



# 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.*



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Lake Country  
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## OCTOBER 2017



### WORSHIP SERVICES

All services begin at 10am

#### October 1

Kettle Moraine food pantry

**I'm Sorry - Can I Come Home? —Rev. Amy Shaw**

What happens once you've said you are sorry? Can things ever return to the way they were? This Yom Kippur service is about finding your way back into welcome.

#### October 8

**Making a Home —Rev. Amy Shaw**

Home is where your heart is; it's a place that waits for you to discover it. Come and be welcome, and let's talk together about the homes we make for ourselves and others as we journey through life. This service is based on the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, or the Feast of Tabernacles.

#### October 15

Hope Center

**Morality and Anarchy —Gus Santo**

If being a good "moral" person means following the rules laid down by an anonymous "them," does that mean that if I think for myself that makes me an anarchist? Are other people just one of "them" and therefore anonymous? Can the other person also be an anarchist?

#### October 22

**All Saints and All Sinners —Rev. Amy Shaw**

Come, come, whoever you are- all saints and all sinners and everything in between are welcome at LCUUC. But are all beliefs equally welcome? This service will explore the boundaries of UU hospitality and belief.

#### October 29

**Welcoming the Dark: The Feast of Samhain —Rev. Amy Shaw**

Samhain is a Celtic fire festival, designed to welcome the "dark half" of the year. This pagan service will feature multiple stations and activities to usher in the winter months!



## Minister's MUUsings

In St. Louis, another police officer has been found not guilty of killing another black man. Neo-Nazi protestors surrounded a church in Virginia, armed with torches. And yet, despite all of the pain and trouble in the world...

Hatred hasn't won.  
Evil hasn't triumphed.

The Nazis with guns were met by clergy, speaking prayers. The not-guilty verdict will be challenged by protestors unwilling to accept distortion of their justice system.

Good is still there.

Not somewhere far away, but here, right here, in the hearts and hands of human beings. Over and over again people are working not only to bend the arc of the universe towards justice, but, if necessary, to pummel, twist, and drag it towards justice.

Over and over again, allies are refusing to go away or to back down or shut up or to run. Allies for peace and justice are holding onto love and concern for their fellow human beings and their world.

Allies are speaking out, in big ways and in small.

What will you say, when you are asked where you stand or sit? When you are asked what you will rise up for and speak out about?

I was thinking about this column when I wrote a piece which has now gone viral online, and I'd like to share it here. The metaphor is the same whether you recognize and exterior God or a higher Spirit of Humanity, or the goodness in Nature, or anything else. Love for our species, and its very existence, calls us forward. Love calls us on to find a way to live together in peace. Love is the word we have been given to speak to one another.

How will you love one another this year?

## GOD GAVE ME A WORD

I was talking with God the other day,  
'cause we're cool like that.  
And God said "Hey, I want you to tell  
people something."  
And I was kinda busy, so I pretended  
like I didn't hear.

And God poked me and said, "I ain't  
kidding. Pay attention,"  
('cause while we're cool, we ain't that  
cool  
And I know when I have pushed it way  
too far.)

So I put down my coffee cup and I  
turned around.

And God said, "Let me hang a Word  
around your neck, so that Everyone can  
see it. And you better speak it when  
you're out, 'cause I'll know if you don't.  
And it will be heavy,  
So heavy,  
On your soul."

And a Word was hung around my neck  
to take out to the people standing in the  
streets.

A Word was preached into my ear and  
laid into my mouth and burned into my  
Heart until all I could see was the shape  
of the Word and the Word was all.

And the Word was Love.

And God said "Now get out because  
You ain't got all day, and that Word is  
gonna get heavier.  
And you got some walking yet to do.

So I'm taking my Word out into the  
world.

Love came down on this green earth.  
Love came down and turned over the  
tables and set the world on its end  
Love made it clear that it was the Word  
for the poor and the broken hearted. For  
the queer boi and the angry girl.

Love was the Word for late night  
hookers and the long haul truckers,  
for the heroin junkie and the runaway  
cutters.

Love was the Word for all of the f\*#%ed  
up and pushed over and too tired and I  
can't take no more.

Love was the Word for the HIV patient  
and the man with no papers.  
Love was the Word for me and for you,  
for the saints and the sinners and the  
scramblers in between.

