# 2021 Membership Information

## LVW - A Christian Family for More than 40 Years!

We thank the Lord who has so richly blessed our efforts. We thank him for the thousands of youth and adults who have been a part of this Christian family. LVW members will experience an incredible and memorable summer with their friends. LVW will challenge you to grow and mature as musicians and as young Christians. Since its founding in 1978, LVW has 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.

## Because of this, we are very conscious of the relationship we have with our Lord, and try to teach our students:

- That they, as Christians, are able to praise the Lord in everything that they do - even marching in a parade!
- That they, as Christians, must learn how to live their faith at all times, in all places, and in all activities!
- That for them, as Christians, winning is not the most important thing in life!
- That as Christians, God expects them to use the abilities God has given them with a 100% effort, 100% of the time!

## Who is LVW?

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin is a marching band made up of students from nine member high schools from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod:

Fox Valley Lutheran High School - Appleton

Manitowoc Lutheran High School - Manitowoc

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School - Jackson

Northland Lutheran High School - Kronewetter

Luther High School - Onalaska

Luther Preparatory School - Watertown

Shoreland Lutheran High School - Somers

Winnebago Lutheran Academy - Fond du Lac

Wisconsin Lutheran High School - Milwaukee

## Who is Eligible?

LVW is open to graduating 8th grade through 12th grade students from our member high schools and their grade school band programs.

Percussion, brass, and woodwind players must be enrolled and/or participating in the instrumental program of the school they attend. No prior marching experience is necessary! Students who wish to be a part of our percussion section should be enrolled in music or lessons.

Young men and women who wish to be a part of our Color Guard do not need to be members of their schools' band program. Students with dance, theater, or other performance background would enjoy the opportunity to perform with LVW, although no experience is necessary!

Students who fit the above criteria but do not belong to one of our member high schools are eligible as long as they belong to a WELS congregation!

## The per-student cost for the 2021 LVW season is $300. This fee includes:

- All transportation costs (buses, vans, motor coaches, truck), beginning with the first rehearsal camp in June and extending through the final event in July.
- Approximately 30 meals! Some exceptions: free time; brown bag rehearsals; occasionally a few meals during "Touristy Free Time".
- All expenses connected with rehearsals, summer performances, and travel.
- Seasonal T-shirt
- All LVW uniform expenses, such as cleaning and repair of uniforms.
- All instructional fees.
- All housing costs.

This fee does not cover a few personal items for percussion and wind players, such as one required performance compression shirt ($25 each) and shoes (see below). These items will be purchased for you by LVW. Members will indicate their size for these items and will pay for them when registering.

LVW wears the black "**Plus One**" marching band shoe. They are $45 a pair. Members who have these shoes from previous summers will not need a new pair. New members, or those who need a new pair of shoes, will select their size and pay for them when registering.

The color guard shoe and other personal garments (tights/leotards, other personal uniform accessories) will be $25. Guard shoes will be $40. Guard members will select their shoe size and pay for these items when registering.

As you can see, this fee covers virtually every cost connected with LVW's summer program except for personal clothing items and personal spending money. **This per-student cost may be lower at your school** due to contributions from a music support group and/or designated funding efforts. The director at your school will give you the exact cost for the students from your school. **Please figure this amount BEFORE making final payments**! For example, FVL students will receive a $100 grant toward LVW fees from the FVL Music Associates!

## How has COVID affected LVW?

- In a "normal" year, we would have begun planning MUCH sooner! We usually would have had information out by November.
- Earlier this year - before Christmas and even into February and March - we didn't believe that LVW 2021 could happen. Things changed rapidly in recent weeks!
- In a typical summer, we would have twice as many parades and practice days. The cost would also be at least twice as much.
- There are no extended trips out of state planned for this year. We will plan on longer trips in 2022.

## When do I register?

**All members must be registered by May 1.** This will help in our planning for the summer. This is also very important since the member's emergency medical information is entered when registering.

All members should make every effort to attend all rehearsals and performances. If you must miss an event or rehearsal, please let your school's director know, or contact James Neujahr at jneujahr@fvlhs.org.

**There will be a required $50 non-refundable registration fee when the online registration is completed.**

## Registration Procedures and Payment of Fees

Please fill out the online registration form **before May 1. The registration fee of $50 will be made online when you register.**

The online registration form will include the Emergency Contact/Medical information, as well as the Release from Liability and Indemnification Agreement. Therefore it is extremely important that ALL MEMBERS are registered BEFORE attending the first rehearsal in June. The registration link is on our JOIN page. The registration link will be OPEN after April 9.

The $50 Registration Fee and Payments will be made online through our website. Payment of the remaining portion of the season fee and/or personal items can be made in installments. All fees must be paid by June 1.

When you register you will be creating a "Family Account." Therefore you will have the ability to check your balance any time by logging into your account. You may pay the fee earlier than June 1 if you prefer.

