



NEWS for Lake Country UUs

LCUUC is a Welcoming Congregation, meaning that the congregation believes in being inclusive of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people.



Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church

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Our Mission

LCUUC is a diverse religious community supporting one another in our spiritual search for truth, meaning and compassionate connection. Based on the Unitarian Universalist Principles and the transforming power of love, we strive for positive change in the world.

Our Vision

2020 LCUUC is an inclusive spiritual community that is diverse, growing, vibrant, and economically sustainable. We provide enriching lifespan education and a strong public presence supporting social justice.



NOVEMBER 2017



WORSHIP SERVICES

All services begin at 10am
Touchstone Theme of the Month: FAITH

November 5

Hartland Food Pantry

Sympathy for the Devil —Rev. Amy Shaw

One of the challenges of our UU faith is that we have a hard time talking about evil. What is “evil”? Does it differ from person to person and place to place? Are there any absolutes? Who prays for the Devil? Come and think about it!

November 12

Just As I Am: Why Universalists Don't Do Altar Calls —Misha Sanders

Welcome to stories of Universalism, and an invitation to a saving faith that calls our best selves into being while affirming that we were already whole when we got here.

Note: Misha Sanders is a fourth-and-final-year seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School of Chicago. She sees the Ministerial Fellowship Committee in a few weeks, and hopes to be cleared for preliminary fellowship as a Unitarian Universalist minister. Her home church is in Rockford, Illinois. She lives in Woodstock, Illinois, with her teenager daughter, two fat hamsters, and two cats who run the show.

November 19

Common Ground

All Good Gifts —Rev. Amy Shaw

Generosity is an act of faith. Bring what you can to the Welcome table, and take away what you need. Everyone is welcome to join us for this warm Thanksgiving service. There will be a potluck after the service, and all are invited to stay and enjoy good food and great company!

November 26

Singing Meditation, a service in the Taizé —Led by Nancy Bratt and Lois Remeikis

Song, silence and verse will combine for a quiet service. Singing meditation is an inter-faith spiritual practice, designed to tap that inner wellspring of joy and to deepen our sense of connection to each other.

SABBATICAL SURVIVAL GUIDE

As most of you know, Rev. Amy will be going on sabbatical from January 1, 2018 until May 1, 2018. She will then be on vacation and study leave from May 1, 2018 until July 1, 2018 when she returns to the pulpit.

Here are some **SABBATICAL FAQS**

- **Can I call/write/email Rev. Amy during sabbatical?** No. You can't. In the event of a catastrophic emergency, Board President Karen Haskell may make the decision to call- please see her if you feel your situation rises to this level. Catastrophic emergency would include things like the church building burning, a member or child's death, or other similar circumstances with long term effects and an inability to wait for Amy's return.
- **Who should I call if I need pastoral care during that time?** You have two options. During sabbatical, you may call or email CHRIS PRANGE-MORGAN (a trained chaplain with Froedtert Healthcare) or ERICH MORAINÉ (an ordained Zen priest) for support
- **While Rev. Amy is gone, can we use her office for meetings or storage or Family Promise?** No. Rev. Amy's office will be secured while she is gone.
- **Will Rev. Amy come to church on Sundays during sabbatical?** No.
- **Who will be preaching while she is gone?** Worship Arts has an amazing line-up of guest ministers, including Rev. Drew Kennedy, Rev. Scott Prinster, Rev. Suzelle Lynch, Rev. Tony Larson, Rabbi Brian Comrov, and many more!
- **Who should I see if I have a problem with a church issue while Rev. Amy is gone?**
 - o About Sunday Worship- see Sue Andrews
 - o About Church Policy or Organization- see Leann Rigoli
 - o About Business – see Brittani Collins in the office
 - o About the building/grounds- see Gerry Flakus
 - o About the Capitol Campaign- see Gail Ostler
 - o About the Sangha- see Erich Moraine
 - o About where something might have been stored- see Kirsten Johnston
 - o About anything else- see the Board or a Board member

LCUUC is a well-organized church, and will do fine with this, our first ever sabbatical period. If you have questions or concerns, please see Rev. Amy before January 1st, and she will be glad to speak with you.



Minister's MUUsings

As the shadows deepen and the temperature begins to drop, it is an excellent time to look inward. Unitarian Universalists have no text or creed; it is our own search for truth and meaning which leads us and shapes us, and each of us has a unique perspective on, well, everything.

And yet.

One of the biggest challenges of such a free faith is the risk of believing only in the ability to choose what you believe.

You can sell sizzle all you want, but eventually you have to produce the steak. Believing in choice alone is not enough.

What do you believe to be true, today?

