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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.



APRIL 2018

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

April 1 –Easter Sunday

Sussex food pantry

“Resurrection – the Least of the Plausible Possibilities – and Yet!” –The Reverend Andrew C. Kennedy

If we don't really believe in the resurrection of Jesus, then why should we pay any attention to Easter? Good question. Why indeed? We could easily skip this Easter exercise, but it is ripe with rich possibilities. Please join us as we wrestle with Jesus and his resurrection.

The Reverend Drew Kennedy has served in the Unitarian Universalist ministry for more than 40 years. Drew is now retired and serves as the Minister Emeritus downtown at the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee. With degrees in philosophy and ministry, Drew has been honored by the Wisconsin ACLU, the Unitarian Universalist Association, and Meadville Lombard Theological School. He has been interviewed by National Public Radio, Wisconsin Public Radio, and ABC World News Report. Drew has also twice been arrested for civil disobedience, but central to his ministry has always been his Sunday morning “Reflections.” Please join us as we think about the age-old story of Easter.

April 8

How Did He Do It –The Reverend Dr. Tony Larsen

Many Christians think of miracles as supernatural events. Unitarian Universalists tend to be more skeptical than that, emphasizing what Jesus taught rather than what "wonders" he performed. But what if there's another way to see wonders that even UUs can appreciate? Albert Einstein once wrote: *"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is."*

The Reverend Dr. Tony Larsen has served the UU Church in Racine (Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church) for over 42 years and has been especially active in social-justice work. He has also written a book ("Trust Yourself: You Have the Power," Impact Publishing 1979) and contributed chapters to "Everyday Spiritual Practice" and "Salted With Fire" (Skinner House, UU). He sings, plays guitar and piano, and enjoys travel with his husband Craig Matheus.

April 15

Waukesha Co. Community Dental Clinic

Is Death a Dirty Word? –Chris Prange-Morgan, Shannon Finger and Sue Andrews

Chris Prange-Morgan is hospital chaplain and Rev. Shannon Finger is a hospice chaplain. They will bring stories to show that letting death into life can be a blessing to our lives. We will think about how to get more comfortable with death in a society in which death is a dirty word

April 22

Making our Transportation More Equitable –Green Sanctuary Committee and Ashwat (Ash) Narayanan, Transportation Policy Director for 1000 Friends of Wisconsin

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, 27 percent of the U.S.'s greenhouse gas emissions come for transportation, and personal vehicles contribute 83 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector. But the implications of our transportation system go beyond the environment and into the realm of social justice. People need transportation to get to jobs, shopping, health care, and recreation, but people in poorer urban areas, and elderly (the “Silver Tsunami, the fastest-growing population segment in Waukesha County) and disabled people everywhere, often don't have cars or are unable to drive. Our April 22 Earth Day service will focus on transportation as it relates to the environment and social justice, and how we might make our transportation more equitable. Our special guest speaker will be Ashwat (Ash) Narayanan, Transportation Policy Director for 1000 Friends of Wisconsin.

April 29

Delving into Controversy as Resurrection –Denise Cawley (Volunteer Recognition Sunday)

Headlines today and talk from politicians is making subjects that might have never been political charged with politics. Some subjects like gun laws, abortion, access to birth control, sex education, housing or the environment might be topics we feel clear about our views and positions. If we take time to deeply educate ourselves about any controversial topic, we might realize we don't know as much as we think. We might even change our mind or perhaps be able to see far more sides of an issue. It takes humility to look fresh at topics we think we understand. We may have to bury assumptions. With this fresh perspective we can rise again and see the world with greater love.

This past year, Denise Cawley answered a lifelong calling to become a Unitarian Universalist minister and began seminary at Meadville Lombard. As part of her education, Denise volunteers at Planned Parenthood in the procedure and recovery rooms of the Milwaukee abortion clinic, providing spiritual and emotional support to patients. Denise has been a student minister at LCUUC this church year and will be our intern minister beginning July 1, pending Board approval. Denise, her wife Anne and son Aidan have attended First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee for over a decade.



A group of folks from LCUUC supported the students at Arrowhead for the National School Walkout on March 14.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs is sponsoring a showing of the film "The Blood is at the Doorstep," about the killing of Dontre Hamilton by a Milwaukee police officer on April 30, 2014. The film features the impact on his family and how they turned grief into community action for change in policing practices especially in relationship to the mentally ill. The film will be followed by a panel discussion including Nate Hamilton, brother of Dontre. The film won the 2017 Milwaukee Film Festival Allan H. (Bud) and Suzanne L. Selig Audience Awards for feature film. The film is suitable for youth middle school and up. Free and open to the public. Invite family and friends. The film will be shown:

- **Date:** Sat. April 21st
- **Time:** 3- 5:30pm
- **Place:** Invisible Realities Ministries. 5324 W. Center St. in Milwaukee. Invisible Realities Ministries is an African American congregation in Sherman Park that Unitarian Universalist Church West partners with.