Love came down and made a way  
for there to be a way  
and then  
Love said "We are never going back."

(he who has ears let him hear)

Love said we are all a part of something  
bigger and if you cannot rise with us, if you  
cannot Love with us  
then you should get the Hell out of the way  
because  
We ain't going anywhere and you  
are in the path.

(he who has ears let him hear)

Love came down for the World to know and  
I'm holding out this Word so  
even when you and God are just like that  
you can't pretend you didn't know.

I cannot put it down.

Not for a politician spewing hatred.  
Not for a minister vomiting out bile in the  
costume of a saint.  
Not for money or for country or for kin.

I'm holding my Word in my mouth  
'Cause the next time I see God I wanna  
be able to say "You gave me a Word and I  
carried it just the way you asked."

You gave it to me and I took it.  
I showed it to everyone I met.  
You gave it to me and I showed it to her  
and gher and ze and him.  
I showed it to them and they and those over  
there.

I never put it down.

(I can never put it down).

I was talking with God the other day, 'cause  
we're cool like that.  
And God said "Hey, I want you to tell  
people something."  
And I was still kinda busy, so I pretended  
like I didn't hear.  
And God said, "I ain't kidding. Pay  
attention,"  
('cause while we're cool, we ain't that cool  
And I know when I have pushed it way too  
far.)

So I put down my coffee cup and I turned  
around.

And then God gave me a Word.  
And now I've given it to you.  
Start moving.

-Rev. Amy



# SAVE the DATE! LIVE AUCTION!

## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 2017**

Our beloved annual auction is adding a new dimension! You will not want to miss this!

The Silent Auction will be held October 22<sup>nd</sup>—November 4<sup>th</sup> (ending the night of the Live Auction)

The Live Auction will be held Saturday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup>

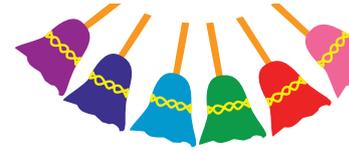
A professional auctioneer will lead the bidding on 50+ items, (which will not be available in the silent auction)

By October 8<sup>th</sup>—Your Auction Offerings will need to be submitted

October 15<sup>th</sup>—list of Auction Items (live and silent) will be published

### TIME TO PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!

What will you donate this year? A dinner in your home? A game night? An instructional workshop? Your time? A treasure? The possibilities are endless!



## 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.

**October 1** Sue Andrews & Linda Campbell

**October 8** Seay & Kohl/Nourse

**October 15** Knox & Krill

**October 22** Staudt & Kuhn

**October 29** Sternkopf & Kunert

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

### Waukesha County Transportation Coalition receives Sierra Club award (LCUUC Green Sanctuary Committee is a coalition member)

The Waukesha County Transportation Coalition has been selected to receive the Sierra Club's 2017 Special Achievement Award, which "honors Sierra Club members for a single act of particular importance dedicated to the Club". This award was presented in Washington D.C. on September 15.

The Coalition was formed in early 2016 in response to a Sierra Club state-wide "equitable transportation" initiative to encourage public transportation as an alternative to road-building, to better serve people who are unable to drive, and to reduce the pressure on our environment from super highways and suburban sprawl. It consists of members of the Sierra Club John Muir Chapter, Lake Country Unitarian Church (Hartland) Green Sanctuary group, SOPHIA (affiliated with WISDOM) Transit Task Force, Lake Country Cares Cab, Common Ground, Green Muslims, Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities, Unitarian Universalist Church West (Brookfield), WISPRG, 1000 Friends, and other faith-based and environmental organizations from southeast Wisconsin. It has been meeting monthly and is working diligently to reach out to users and supporters of public and subsidized transportation to encourage our state elected representatives to commit more resources to public transportation rather than highway building.

The Coalition organized two transportation "town halls" in the City of Waukesha, which were attended by public officials, public transportation riders and providers, and businesses benefiting from public transportation, to learn about the needs and capabilities for public transportation in our county. These events also provided an opportunity for networking across diverse populations who share a concern for transit issues.