What do you believe is the nature of the ultimate? How do you know right from wrong, how do you know you have lived a good life? How do you personally believe that the ultimate (God? Humanity? Nature?) reveals itself?

Are people inherently good/evil/neutral? Is evil real? Do we need to repent, and if so, how?

Why do you go to church, and is church needed? What is the difference between church and a social club? Between church and a social justice not-for-profit?

What creates and shapes the values that you live in the world? Where did you get them and why do you have them? Are they the values that you want?

Take some time this month and try writing down your answers to these questions. Note when you cannot answer.

Pick answers that feel right, today. Tomorrow they may be different.

You believe something so answer yourself honestly. See if the answers match your perception of yourself and your faith. See if their match the values you would like to live.

Go deeper.

If who you are does not match who you believe you should be, this is the time to redefine either your personal creed or the deeds which you do.

Use the approaching darker half of the year wisely. Allow it to lead you to introspection and exploration. Swim in the water of your mind.

And maybe by spring you can answer, deeply, "What do I believe, today?"

In Faith,
Rev. Amy



LCUUC's 1st ANNUAL LIVE AUCTION! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 6 – 9pm

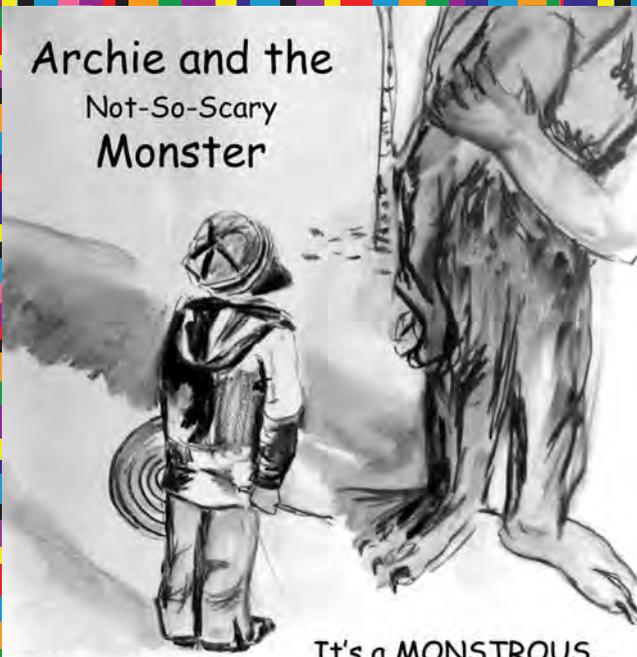
A professional auctioneer, with her quick wit and tongue, will guide us through a night of fun, laughs and bidding! Check out the booklet of donation items and if you can't join us on November 4th, have someone bid for you! Desserts, Coffee & Tea. BYOB

6–7pm Finish Bidding on Silent Auction items, peruse live auction items, music

7–8:30pm (estimate)–Live Auction

8:30–9pm Check-out (pay with credit, check or cash)

Archie and the
Not-So-Scary
Monster



It's a MONSTROUS...

Book Release Party!!!

Sunday November 12th

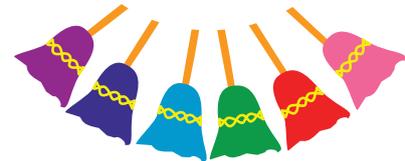
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RDI
Arby Eye Publishing

BOOKS & COMPANY
Your Community Bookstore

1039 Summit Ave
Oconomowoc 53066

Local Teacher/Author Daniel Krill
W/ local artist Abigail Engstrand



CHURCH CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Each LCUUC family unit has been assigned one Sunday to clean up the kitchen after social hour. **If you are unable to clean on your assigned date, arrange to switch with another family.** Clean-up instructions are posted in the kitchen.

November 5 Cicero and Rigoli

November 12 Santo and Rupnow

November 19 Kaz Scherer and Sanden

November 26 Schuette and Remeikis

DID YOU KNOW

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Last month we raised \$143.69 for the Mukwonago Food Pantry.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Last month we raised \$255 for Lake Area Free Clinic.

Will the coming revolution in clean energy and transportation transform our world?



The Green Sanctuary Committee will present a video on “**Clean Disruption of Energy and Transportation**” featuring Stanford University lecturer and serial entrepreneur Tony Seba, followed by discussion and refreshments, at LCUUC on **Sunday November 12 from 7 to 9 pm***

The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones. It ended because superior technology disrupted the old order, and made it obsolete!

