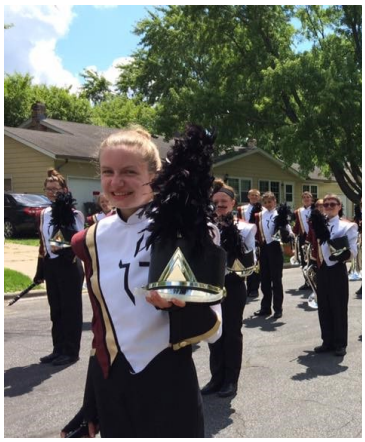
"Vanguard is different from other bands in the sense that we are doing much more than entertaining, we are witnessing our faith at the same time. Our mission statement is almost word for word Matthew 5:16 **'Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven**.' *Just through our behavior and attitude we can share the gospel, and there's no doubt that after 40 years of existence Vanguard has reached millions of people through our performance." Fai Haw, Lakeside Lutheran High School*

Why do we think you would benefit from LVW Mebership?



LVW has set five goals which we strive to accomplish in everything that we do:

To "Let our light shine before men, that we may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
To provide further educational opportunity for students.

To promote closer ties between member schools.

To enhance the instrumental music programs of the member schools.

To provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship for the students who participate.

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!

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 hundreds 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.

Sections within Lutheran Vanguard - Which one is for YOU?

LVW Hornline - Woodwinds and Brass

The Lutheran Vanguard Hornline is the powerful lifeblood of our ensemble, contributing to soaring melodies and rich harmonies while we entertain and let our light shine!

Positions in the Hornline are open to any WELS instrumental musician who can read music and is regularly enrolled in their high school band program. All brass and woodwind players are welcome to join the LVW Hornline.

Membership is open to graduating 8th grade through graduating 12th grade WELS students in any school, public or private.

Experience the power and precision of the Lutheran Vanguard Hornline!

LVW Percussion - Battery and Front Ensemble

The Lutheran Vanguard Battery Percussion section is a high-energy, high-intensity section of rudimental percussionists that are often regarded as the "heartbeat" of the band.

Battery Percussion is great if you love drum set, snare drum, or bass drum—but it is also perfect for musicians of any instrument.

Positions in the Battery Percussion are open to any WELS student percussionist or musician who is regularly enrolled in their high school band program. Placement auditions are performed early in the season to determine the drum that best fits your ability.

Membership is open to graduating 8th grade through 12th grade WELS student in any school, public or private.

The Lutheran Vanguard Front Ensemble is a highly specialized percussion ensemble comprised of mallet instruments (marimba, vibraphone, xylophone, bells, etc.) and other auxiliary percussion instruments.

The Front Ensemble is the perfect opportunity for student piano players to participate in the marching arts activity!

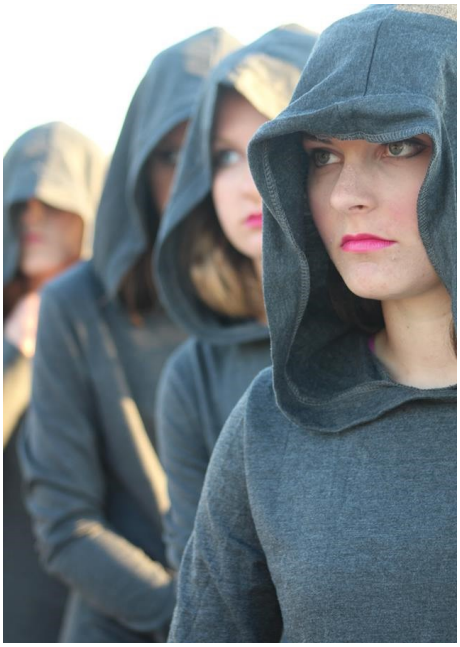
Positions in the Front Ensemble are open to any WELS student percussionist, piano player, or musician who can read music and is regularly enrolled in their high school band program, choir program, or regularly taking lessons.

LVW Color Guard - The best of Music, Theater, Dance!

Color Guard is a "Sport of the Arts". It combines music, dance, and other skills to entertain and compete in a unique atmosphere.