We participated in the Sierra Club and other organizations' "Arrive Together" transportation summit in Milwaukee in December 2016, where we received the Sierra Club's "2016 New Activist Award", and participated in WISDOM's Madison Action Day in March, 2017, where we met with state legislators to appeal for more support for public transportation. We continue to press for action from local as well as state officials to support the transportation needs of an aging population, and protect our environment from the harm from more roads and pollution.



## Social Justice

**Family Promise:** Our next host week with Family Promise starts on November 5th. This program is changing lives for families in Waukesha County. Phil Smith has signed on to join Gina Magnus and Bill Lizdas as Volunteer Coordinator. The opportunity to sign up for a shift to help during our 11/5–11/12 week will be via “Sign-Up Genius” emailed out from Gina around October 5. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, clean up, meal prep, time with our guests, and overnights. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Magnus at [gmarksonmagnus@gmail.com](mailto:gmarksonmagnus@gmail.com) or [psmithw318@gmail.com](mailto:psmithw318@gmail.com).

**Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs:** (BLM2WIUUs) is meeting with partner organizations in the Milwaukee area to coordinate ways to stand up against hate and racism. Keep up with what’s happening at [facebook.com/BLM2WUU/](https://facebook.com/BLM2WUU/)

- We are in the middle of the 50th anniversary of the 200 nights of walking in Milwaukee for the establishment of fair housing—started on Aug. 28, 2017 and continuing for 200 days with numerous events – see [200nightsoffreedom.org](https://200nightsoffreedom.org) and/or [ridracism-mke.org](https://ridracism-mke.org)
- There is talk of a “Weekend Against Hate” the weekend of Oct. 13–15. A group of organizations meeting together, including BLM2WUU had this to say: *“On Oct. 14–15, we envision the launch of **Milwaukee Stands Against Hate**, two days devoted to taking a strong stand against hate and building authentic relationships wherein mutual respect abounds. On those two days, Milwaukeeans of all races, religions, ethnicities, genders, and creeds will declare that there is no room for hate in our city. We will reject racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, homophobia, and fear of “the other.” We will commit ourselves to building a strong community together, and create a call for moral leadership in our city and our nation. All of us can agree that recent events in our nation are unacceptable. Martin Luther King gave us many words of wisdom, few more times and worthy of remembrance, however, than, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” and “In the end, we will remember not the worst of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” Let us not be silent.”*
- BLM2WUU is a co-sponsor of the film “Black Lens Shorts: Family Matters,” playing two times at the Milwaukee Film Festival – on 10/3 at the Avalon Theater at 9:30pm, and at the Oriental Theater on 10/12 at 4:30pm.

**Social Justice Book Discussion:** Last year, we showed the film “Milwaukee 53206” which chronicled the lives of those affected by incarceration in America’s most incarcerated Zip Code. This fall, the Social Justice Committee will be leading a discussion on the book *“Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption”* on **Sunday, October 29**. We hope you will read the book and join us for a discussion. Here’s a description: “In this moving book, author Bryan Stevenson writes about his personal experiences representing poor people, people of color, women, and children incarcerated on death row or sentenced to die in prison. He makes a powerful case that the opposite of poverty is not wealth, but justice. In line with his grandmother’s advice that you have to get close to understand, he reveals truths about the U.S. criminal justice system by sharing individual stories, taking the reader up close to see the results of unjust, life and soul-destroying policies and practices.”

**TED Talks:** TED Talks are back! Keep an eye out for emails from Phil Smith announcing the first Ted Talk and Discussion. They will be at The Milwaukee Street Traders in Delafield on Friday evenings.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Greg Sanden is a member of the Habitat for Humanity Waukesha group, and has agreed to let us know about volunteer opportunities. He encourages anyone interested to also sign up to volunteer. The opportunities are listed here: [habitatwaukesha.org/73/Volunteer-Opportunities](https://habitatwaukesha.org/73/Volunteer-Opportunities). You can be in the Restore, help with some deconstruction (which then feeds the Restore) or new home build outs. Right now, coming up in early October on Tuesdays and Thursdays, they have both deconstructions and build up opportunities. Greg will let us know about Saturday events as they come up. Please contact Greg Sanden [ggsanden@gmail.com](mailto:ggsanden@gmail.com) if you have interest

**Hope Center:** The Hope Center’s programs focus on prevention of homelessness. Help support them by participating in some of their upcoming events:

- **Fun Run/Walk on Wed, October 25** – bring your child in costume! One mile fun run/walk. Starts at 5pm, over at 6pm. Prizes for best costume – just a 1-hour commitment to raise money for a valuable organization. \$10 for kids/\$20 for adults. A much more meaningful way to celebrate Halloween – for a very good cause! Sign up at [hopecenterwi.org](https://hopecenterwi.org).
- Attend their biggest fundraiser of the year—their **Hope Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction** on Thursday, November 16. We’d like to get at least one table of people from LCUUC. Contact Kerry Duma [kerryduma@gmail.com](mailto:kerryduma@gmail.com) if you can attend. Register here: [hopecenterwi.org](https://hopecenterwi.org)

If attending a dinner isn’t your thing, and you’d like to support them, they need new, high quality donations valued at \$50 or more for the auction. Baskets of wine/spirits sell well; theme baskets, like barbecue stuff with a smokey joe; or kid themes with games or movies are other ideas. There are some more ideas on the website.

**Meeting Date Change:** The Social Justice Committee meetings have changed from Mondays to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm starting 9/26. Join us!



## Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

We had a very exciting first day of RE classes on Sunday 9/17! All the classroom teachers and kids/youth got to know each other and created their classroom covenants for the coming RE year.

The covenant is an important part of the group's room dynamic- as it is made by the youth and is used for them to share and uphold as a group through out the year. It is a checkpoint for their behavior and expectations which helps them develop a sense of responsibility. Yesterday I returned from an OWL (Our Whole Lives) facilitator training this week held in Rockford, IL. On the first day of our meeting- we too made a covenant for the training seminar. I found myself looking towards the covenant many times throughout the 3 days and found the words we created together to be beneficial even as an adult in guiding my experience during the classes.

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

- On Saturday Oct. 7 we will be having a bonfire and Sukkot Building evening at sunset around our LCUUC fire pit area (the next morning our kids will be gathering for their first Living Our Principles joint RE class of the year and making decorations to hang in & on the Sukkot as they learn about this Jewish Faith tradition). Please have them dress accordingly as we will be going outside the morning of Sunday Oct. 8th.
- On Sunday Oct. 1st the HS class will be doing the annual fall clean-up of our Adopt-A- Highway as part of their service project curriculum. Please make sure your youth is dressed accordingly.
- On Thursday Oct. 26 from 6pm-8pm please have your child stop by our LCUUC table during the annual Hartland Business Trick or Treat and say hello! Our table is located in front of Klink's Carpets in downtown Hartland.
- On Sunday Oct. 29 children are invited to stay in service (no RE classes will be held) and encouraged to wear a costume to church that day! The kids will be able to Trick or Treat for UNICEF during social hour, as well as participate in LCUUC's Trunk or Treat during social hour. Any adult who wishes to park on the circular driveway that morning will be asked to have some candy to hand out to the kids as you open your trunk and the kids Trick or Treat from car to car. This event will be supervised and will be restricted to the circular drive cars only. Details will be announced in October.
- On Saturday night Oct. 14 there will be an Open MIC night beginning at 6:30pm. Please ask your child/youth to bring their enthusiasm to share that evening. Our youth are overflowing with talent and it should be a fun evening of fellowship and food!



This is going to be an exciting month both in our classrooms and within our hearts!!

In Peace- Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education

## Couples in Recovery

September 3, 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 UkEs

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

**NOTE:** The article *LCUUC Youth impact Washington DC* in the September 2017 LCUUC Newsletter was written by Klaudia Rixmann



## ON BOARD

Cowabunga to you all as we roll through the end of Summer and into the Fall. Surf's up at the board! As usual, the board met at the nearest thing to a beach that Hartland has to offer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at LCUUC. We welcome anyone who wants to see the board in action to pop on by. Were there waves, you ask? There are always waves and it is our job to surf them. In the league of awesome this month is the new web site! Wow! The site totally shreds. Way to hang ten Leanne Rigoli (for all the work on setting up the site) and to Ethan Suhr for the video! You can dive into the new site yourself--add committee information and activities, get events on the calendar, listen to a service, find out what is happening. And have you looked at the front of the Sanctuary lately? Things are happening. Just as the ocean never ceases to move, we, at LCUUC continue to build and change. Whether you are active in social justice, in fund raising, in choir, in RE, Kintsugi Sangha, philosophy, cutting grass, making coffee, or building a giant squid sculpture for the roof of our building--we appreciate all that you do. Let us, your board, know what are the things that matter to you, that make this a vibrant community. Let's pick some waves that are really worth surfing and, as they say in Hawaii, **KŪKULUKUMUHANA** (KUU-kuu-luu-KUU-muu-HAH-nah) – pool our strengths for the things that really matter. The surf is up. Everyone, prepare to be boarded. :) – swimmingly with you, paul fackler, duly elected president of vice and chief suggestor of building a giant squid sculpture (or possibly other cephalopod--consider also the lowly cuttlefish) for the roof of our building.