We have seen equally profound disruptions over the course of the last couple hundred years (some within our own lifetimes):

- The printing press revolutionized communication and enabled the Reformation and Western Democracy
- The steam engine and water power displaced animal and human power in the early 1800's, and brought about the Industrial Revolution, totally transforming how and where people live and work, and leading to massive destruction of our natural environment.
- The internal combustion engine automobile around 1900 totally transformed transportation and living patterns throughout Western Europe and North America, and spread throughout the world.
- Radio and Television in 1st half of the 20th Century again transformed communication and how information is distributed, and led to enormous changes in peoples' lifestyles.
- Computers in the 2nd half of the 20th Century totally transformed finance and manufacturing to replace humans in many (and ultimately, all) low-skill and manual jobs**.
- The Internet interconnected the entire world and enabled mass dissemination of unfiltered information***.
- The Cell Phone totally transformed how people communicate and is making print media obsolete.
- *And now, Solar Energy (wind and solar electric) and energy storage (batteries, super capacitors, and hydrogen/fuel cells) are about to transform our world of transportation and energy production and utilization!*

Join us on November 12 evening to view Tony Seba's video and discussion afterward. It will be an eye-opener.

NOTES

- * Does not violate the “Green and Golden Rule” to not conflict with a Packer game (the game is at noon that day).
- ** And potentially ALL jobs with the perfection of Artificial Intelligence
- *** Including “alternative facts”

Examining Whiteness: An Anti-Racism Curriculum

Racism affects us all by shaping our identity. This UUA course, prepared by the Rev. Doctor William Gardiner, is for UUs, especially white people who are interested in understanding the complex history of white supremacy in the US and the impact it has on us as individuals and society as a whole.

Providing an anti-racism curriculum for white people allows deeper understanding of issues that are essential to furthering a white anti-racist identity. Topics include the emotional lives of white people, racial identity development and journey, white power and privilege, and developing a positive white identity.

The class will meet Sundays at 11:30am from January 21 to February 25, 2018. Please sign up to participate either by emailing Brittani at admin@lcuuc.org or, starting in November, on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

Crossing the Line

UW Waukesha will host the Wisconsin Historical Society's travelling display "**Crossing the Line: The Milwaukee Fair Housing Marches of 1967–1968**" from October 25 through November 14. A panel discussion about the marches will be held Nov. 4 from 10:30am to 11:30am during the 2017 Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books.

Deck LCUUC with Boughs of Holly!

It is time to decorate LCUUC for the holidays! Join us on Saturday, November 25 from 10am to 1pm, to transform the church. Enjoy holiday treats and music as we deck the halls. Please send an RSVP to Brittani if you can join in the merriment or sign-up in the social hall.



Social Justice

Slots still open for Family Promise week! LCUUC is dedicated to providing shelter for families who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness through our participation on the Family Promise program. Our next Family Promise host week is November 5-12. We still have a number of volunteer shift slots open. Please see the SignUp Genius email sent, or contact Gina Magnus gmarksonmagnus@gmail.com to sign up to help out.



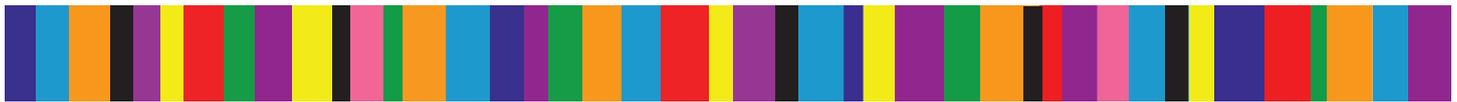
Thanks to all who participated in our “Milwaukee Stands Against Hate” vigil on Sunday, October 15 (see photos). We shall continue to support our beliefs in peace, justice and tolerance for all. Multiple events continue to be happening in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the fair housing marches in Milwaukee (see 200nightsoffreedom.org). We continue to coordinate with **Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs** (like them on Facebook). Another central location to keep up with what’s happening in our area regarding Racial Justice is ridracism-mke.org.

LCUUC will have a table at the Hope Center’s Thanksgiving Auction and Dinner. If you would like to join us, sign up at hopecenterwi.org by November 6!

The Social Justice Committee appreciates all the votes made regarding wording for a banner outside our church. Results will be announced in the next newsletter.

Thanks to all who helped with the Bread of Life meal on 9/28, especially Gerry Flakas who coordinated it.





LCUUC Tree of Life Lightbox Design

The Form & Function committee, deciding to revise the front chancel area of the sanctuary, presented three options to the congregation to choose from. The most popular choice was a backlit stained glass window showing the Tree of Life, an archetypal symbol found in many of the world's mythologies and symbolizing wisdom, regeneration and growth. The Tree's trunk splits into seven main branches, which reflect the Principles that UU's promote and affirm. The branches and roots diverge and rejoin, metaphorically communicating an interconnectedness that we UU's value

In developing the design, it was decided that an element from one of the other original design options—symbols of major world religious traditions that Unitarian Universalists, generally and locally, use as inspiration “in our ethical and spiritual lives”—would visually “complete” the design. The colors from each religious icon reappear in the UU canopy, “blossoming” after being filtered through the Tree's root and branch system.