Color Guard members will learn how to use movement, dance, and equipment to enhance the musical performance of the band. Your performance opportunities will include the use of lags, rifles, and other equipment, as well as dance!

Individuals with dance, theater, or other performance experiences would benefit, but no previous experience is necessary! We have trained professionals to help you grow into experienced performers! Students who would like to be in our color guard do not need to be a member of their school's band program. You simply have to belong to a member school or a WELS congregation and in grades 8-12!



What does it cost to participate in LVW?

The per-student cost for the 2018 LVW season is $995. This fee includes:

- All transportation costs (buses, vans, motor coaches, truck), beginning with the LVW Preview in November and extending through the final event in July.
- Approximately ninety (90!) meals! Some exceptions: free time; brown bag rehearsals; occasionally a few meals during "Touristy Free Time".
- All expenses connected with rehearsals, summer camps, and travel.
- All entrance fees (with the exception of a few possible sightseeing opportunities).
- Seasonal T-shirt
- All LVW uniform expenses, such as cleaning and repair of uniforms. This fee does not cover personal items for percussion or wind players such as performance T-shirts, shoes, or gloves; or personal color guard items such as personal tights/ leotards, shoes, or other personal uniform accessories. These items will be purchased for you by LVW and the amount added to your statement.
- All instructional fees.
- All housing costs.

As you can see, this fee covers virtually every cost connected with LVW's summer program except 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.

It is possible to reduce your LVW Fees for 2018. Here's how!

LVW members have the ability to reduce their overall student fee by recruiting new members for 2018. The LVW Board of Directors has established the following incentive scale for recruitment:

- $50 off student fee for recruiting new 8th - 12th grade members from one of our member high schools.
- $100 off student fee for recruiting new WELS members from non-member high schools or for convincing a former LVW member (not a member in 2017) to join again for 2018.

These reductions in student fees will be granted after the new member registers and pays their registration fee ($200) and commits to the 2018 season. **The new member must also designate you on the registration form as being responsible for their registration** into Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin.

PLEASE NOTE: If you register online and pay the $200 registration fee by Friday, December 15, we will reduce your overall 2018 fees by $50! If the registration fee is mailed to FVL, it **MUST** be postmarked no later than December 15.

*The online registration form will include the Emergency Contact/Medical information, as well as the Release from Liability and Indemnification Agreement. Therefore it is **mandatory** that ALL STUDENTS are pre-registered BEFORE attending their first rehearsal.

Registration Procedures and Payment of Fees

Please fill out the online Registration Form **before attending your first rehearsal*** (January or later - the Preview Day does not count as the first rehearsal). **The registration fee of $200 will be made via our PayPal account when you register.** If circumstances prohibit the use of PayPal, you may mail your registration fee to FVL**.**

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You may mail all forms and payments directly to the FVL business office to the attention of "LVW". Payments may also be made using our LVW PayPal account. Payment of the remaining portion of the fee ($795 after the registration fee) should be made according to the following schedule:

January $160 February $160 March $160 April $160 May $155

You will receive billing statements in the mail prior to our first rehearsal in January. You may pay the fee earlier than the above schedule if you prefer.

Remember that the $995 fee may be lower, pending available funds from your schools' music support groups and recruitment incentives. These special payments will be reflected on your statements.

Please make checks payable to**: Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin.**
Send forms and payments to:

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin
5300 North Meade Street
Appleton, WI 54913

PLEASE NOTE: Should you decide to drop from LVW, **the $200 registration fee is non-refundable.**

"When I think of the meaning of being a family in Christ, wherever I am, I always think of Vanguard." Jenna Keller, Fox Valley Lutheran High School

Distribution of Information and 2018 LVW Schedules

"I joined Vanguard to be closer to my family. In the end, Vanguard became my family. God has blessed me with new friendships and with memories. He has given me an experience that will guide me through my future."
Liesl Ragner, Fox Valley Lutheran High School

All LVW information is available on our website. All newsletters and other announcements are posted to the website and occasional email. Please indicate your preferred E-mail address in the space provided on the online registration form. **Note that there is a space for student and parent E-mail**.

Important information is posted to the band's website at www.lutheranvanguard.org. You can check that website at any time. Links to new information will be posted on our Homepage. Look under the "Director's Updates" tab for updates and announcements. The registration, calendar, and parent volunteer opportunities will also available on the website.