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## Before church meditation

Hi Friends,

We are forming a meditation group that will be meeting before the service from 9 to 9:30am in classroom 3.

The format will be a ring gong, a reading, silent meditation for 25 minutes, then probably a closing similar to the opening.

If you want to join us and would like some training in meditation, Erich Moraines' Sangha offers instruction on meditation the 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm, preceding the Sangha which begins at 6:30. I highly recommend the Sangha experience.

Since our time is limited on Sundays please arrive a few minutes before 9 so that you are seated and ready by 9. If you do arrive late be very quiet as you enter the space and take your seat.

Looking forward to powerful, quiet energy while meditating with you all.

*Karen Haskell*



## Circle Dinners!

Circle Dinners are returning in November. Watch for an email in the next few weeks to sign up and join the fun!!

## Garden for Good

We LCUUCers started the Garden for Good 10 years ago. I remember Rob Frost bringing his Diesel roto-tiller and tilling 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 folks 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](mailto:gerflak@aol.com)), Jim Hansen ([gymbeau@netzero.com](mailto:gymbeau@netzero.com)), or Greg Hillmann ([hillmann.greg@gmail.com](mailto:hillmann.greg@gmail.com)) know if you are interested in forming a Garden for Good Committee. Ideally, the weeds should be pulled and burned this fall, but next spring will be fine to get started, too.

*Gerry Flakas, Facilities Co-chair*

## Youth Washington DC Trip

*In August, our youth visited Washington DC to learn about poverty and homeless, to help those in need and lobby our elected leaders to work for change. Our sincere thanks to the entire LCUUC community for supporting efforts! Read on to learn what your contribution did...*

### **Beth (chaperone):**

I came back so energized from this trip! I was impressed with everyone's flexibility and commitment to working together through tasks as mundane as feeding the group and cleaning up afterwards to jumping into service activities and projects to help others in need. Even with our well-developed schedule we had opportunities to tour the nation's capital and its sights, as well as time to just relax and hang out and enjoy each other's company. A highlight for me was watching the evolution of the group through the process of learning and serving to deciding what they wanted to advocate for with their representatives to directing the conversation while at the Capitol. I am very grateful that I was able to take part in this trip, and even more thankful that I was able to see the group grow in their understanding of social justice and the complexities of our current political/social economy.

### **Bjorn:**

When you hear D.C. talked about in the news, it is almost always described as a city where nothing gets done. This is not the D.C. that I saw on the trip. I came back from the experience more acutely aware of the issues people face, yes, but also aware that there are already millions of people working to solve them. Millions of people that are fighting a battle to combat the issues of race and poverty, and people that really can make a difference. I came back from the experience



with renewed hope in our government. The talks we had with Ron Johnson's and Paul Ryan's aides showed me that productive and meaningful conversations can and do happen in Washington even when you aren't talking to the officials you may have voted for. I want to thank you for allowing me to see not only what is broken in our society, but help me see the people fixing it, and see how I can get involved in making a difference and creating change in our community.

### **Cole:**

This was a great trip that allowed me to see the problems not only in D.C. but to be more vigilant in my own community for these problems. Our group was able to help out in ways we at first didn't see as possible and were able to do so much to help in so little time. I am so grateful to all those who made this trip possible and for those who fundraised and helped bring down the costs of this trip so that we could do such amazing things for the people of D.C.