HERE is a description of the film. For questions, contact Sara/Bud Hudson sbhudson@hotmail.com or 414-212-8404.

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If you'd like to join a design committee for the door/banner project to be installed this April, contact Phil Smith psmithw318@gmail.com.



ON BOARD

I hope you are enjoying the transition from winter to spring. Although winter is my favorite season, it's always nice to experience the rise in temperatures knowing that warm summer weather is right around the corner. As a member of the Church Board for the past three years, the coming of spring also reminds me about the Board's annual task of finalizing the church budget for the upcoming fiscal year. With help and guidance from the Finance Committee and our Treasurer, Tim Fuller, the Board is in full swing with reviewing the needs of all committees, staff, and church members, while keeping in mind the mission of LCUUC. The Board expects to finalize the budget at the April Board meeting.

Finalizing the budget and looking at the committee needs also reminds me how lucky we are to have wonderful committee heads, along with members, who volunteer to be on a committee. Simply put, LCUUC cannot reach our service and social justice goals, or even function, without our fantastic members who commit and volunteer their time. Thank you to all who continue to volunteer and contribute time and energy for the greater cause of this congregation and our local communities!

I would like to put in a plug for the Marketing and Public Presence Committee. At the March 20th Board meeting, Christy Bowden presented a marketing proposal she and Lois Remeikis put together to help promote and market LCUUC in the coming year. They have lots of great ideas that will provide greater visibility to LCCUC and promote church membership. However, they will need help in the coming year. If you have interest in the Marketing and Public Presence Committee, then I would recommend reaching out to either Christy or Lois with any questions or ideas you might have.

That said, spring also reminds me about our annual "Sharing Our Ministry" campaign. This is the opportunity for members to sign up and participate on a church committee. Please watch for future announcements and keep this in mind if you are not currently on a committee. If you are willing and able, then please consider signing up and participating on a church committee. We have so much incredible talent among our church members, and our church and committees can benefit from your expertise!

I would also like to put in a plug for our Capital Campaign. If you have not already done so, then please consider making a pledge. As a reminder, there is information posted in the Social Hall about the physical things we need to do with the building to keep it going.

As always, a warm invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to sit in on any of our Board meetings.

Enjoy the wonders of spring!

Kevin Seay, LCUUC Board of Trustees

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.

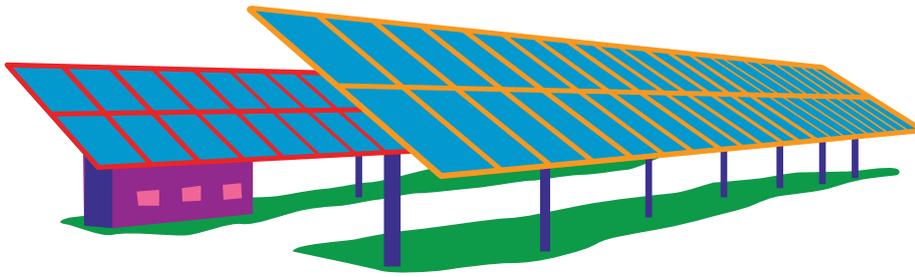


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MINISTRY FOR EARTH

Earth Day Service Sunday April 22

The annual Earth Day Sunday service presented by the Ministry for Earth Committee will be held on April 22. This year our committee's main focus has been on the theme of "transportation equity," in partnership with the Sierra Club, SOPHIA, Common Ground, and other area organizations, to promote public transportation as an alternative to building more highways for more and more cars, with consequent environmental destruction and marginalization of disadvantaged communities. Our April 22 service will be on this theme. Our guest speaker will be Ashwat (Ash) Narayanan, Transportation Policy Director for 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, who will bring us some background and insight on where we are on transportation here in Wisconsin, how we got here, and how we can fix it.

Transportation Equity Forum

LCUUC will be hosting a Transportation Equity Forum on Sunday April 22 from 1 – 2:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This forum will feature be Ashwat (Ash) Narayanan, Transportation Policy Director for 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, who will give a presentation on transportation in Wisconsin, how we got here, and what we can do to improve it. This Forum will be open to the public; there will be no charge, but free-will donations will be gratefully accepted.

Garden for Good

We LCUUCers started the Garden for Good not long after we moved in on our Hartland location. Rob Frost brought his Diesel roto-tiller and tilled up the thick sod, then we built the deer-proof fence "on the cheap" with chicken wire, re-bars, and (mostly) scrap lumber. The garden was very productive with great soil and sun, and we had lots of participation from LCUUC members and from the surrounding community. Veggies were delivered to the Hope Center almost weekly for their outreach meals.