- **Unitarian Universalism (Red/Peach):** The UUA logo is visually “intertwined” into the design of the tree's branches. Its colors and design have been described as representing a religion that is warm, spiritual, energizing, welcoming, enlightening, determined, and marked by integrity.
- **Christianity/Latin Cross (Brown):** A cross is the central symbol of Christianity—the spiritual foundation of the Unitarian and Universalist faiths that merged in 1961—and is therefore placed at the base of the tree's trunk. Brown represents the wood of the cross and is an earthy color used to signify humility and God's connection with the commonplace.
- **Judaism/Star of David (Blue):** The six-pointed star is a representation of the “Shield of David” that was used to describe the God of the Israelites. The UUA cites our Judeo-Christian heritage as the basis for our ethical practice; the symbol's placement near the Christian cross supports this notion. Blue is the color of divinity and equilibrium, and is commonly found on important Jewish cultural artifacts such as the flag of Israel.
- **Islam/Star & Crescent (Green):** Not originally Muslim, this symbol is more representative of the Ottoman Empire. But it is commonly understood today as indicative of Islam, a religion that shares an Abrahamic and prophetic tradition with Judaism -- and is therefore placed near the Star of David. Green is associated with paradise and was chosen as the dynastic color by the (Shiite) Fatimids.
- **Native American Spirituality/“Medicine Wheel” (Yellow):** While beliefs and practices of Native American peoples vary widely, circle symbols represent the cycle of the seasons; the cycle of life to death to rebirth; and the four elements, cardinal directions, and/or seasons. This symbol signifies many LCUUC congregants' reliance on earth- and nature-based spirituality. Yellow is the color of the sun, heroism and intellect.
- **Humanism/“Happy Human” (Purple):** This is an icon created in response to a British Humanist Association competition in 1965, and has since been adopted as an international symbol of secular humanism. Purple combines the calm stability of blue with the fierce energy of red, and is often associated with creativity, wisdom, dignity, and mystery.
- **Hinduism/Om symbol (Saffron/Orange):** “Om” (“Aum”) is a sacred sound and a visual icon of the Hindu religion. Because Hinduism is one of the world's oldest and influential religions from the East, its symbol was placed on the lower right portion of the design. The golden yellow color, found in fire and the sunset, is the holiest of colors in this faith and symbolizes power and sacrifice.
- **Buddhism/Dharma Wheel (Turquoise):** The spoked wheel symbolizes knowledge and the rapid spiritual change resulting from following the Noble Eightfold Path set out in the teachings of the Buddha. This Buddhist icon is placed on the right side in a field of turquoise—a color reminiscent of sky and water, and representing the limitless possibilities of wisdom and detachment from the material world.
- **Zen/Ensō (White):** Zen, first developed in China, is the Japanese form of a school of Buddhism—thus its placement above the Dharma Wheel. Ensō, strongly associated with Zen Buddhism, is a freely hand-drawn (and often incomplete) circle expressing enlightenment and purity of thought, which the color white also reflects.





Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

Today is a beautiful fall day. Our Religious Education classes are in full-swing and our days in class have been busy! Both our 3rd-5th grade and our Middle school rooms are using new curriculums this fall and all seems to be going smoothly. The curriculums are very interactive with some fun activities, thought provoking discussions, and positive spiritual messages.

Our Spirit Play room continues to focus on some NEW Story baskets based on our Rainbow Promise Lessons. We are using the monthly Touchstone theme for the church to make the story relevant to the theme. Our theme for November is Faith and we will have some sweet stories that focus on this theme.

Our High School room will also consider the theme of Faith this month. The youth are also working on planning an art installation for our LCUUC grounds for Spring of 2018. It is a very exciting project and I'm so happy to see the youth contributing their legacy to our beautiful church.

In November the children/youth have many opportunities to join in some fun activities at LCUUC that are away from the classrooms.

- Our LCUUC high school seniors are in the process of selecting their mentors and we will begin their journey during the coming year with the High School Bridging program.
- Any of the youth that were trained for volunteer opportunities with Family Promise can still sign-up to help out during our FP week of Nov. 5–12th.
- We are hoping to have some kids & youth volunteer to help set-up and/or clean-up during our annual Thanksgiving Meal after service on Nov. 19th.
- Reverend Amy, Nancy Bratt, and myself will begin our Holiday pageant planning this month. Please let me know if your child would like to be part of the pageant this year? We will always ask for volunteers as we are planning, but it is good to know if your child really enjoys theater/acting experiences.