### **Ethan:**

Our trip to D.C. helped revive my optimism in these trying times. Even though we were on the doorstep of the federal government, I found a renewed faith in the power of a local community to rise up and combat the problems it faces. The organizations we volunteered with did just this—providing food, furniture, clothing, healthcare, and professional training to the people in their community who need it most. I was blown away by their efficiency, and it was clear that we were making a difference even in the time we were there. I hope to find a similar place in Milwaukee where I may continue this sort of work and advocacy in college. My sincerest thanks for your generosity and support.

### **Evan:**

This trip was such a great experience, and it seemed to allow all of us to gain insight on issues that we may not have been as familiar with before. Throughout the week, I noticed that the group was communicating really well together, and it seemed that everybody was able to express their thoughts and opinions openly. The opportunities to help out at places like A Wider Circle and S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), and to immediately see the work we were doing benefit someone else greatly, were quite powerful. I really appreciate having the opportunity to do all of this with some wonderful people. Thanks to the planning/ coordinating of both the chaperones and those at the Steinbruck Center, there was the right balance of sightseeing, service work, and rest. I never felt rushed to go to the next activity, but I always felt that what we were doing was meaningful and was actually helping those in need. Thank you all so much for helping us make this incredible trip a reality!

### **Kim (chaperone):**

I really appreciate the opportunity to help others who weren't born with the same advantages I've had and to watch our youth embrace these problems and tasks with a can-do attitude. No matter the task, they immediately divvied up jobs and got to work—helping at our host's annual fiesta, sorting furniture and home goods, serving breakfast to the hungry, etc. When it came time to lobby about issues on the hill, our youth did so with poise and courage. I can tell this is going to be a meaningful year with our youth group as we apply what we learned in our local community. Thank you so much for supporting this trip!

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## LCUUC Finance Committee News

The Board approved the 2017–18 budget, as announced at the annual congregational meeting on 06/04/17.

For more information on the budget, income and/or expenditures contact Paula Hillmann, Finance Committee Chair. Our Fiscal Year runs July 1 – June 30. Claudette Hamm (LCUUC Treasurer) and Brittani Collins (Office Administrator) can also help answer your questions about church finances.

We finished our 2016–17 fiscal year in the “black.” In other words, income exceeded expenses by a slight margin. LCUUC opened a savings account, keeping a minimum amount in our checking account. Our office administrator and our Treasurer monitor these accounts. We also maintain four Certificates of Deposit that renew at different times.

2017–18 Finance Committee Members are: Mike Bera, Tim Fuller, Claudette Hamm (Treasurer), Paula Hillmann (Chair), Craig Howard, and Gail Ostler. Paul Fackler, Board VP oversees the Finance Council.

Treasurer’s Report to the Board at their September 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting included the following:

Checking: \$2,792.26  
Savings: \$51,129.59  
Certificates of Deposit: \$13,276.13

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Month Difference	Year Actual	Year Budget	Year Difference	%
<b>Income</b>	18,443.82	22,677.50	4,233.68	36,316.35	272,130	235,813.65	13.3
<b>Expense</b>	19,159.65	22,614.86	3,455.21	41,675.07	271,378	229,702.93	15.3

**\*Year through July is 16.6% of budget year**

As per the above table, our income and expenses are slightly below our budget. However, this is likely due to a drop in revenues during the summer months.

### ABOUT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE....

The Finance Committee is a branch of the LCUUC Finance Council. Other branches are the Stewardship and Fund Raising Committees. The Finance Committee oversees the monies, funds, assets, and investments of the church, and advises the Board. The Board makes all decisions related to church finances.

The Finance Committee meets 4:30–6:00 pm the 3rd Tuesday of the month (see Church calendar for specific dates) to review income and balance statements/receipts from the previous month; to review current and best practices for finance in accordance with the UUA.org, to evaluate the annual budget, and to discuss and futurize the fiduciary stability of the church. These are open meetings.

We continue to work on plans for the creation of an Endowment Fund to help ensure LCUUC’s future. If you are interested in finding out more about how you might plan a legacy gift, special contribution or other planned giving, please contact us.

If you would like to join the Finance Committee, please let us know! The only restriction for this committee is that individuals must be LCUUC members.

## TED Talks are Back!

We will be re-starting our TED Talk discussions every 2nd Friday of the month, the first one will be on Friday October 13 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Milwaukee Street Traders in Delafield (same location as in the past). Arrive early and you can catch some dinner and have a cup of coffee or glass of wine/beer.