But interest has tailed off, with no activity this past season, so the Garden is in need of a lot of TLC. **Are you interested in bringing the Garden back to life?** There are several options on how to utilize the Garden: produce food for the Hope Center and local food pantries again, open it for individual garden plots, plant it with berry bushes, or ??? Lots of possibilities. Please let Gerry Flakas (gerflak@aol.com), Jim Hansen (gymbeau@netzero.com), or Greg Hillmann (hillmann.greg@gmail.com) know if you are interested in forming a Garden for Good Committee.

Are you interested in environmental, energy conservation, renewable energy, ethical eating, organic food, equitable transportation, or any of many other topics related to our Seventh Principle? If so, please consider joining other LCUUCers with similar goals and interests. Watch for our next Ministry For Earth Committee meeting to learn more about it. We hope you will join us, as there are plenty of opportunities to make good things happen.

Earth Ministry (formerly Green Sanctuary) Committee

LCUUC Board of Directors nominees

The Leadership Development Committee is pleased to announce its nominees to the LCUUC Board of Directors for 2018 (3 year term):

- Catherine Marrari
- David Cicero
- Craig Howard

LCUUC members will vote on these nominees at the annual meeting in June. We appreciate the nominees' willingness to serve.

Passover Seder

Have you ever wondered what the Last Supper Jesus attended was like? It was a Passover Seder. Come join us for a traditional Seder, an ancient celebration of the Jews' escape from slavery in Egypt to

freedom. Seders are great fun for everyone, especially children. There will be wine and grape juice, and gifts for each child.



WHEN: April 7, 2018

Door opens at 3:30pm

Seder Service: This is a service and everyone must be seated by 4 pm

WHERE: LCUUC

WHAT: Traditional Seder including a four course Passover dinner with wine.

COST: PAID RESERVATION ONLY BY APRIL 1. \$12/person. Children six and younger, \$6. Free childcare available. To reserve your space, see online reservation form [HERE](#).

APPETIZER: Gifilte Fish

SOUP: Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls

ENTRE: Jerusalem Roasted Chicken, Herbed Potatoes, Tzimmes (a traditional carrot, yam and dried fruit stew) Green Salad

DESSERT: Macaroons and Honey Cake, Coffee and Tea



Grace Notes

“Who hears music, feels his solitude peopled at once.” –Robert Browning,

“Humility” was the theme for March. The choir sang a special arrangement of a hymn to the tune “O Waly Waly” usually known as “The Water is Wide” or, “Though I May Speak”. The hymn “If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers” was sung as a special tribute to victims of gun violence in Florida and all over the country.

The high schoolers planned and presented their own service featuring lots of special music. Along with the readings and meditation the kids accompanied hymns with violins (Shelby and Bjorn), saxophone (Rhiannon), and trumpet (Zack) and provided a special musical prelude (Rhiannon and friend) and postlude (everyone). What a treat to hear these talented folks.

The choir (shown wearing our new stoles) sang a meditative piece called, “All Lifted Hearts” featuring Bjorn Larson singing a recurring melody and Shelby Suhr playing violin interludes.



Choir will sing a rousing anthem, “Sing a Mighty Song” for the Easter service. Our children will be making Easter bonnets during RE, and we ask all of you to wear your bonnets too! We’ll join in the Easter parade, then end the service with a special rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus on organ and piano.

Later in the month our church youth will provide a musical community outreach by performing solos and ensembles at a local assisted living center. Join us on 4/15 at 2:00pm at Heritage Senior Living Center, 1831 Meadow Lane, Pewaukee (where Robin Reed is staying.)

Harmoniously,
Nancy and Doug

LCUUC Capital Campaign Status

The Capital Campaign now has over \$360,00 in pledges. The Working Group has been working hard with MSI, our design build contractor, to refine Priority 1 which includes the heating plant and the exterior of the building. Initial estimates have come down considerably. However, to make just Priority 1 a reality, we will need approximately another \$100,000 in pledges and contributions.

We would like the support of all our members. While we asked our members to consider a pledge to the Capital Campaign of 3 times their annual pledge, no pledge for the Capital Campaign is too big or too small. If you haven’t yet pledged please consider doing so.

Some questions have arisen about the Capital Campaign which are addressed below. If you have additional questions which you would like answered before you commit, please contact one of the Working Group members: Gail Ostler, John Kuhn, Erich Moraine, Mike Jury, Craig Howard and Gerry Flakas. Each one of us would be happy to address any questions and concerns. Or you can visit the LCUUC website at: LCUUC.org.