The $300 fee may be lower pending available funds from your schools' music support groups or other funding efforts. These special payments (if applicable) will be reflected in your online account. **Please figure this amount BEFORE making final payments**!

Please note: You MAY pay the full amount when you register. However, it is OK to **WAIT to pay the full amount (fees and personal uniform items) pending any additional funding from school music support groups.**

If you have any questions regarding billing, please speak with Tammy Fick in the FVL Billing Office at (920)739-4441 or email tfick@fvlhs.org.

Any other questions can be directed to your school's band director or to James Neujahr at (920)739-4441 x5160 or jneujahr@fvlhs.org.

*Our Drum Majors for the 2018 season:*

*Noah Ungemach from Manitowoc Lutheran High School*

*Carly Techlin from Wisconsin Lutheran High School*

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PLEASE NOTE: Should you decide to drop from LVW, the $50 registration fee is non-refundable.

### Rehearsal and Parade Schedule

June 9 - 11 - Rehearsal Camp at FVL

June 12 - Appleton Flag Day Parade (2 PM)

June 19 - 20 - Rehearsal Camp at FVLHS

June 25 - 26 - Rehearsal Camp at SLHS

June 27 - Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade (1 PM)

July 2 - 3 - Rehearsal Camp at KMLHS

July 3 - Menomonee Falls Ind. Day Parade (7 PM)

July 4 - Somers July 4th Parade (2 PM)

July 5 - Racine 4th Fest Parade (9 AM)

Visit our website for the full June and July rehearsal and performance schedule.

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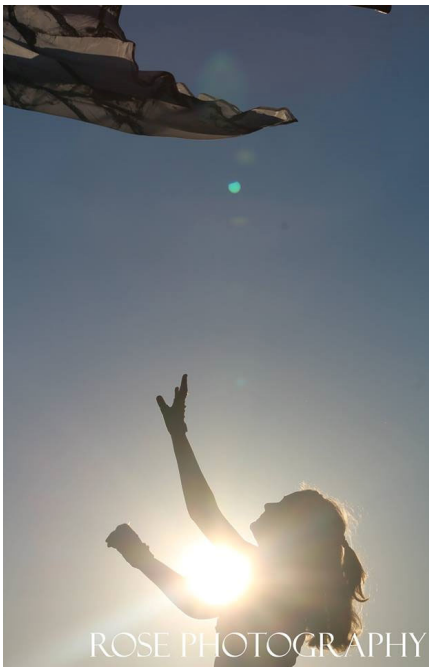



**Let Your Light Shine!**

## New Uniforms in 2021!

LVW will be wearing new uniforms this coming summer.

The uniform features a large CROSS down the front of the uniform. The cross is a major design element of the uniform. We will proudly wear that cross whenever we perform! It is a visual representation of the cross upon which Christ sacrificed his life for our sake.

The smaller cross in the center is a removable mirror. Graduating seniors will keep that cross mirror at the end of the season as a keepsake for having been a family member of Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin!

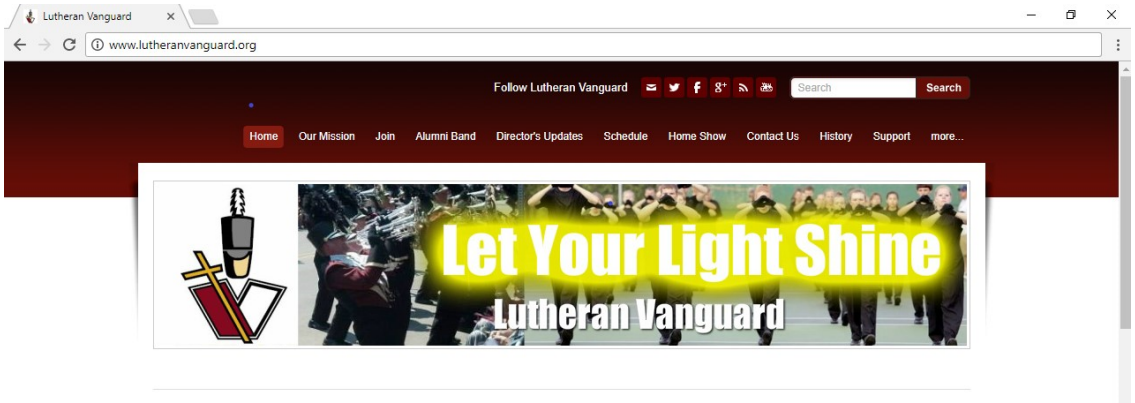
# Register before Saturday, May 1

All Communications will be sent via email or posted to the LVW website.

If you do not register, you may not receive important information.

Please make sure we have both parent and student email addresses when you register. This will make our communication with you much easier!

New and updated information will always be posted to our Homepage and on the "Director's Updates" tab. Check the site often, especially prior to rehearsals and events.




For more information about who we are, what we do, schedules, sections in LVW, and more visit our website at www.lutheranvanguard.org