We show a 20 minute TED Talk and follow with a discussion of the subject. This month the general area is Solutions to Reducing Poverty. Idea’s for next month’s topic will be discussed Friday night with the lead idea being Improving Communication in a Time of Polarization. As always send me ([psmithw318@gmail.com](mailto:psmithw318@gmail.com)) any thoughts on cool TED Talks and come join us for a lively and fun discussion! Here’s a link to TED Talks: [ted.com/talks](http://ted.com/talks)

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### Phil (chaperone):

This trip was such an amazing opportunity for the youth- thank you so much for helping to make it happen. While you will hear from others on the details on all the activities we undertook, for me the most important are the times in between when we could sit back and reflect as a group or in one to one conversations with the youth. Those times are truly priceless and become the fuel to keep the passion burning as they head on to pursue their education and future work building community. Trips like this really do make a huge difference- thank you so much!

### Rob (chaperone):

Wow! What a trip! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to learn and take action on the issue of poverty. It has opened my eyes to the problem and leaves me wanting to do more in my community. At the Steinbruck Center, we discussed the “narrative” of poverty and learned about the five “realities” of poverty in our nation: 1. Lack of affordable housing; 2. Lack of living wages; 3. Domestic abuse; 4. Under and unemployment; 5. Lack of affordable healthcare. Our nation needs to focus on the realities to solve the problem of poverty and homelessness. What made this trip truly spectacular were the youth. Their energy, enthusiasm, and compassion for the issue gives us hope that a better life for all people is in our future. Thanks again for your generous support!

### Shelby:

I thought this trip was such an amazing experience for learning, acting, and collaborating with others. I really enjoyed the workshops we were apart of, especially the one on poverty. It really made me think about the people that are living all over the country that do not have adequate houses or access to resources. This workshop also helped myself and the other youth talk to our representatives when we went to lobby about issues we were passionate about and hoped to sway their ways of looking at those issues. I also really enjoyed working at A Wider Circle because so many items were donated every minute and so many items were also going to help families every minute. I really felt like I made a difference for people living in poverty and was able to make their life easier. Overall, this trip was so beneficial and fun for everyone that went, and it wouldn’t have been able to happen without your support. Thank you so much for helping this trip be so successful!

# CONNECTIONS COUNCIL Membership

The membership committee is working a canoe/kayak/potluck gathering for newer members who enjoy such, emails & details will be shared soon. We invite you to join the fun.

Our community is growing and vibrant and for that we are grateful. This year our congregation looks forward to welcoming more new members to LCUUC.

The membership committee meets 4-6 times throughout the year. We help introduce searcher to this caring and welcoming congregation of adults and kids. Along with you, make the effort and enjoy helping our church visitors find connection and to enjoying all that they bring to our shared path. We invite you to join our group. Interested, please ask any of us on membership — Erich Moraine, Mike Goral, Al Haskell and Carol Gau.

**LCUUC Orientations** — This is your informational discussion to learn details about; LCUUC history, our Religious Education programs, numerous volunteer and social action opportunities, the Path to Membership and upcoming social “goings on.”

We look forward to meeting with those wanting to learn more about LCUUC and where they might best connect. If you are interested in attending and to exploring your path; there is information in the church lobby and reach out to membership or Brittani in the church office for more information.

Upcoming: LCUUC Orientations & New Member celebrations

LCUUC Orientation Class	New Member Welcome Service
Sunday October 1st	Sunday October 22nd
Sunday December 1st	Sunday December 17th
Tbd – February	Tbd – February
Tbd – April	Tbd – April



## Grace Notes

“Love is friendship set to music.”  
—Jackson Pollock

September’s theme for services has been “beauty” and we see music as means to building a beautiful community. We started out our church year with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual music party/campfire. While the campfire was washed out our spirits were not dampened and we enjoyed a marvelous pot-luck supper followed by powerful singing in the social hall. For our ingathering “Water Communion” service, the choir was joined by a rousing band to present “Break Down These Walls”. We’ll wrap up September with a rendering of Lady Gaga’s “Born This Way”.