How Was the Vision Prepared?

Almost a year ago, a group of about 20 members and staff, representing the Board, worship, music, RE, facilities and form and function, were invited to a meeting to brainstorm needs and desires for our church home.

Are Green Options Being Considered?

There are several green options under consideration. To name a few: insulation around the building, front door airlock, windows with a higher insulation value, shingles which are recycled and recyclable, and an efficient heating / air conditioning system requiring as little natural gas as possible. Which options will be selected depends on available funding.



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

Our common theme this month at LCUUC is Transformation. I would like to acknowledge the amazing service that the High School youth and teachers shared

with us on March 11th. You can find a link on our LCUUC website if you would like to listen to the service or view the testimonial video they shared during service that day. Many of us have watched these young people grow up in front of our eyes and along the way they have transformed themselves into citizens of the world. The messages they shared that morning gives me hope that our future will be exceptional based on the destiny of these young people. I am a believer that as parents our communication with our children is so important. The cosmic ideas of tomorrow are being formed in the young minds today...and this is our duty:

Listen earnestly to anything your children want to tell you, no matter what. If you don't listen eagerly to the little stuff when they are little, they won't tell you the big stuff when they are big, because to them all of it has always been big stuff.

During the month of April, our Spirit Play room will be sharing the story basket "My First Passover Seder" on April 8th. The day before, April 7th, there will be a family friendly event here at LCUUC. Please check the LCUUC calendar on our website if you would like to find more details about the Seder event on April 7th.

Our 3rd-5th grade room will continue exploring the NEW Toolbox of Faith curriculum including focus on the tools of a flashlight, gloves, and sandpaper. Their toolbox is filling up each week and they continue to look at how various "tools" can reflect their own Unitarian Universalist faith journey. This curriculum also includes many fun hands-on activities each week.

The Middle School room has been questioning various topics with the Riddle & Mystery curriculum. April classes will continue with the underlying theme of Social Justice Topics and hopefully encourage our youth to feel empowered to transform those around them based on the knowledge they are coming into during their exploration of their own faith beliefs.

The High School youth will be embracing our theme of transformation by volunteering their time to impact our community with a possible Earth day clean-up outing. Our High School seniors and their mentors are working together in the UUA Bridging program and will be meeting this month to discuss their faith and how to craft their own faith statements for the May 20th service when they will participate in the Bridging ceremony as seniors leaving our Religious Education program.

On April 1st we will be having our annual Easter bonnet parade at the end of service. We invite everyone to wear their most festive spring attire (including hats) and to join in the parade that day! All kids/youth that are 8th grade and younger will be creating the bonnets during our Holiday RE session that day. Supplies are provided so just bring your family to church that morning. At 11:30am we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the lawns of LCUUC (if weather is bad we will have it in classroom 4). We are also asking everyone to bring a treat to share during social hour that morning. Please bring your cameras as this will be a very lovely day of renewal and celebration of our earth's transformation into spring!

In Peace
Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education



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.

- April 1** Eric Larson & Sue Lewis
- April 8** Adams and Fackler/Hoel
- April 15** Alvarado and Fedders/MacKay
- April 22** Nieves and Fitzpatrick/Meyer
- April 29** Begale and Flakas



LCUUC calendar

Sunday, April 1

9am Couples in Recovery
9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, April 3

2pm Staff meeting
7pm SOS meeting
7pm Worship arts committee meeting

Wednesday, April 4

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, April 5

5pm NA (closed meeting)
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation
7pm NVC practice group

Saturday, April 7

1pm Passover - Seder

Sunday, April 8

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
12pm Environmental issues of our time
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, April 10

6:30pm RE committee meeting
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, April 11

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, April 12

5pm NA (closed meeting)
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Friday, April 13

7pm TED talks @ Milw St Traders

Saturday, April 14

9:30am Sr bridging: round table mtg

Sunday, April 15

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:45am Youth Showcase rehearsal
12pm UU Orientation
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, April 17

2pm Staff meeting
4:30pm Finance meeting
7pm SOS meeting
7pm Board meeting

Wednesday, April 18

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice
8:15pm Music committee

Thursday, April 19

3pm NVC Practice group
5pm NA (closed meeting)
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Sunday, April 22

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, April 24

7pm Social justice meeting
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, April 25

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, April 26

5pm NA (closed meeting)
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Sunday, April 29

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
6pm NA (closed meeting)



Kintsugi Sangha - Meditation

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.

Couples in Recovery

The Couples In Recovery program (CIR) is intended to help the recovering couple bring serenity and peace into their home and relationship. Please join us the 1st Sunday of each month at LCUUC. For more information, call 262-569-1011



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