LVW is also on Facebook! Search "Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin" for our general page. Members and parents for 2018 can also request to join the group page at "LVW 2018".

2018 Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

The 2018 schedule of parades and shows will be set very soon. Our schedule can be found on the "Schedule" tab of our website when it is available.

The first camp of 2018 will be held on January 6 and 7 at FVL. More information for this camp will be available on our website in December.

Good Financial Standing Requirement

LVW members MUST have all previous years' fees paid in full to be considered for membership. **Fees for the 2018 season must also be paid according to the schedule as outlined on the previous page**. Failure to do so may result in termination of membership. If there are special circumstances that prevent the fee from being paid on time, please contact James Neujahr at jneujahr@fvlhs.org or speak with him directly at 920-739-4441 x5160.

Does LVW do anything else besides practice and perform?

That's a great question! Every summer, LVW members and support staff have fun with any variety of activities. Those free time activities include such things as visiting tourist destinations, amusement parks, shopping, and much more! In fact, it is these other activities that students and adults remember as being the centerpiece of their summer.

LVW members can really relax and make the most of their time together. This is also what brings back many of our members from one year to the next - all those "other things" that our band does to complete their amazing summer.

Our students and adults come from many different schools and many backgrounds. But the LVW experience brings all these people together - students and adults alike - into one big Christian family! LVW members will make friendships that last a lifetime, and memories that will last forever!

"It has not been only repping sets and playing music all day long each week - we played games, went swimming, hiked sand dunes, explored the Cherry Festival, and best of all, we all bonded and made new friends who share a love for God. I learned so much this season from being part of this band, and I could not think of a better way to spend my summer. Mixing in marching band along with an opportunity to grow in my faith ensures that there is no place I would want to be. No matter how crazy the day was, as a band, we would take time to thank and praise our Heavenly Father for all the blessings of the day and week." Angelica Ramsey, Mosinee High School

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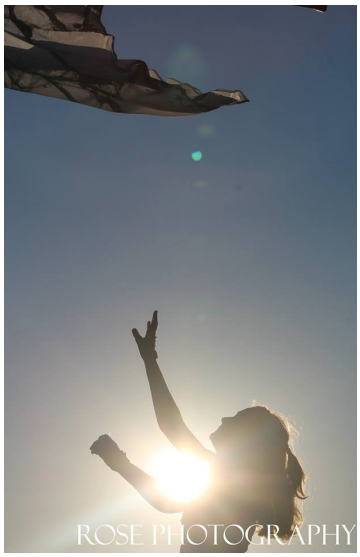


Let Your Light Shine!

Register before December 15 and save $50!

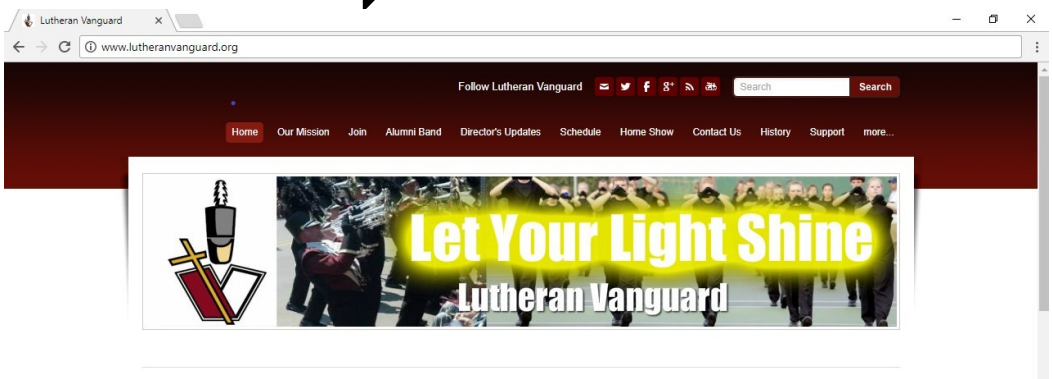
All Communications will be sent via email and posted to the LVW website.

If you do not register, you will not receive information or statements!

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

To register, visit the "Join" tab on our website.

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



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