing Up

The sum of its parts equals the whole. A mathematical truth and an applicable description about the development of any individual. A person is shaped and reshaped by his experiences. A bond quickly develops between a newborn and his parents. When parents hold, speak to, and comfort their child they are letting their child experience their love, while reassuring him of their presence and protection. A scared toddler will run to the arms of his parent, passing by others, for the place where he will find comfort. This reaction is the result of the positive, caring, and loving experiences that the child has had with his parents prior to the moment when he felt scared and found himself in need of comfort.

The need for comfort and reassurance from parents is not limited to the toddler years. It continues as the child grows up and it doesn't take long for the child to recognize that life can be very complicated. A toddler discovers that bad decisions lead to time-outs. A first grader discovers through a playground dispute that classmates can be cruel. The middle school student learns that there is a popularity hierarchy based on grades, athletic accomplishments, and/or appearance. This can be a harsh reality as a student discovers where he stands in respect to the perception of his classmates. The high school student may discover that his family is falling apart as parents fight and their marriage heads down the road toward divorce.

We are the sum of the experiences we have lived through. Both good and painful experiences have shaped our attitudes, actions, and relationships. Often there is one individual, and

hopefully more, who has come along side us when we were sad and angry. These individuals took time to talk to us about life and its ups and downs. They provided perspective that we could not see on our own. When we found success, they provided congratulations and recognition for the hard work we had done. They believed in us and encouraged us to stick with it and not quit. These individuals spoke the truth to us in direct yet caring ways that helped us make sense of our circumstances. In other words they were nurturing us so that we would learn to

cope with difficult circumstances, make difficult decisions, and live in ways consistent with our faith in Christ. Most of us can point to the individuals—parents, teachers, friends, coaches, grandparents, pastors and youth group leaders, and other family members—who did these things for us.

The window of time in which an adolescent can be influenced through the nurture provided by adults is relatively short. Parents tend to have the most influence on their children, yet even a toddler can ignore his parent and exert his independence. By the time high school rolls around, adolescents

are looking to set their own course and learn from their own experiences. They may not believe that their parents can relate to what they are experiencing and they begin seeking input and wisdom from other sources. The peer group with whom they socialize, the media they choose to consume, and societal ideologies will influence them. Parents have to work in different ways to continue the nurturing process that was begun when their children were born.

Mayer Lutheran Essential Value— Nurturing

Our caring environment is focused on supporting, developing, encouraging, protecting, and celebrating in each student, the life God has given to them in Christ. We teach love and care for self, others, and the world today and for the future.

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10b

*When parents make the decision to send their children to Mayer Lutheran they are ensuring that they will be surrounded by Christ-centered teachers who are concerned about their spiritual development as well as their intellectual growth. Parents know that students are in a safe environment that will allow them to explore and question the ideas that society bombards them with and, in the end, hear a message that is consistent with the truth of God's Word. Students experience the power and value of prayer through a community that prays with and for each other. They are given opportunities to serve God by serving others both informally (by simply providing assistance to a teacher or classmate as the opportunity presents itself) and formally (by becoming part of the school-sponsored mission trip to Mexico). Students at Mayer Lutheran cannot escape the presence of the Gospel and its impact on the school community. This means that we rejoice together in the salvation won for us through Jesus Christ. When sin occurs and negatively impacts the community, it can be dealt with in a manner that leads to confession and absolution. **For students at Mayer Lutheran, this nurturing occurs at a critical time in their lives.***

They are just a few short years away from being on their own. As they graduate and move into the next chapter of their lives they go boldly, having been nurtured to become the Christian leaders of God's design.



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