I would like to wish everyone a peaceful Thanksgiving this year. I hope you can come together with loved ones and spend time reflecting on all that you have in your life that brings your joy and gratitude...

In Peace,
Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education



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Grace Notes

“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me.”
–John Newton

Always a busy time in the musical life of LCUUC. October was a time to center on Hospitality and we started on October 1 with the Judy Collins very personal song, "Home Before Dark." On October 14 we heard from voices - and we were excited to hear from a number of "new" voices - on the Open Mic Night. Folks spoke, sang, played, whirled, and delighted friends and neighbors in a number of ways for an evening of fun. On October 15 Gus Santo's sermon expanded on the theme of Amazing Grace and a quartet sang a lovely arrangement. On October 22 the choir expressed the feeling of the month as they sang the anthem, "We Will be a Shelter to Each Other" in the Sunday service. On October 26 we will reach out to our community to offer our musical treats along with our sweet treats as we join in the fun of Trick-or-Treat Hartland. On October 29, packing the month from end to almost-end with music, we will "Welcome the Dark"!

In November as we find ways to explore our faith, watch for the consideration of "Sympathy for the Devil", the celebration of Thanksgiving, and some music to accompany the Live Auction. On November 26 be sure to take part in the all-music Taize service as we enjoy some peace and tranquility before sliding into the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

This is an especially exciting time for our music ministry at LCUUC. We hope we can share that excitement with you.

Harmoniously,
Nancy and Doug

Couples in Recovery

November 5, 2017 from 9 am to 9:55 am

The Couples In Recovery program (CIR) is intended to help the recovering couple bring serenity and peace into their home and relationship. CIR is a 12-step based recovery group for couples who are in a committed relationship. One or both partners in the couple attend individual 12-step recovery groups, and together they desire to strengthen their relationship through recovery. Please join us the 1st Sunday of each month at LCUUC. For more information, call 262-569-1011



Lekooks With Ukles

Join us as we sing and play our ukuleles; anything from "All You Need is Love" to "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah". No experience necessary. Tuesdays, 3pm, Social Hall. Contact: Christina White 414-852-6303



Kintsugi Sangha - Meditation

Kintsugi Sangha is a community ministry of LCUUC under the direction of Rev. Shokan Mui (Erich Moraine), our volunteer community minister. Drop by for a visit to this Zen community which is open and welcoming to all traditions.

The Kintsugi Sangha meets on Thursdays in the sanctuary from 6:30 till 8:15pm for meditation, instruction, and conversation. Newcomers or those wanting additional time are welcome as of 6pm. There is no prerequisite for attendance, everyone is welcome regardless of experience.



LCUUC calendar

Wednesday, November 1

5:30pm Philosophy: Love and Will
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, November 2

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation
7pm NVC Practice Group

Saturday, November 4

6pm Silent/Live Auction

Sunday, November 5

8am Family Promise week begins
9am Sunday morning meditation
9am Couples in Recovery
10am Sunday service

Monday, November 6

Family Promise host week

Tuesday, November 7

Family Promise host week
9am Write Away with Kim Suhr
2pm Staff meeting
3pm Lekooks with Ukes
6:30pm RE committee meeting
7pm SOS meeting
7pm Worship Arts committee meeting

Wednesday, November 8

Family Promise host week
5:30pm Philosophy: Love and Will
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, November 9

Family Promise host week
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Friday, November 10

Family Promise host week

Saturday, November 11

Family Promise host week

Sunday, November 12

until 8am Family Promise host week
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:30am Stewardship committee meeting room #5
7pm Tony Seba "Disruptive Technologies" sponsored by Green Sanctuary Committee

Tuesday, November 14

3pm Lekooks with Ukes
4:30pm Finance meeting
6pm COM
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, November 15

6:30pm Choir practice
8:15pm Music committee meeting

Thursday, November 16

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Sunday, November 19

9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service

Tuesday, November 21

9am Write Away with Kim Suhr
1pm Staff meeting
3pm Lekooks with Ukes
4:30pm Finance meeting
7pm NVC practice group
7pm SOS meeting
7pm Board meeting

Wednesday, November 22

6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, November 23

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Sunday, November 26

9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:30am Stewardship meeting room #5

Tuesday, November 28

3pm Lekooks with Ukes
7pm Social Justice committee meeting
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, November 29

12pm Midweek meditation moment
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, November 30

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation



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