



Dear Parents, Students of LVW member schools, and other potential members,

Welcome to the 2009 season of **Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin!** 2008 was a memorable summer. LVW continued its tradition of excellence in performance. The staff and members had many opportunities for fun and fellowship. Thanks in large part to the attitude, work ethic, and determination of the marching members, the year was very successful! LVW celebrated its 31st anniversary in 2008! It is easy to look back over the past 31 seasons to see how the Lord has so richly blessed our efforts. LVW has provided a great summer activity within which several thousand youth have enjoyed each other's Christian fellowship. Not only that, but the performance level that LVW has been able to reach every single year is a testament to the wonderful character of the students involved, as well as the staff and other parent volunteers. LVW has also remained one of the premier marching units in the entire Midwest, while at the same time keeping focused on doing all to God's glory.

This year will see the band travel throughout the upper Midwest, with stops in Minnesota and Michigan, as well as several parades in Wisconsin. Always a highlight for the members and adults, the band will again finish the year at the Cherry Festival in Traverse City. We will also be marching in Oregon, WI. This parade will give us an opportunity to compete against other competitive marching bands. Other Wisconsin parades will include Brillion, Appleton (for the 32nd consecutive year!), Oshkosh, Menomonee Falls, Racine, Somers, and Hales Corners. We will travel to Minnesota, where the competition is always fierce, for two more competitive parades. When the season is completed, the band will have marched in approximately twelve parades and performed several standstill concerts in three states. At least six of the parades are competitive parades or give out awards. LVW will also participate in the worship service at Eastside Lutheran in Madison on the morning of the Oregon Parade.

For those who are unfamiliar with our group, **Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin** is a competitive parade marching band made up of students from nine WELS high schools:

Fox Valley LHS - Appleton	Manitowoc LHS - Manitowoc
Kettle Moraine LHS - Jackson	Northland LHS - Wausau
Luther HS - Onalaska	Shoreland LHS - Somers
Luther Preparatory School - Watertown	West LHS - Plymouth, MN
Winnebago Lutheran Academy - Fond du Lac	

LVW functions to provide a Christ-centered activity within which you can experience growth, both as an individual and as a member of a group. In the process, you will improve your musical skills, work hard, and have a very enjoyable summer.

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin is one of the finest parade marching bands in the Midwest, and has displayed its excellence on the street with many award-winning performances:

Sun Prairie, WI	1 st Place	1990-1996, 2001, 2008
Oregon, WI	1 st Place	1990- 1996, 2001, 2004, 2008
National Cherry Festival, Traverse City, MI	Grand Champion	1990, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001,2004, 2005, 2006, 2008
Calgary Stampede	Grand Champion	1992
VP Fair, St. Louis, MO	1 st Place	1994
Windsor, Ontario	1 st Place	1995
	Grand Champion	
Pittsfield, MA	1 st Place	1995, 2001
	Grand Champion, Best Color Guard, Best Drum Majors	
Fort Wayne, IN	1 st Place	1995
Aquatennial Parade, Minneapolis, MN	1 st Place	1995
	Grand Champion, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion	
Northbrook, IL	1 st Place	1996
Casper, WY	1 st Place	1998
St. Cloud, MN	Grand Champion	1998

Litchfield, MN
South Bend, IN

Fairfax, VA and Severna Park MD July 4

Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, Best Drum Majors
1st Place 1998
Grand Champion 2000, 2002
Best Musical Unit, Color Guard, Percussion, Drum Majors
Best Unit in Parade, 1st Place Marching Band 2004

The **tentative** performance and highlight schedule for the 2009 season is as follows:

JUNE

5	Friday	Full Band rehearsal at FVL	2 – 9 PM
6	Saturday	Full Band rehearsal at FVL	8 – 4
9 -13	Tues - Sat	Band Camp at FVL	Times vary
12	Friday	Brillion, WI Electric Parade	9:00 PM
13	Saturday	Appleton, WI Flag Day Parade	2:00 PM
17	Wednesday	Miss Wisconsin Pageant Parade , Oshkosh	6:30 PM
19	Friday	Concert and Free Time at Noah's Ark!	11:00 AM
25	Thursday	Travel to and Rehearsal at Luther HS	Time TBD
26	Friday	Rochesterfest Parade , Rochester, MN	6:15 PM
27	Saturday	Osseo, MN Marching Band Festival Parade	12:00 PM
28	Sunday	Oregon, WI Summerfest Parade	12:30 PM

Extra Rehearsal Dates at FVL (other than Camp): June 5 - 6, 17 - 18

JULY

2	Thursday	Rehearsal at Morning Star LES, Jackson	Time TBD
3	Friday	Rehearsal and Menomonee Falls, WI Parade	7:00 PM
4	Saturday	Independence Day Parades in SE Wisconsin Racine – 9 AM; Somers – 2 PM; Hales Corners – 4 PM	
8	Wednesday	Travel to Traverse City, MI	
9	Thursday	Traverse City, MI Children's Parade	6:30 PM
11	Saturday	Traverse City, MI Cherry Royale Parade	11:15 AM

Please note that some times for the performances may change slightly, since this information is coming out before all of the festivals have sent their materials for 2009. The complete finalized schedule will be sent out after January. The "flavor" of the season will remain the same, as will the cost.

Over the past thirty-one years, **LVW** has performed or appeared in Wisconsin, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Wyoming, Alberta, and Ontario. All our success, however, is governed by one basic philosophy:

All that we do is done to the glory of God!

The following pages contain a brief overview of **LVW** and a tentative calendar for the upcoming 2009 season. The Board of Directors knows you will find the events challenging, exciting, and a whole lot of fun! Please read this material carefully, and then share it with your parents.

We invite you to share the experience and be a part of the 2009 edition of **LVW**. Is it worth the effort and the expense? The best way is to ask the people who have marched with LVW! Ask the parents who have chaperoned. You will no doubt get a variety of answers. However, one thing is certain. All of them will tell you that there are many ways in which young people like you can "Let your light shine!"

Sincerely,
James R. Neujahr, Randy Kramer – LVW Executive Directors