### Upcoming Events

October looks to be a busy musical month of building also. On Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> we will join those building a Sukkah and share a meal and singing. Those who wish to can stay overnight, camped out under our Sukkah or in tents. The next day, Choir will sing about how we can be a shelter for each other. The night of October 14<sup>th</sup> we’ll hold an Open Mic Night and encourage everyone who has a song to sing, poem or prose to read, a band or other group to feature – please sign up in the social hall for this fun time. Activities start at 6:30pm. Thursday October 26 is Trick or Treat in Hartland (early evening). Please come join us to sing Pumpkin Carols as we hand out candy and literature in downtown Hartland. On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> we’ll have a big, bright noisy celebration as we Welcome the Dark. We hope you’ll join us in building beautiful community in music.

*Harmoniously,* Nancy and Doug



## 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.



## FRUIT & NUT SALE

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CNVC Certified Trainer  
Author of "The Blame-Free State"**

**OCTOBER 27-28TH, 2017**

**Lake Country Unitarian  
Universalist Church (LCUUC)  
W299N5595 Grace Drive  
Hartland, WI 53029  
262-369-1703**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27  
6-9PM  
Introduction to NVC**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28,  
9:30AM TO 5PM  
How to Find Joy by Dissolving  
Blame and Resentment**

If Registered by Friday,  
September 22:  
\$100 for both days  
\$30 for Friday only  
\$85 for Saturday only

*Francois Beausoleil, CNVC Certified Trainer and author of "The Blame Free State" will be offering a 1.5 day "Freedom of the Heart" intensive training in Hartland, Wisconsin on Friday and Saturday, October 27th and 28th. You are invited to come and explore Nonviolent Communication and learn how you can personally reduce the presence of blame in your life.*

*Nonviolent Communication (NVC) is a communication process developed by Marshall Rosenberg. It focuses on three aspects of communication: self-empathy (defined as a deep and compassionate awareness of one's own inner experience), empathy, (defined as an understanding of the heart in which we see the beauty in the other person), and honest self-expression (defined as expressing oneself authentically in a way that is likely to inspire compassion in others).*

**»Wherever you are on your life-path, this course can gift you with new tools for keeping your heart open and free of blame.«**

**Feel free to contact Kerry Duma at [kerryduma@gmail.com](mailto:kerryduma@gmail.com) with any questions**

**For more information and registration options please go to:**

**<http://empathiccoachingrevolution.com/the-blame-free-state-program/hartland>**



# LCUUC calendar

## Sunday, October 1

9am Sunday morning meditation  
9am Couples in Recovery  
10am Sunday service  
12pm UU Orientation

## Tuesday, October 3

9am Write Away with Kim Suhr  
3pm Lekooks with Ukes  
6:30pm RE committee meeting  
7pm SOS meeting  
7pm Worship Arts meeting

## Wednesday, October 4

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

## Thursday, October 5

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

## Saturday, October 7

5pm SUKKOT celebration

## Sunday, October 8

9am Sunday morning meditation  
10am Sunday service

## Tuesday, October 10

3pm Lekooks with Ukes  
6pm COM  
7pm SOS meeting

## Wednesday, October 11

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

## Thursday, October 12

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

## Friday, October 13

7pm TED Talks

## Saturday, October 14

6:30pm Open mic night

## Sunday, October 15

9am Sunday morning meditation  
10am Sunday service

## Tuesday, October 17

9am Write Away with Kim Suhr  
2pm Staff meeting  
3pm Lekooks with Ukes  
4:30pm Finance meeting  
7pm SOS meeting  
7pm Board meeting

## Wednesday, October 18

5:30pm Philosophy: Love and Will  
6:30pm Choir practice  
8:15pm Music committee meeting

## Thursday, October 19

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

## Sunday, October 22

9am Sunday morning meditation  
10am Sunday service  
11:45am Stewardship meeting  
12pm Silent auction

## Tuesday, October 24

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

## Wednesday, October 25

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

## Thursday, October 26

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

## Friday, October 27

7pm Non-violent communication NVC workshop

## Saturday, October 28

9am NVC workshop

## Sunday, October 29

9am Sunday morning meditation  
10am Sunday service  
11:45am Book discussion  
12pm Silent Auction

## Tuesday, October 31

9am Write Away with Kim Suhr  
2pm Staff meeting  
3pm Lekooks with Ukes  
7pm SOS meeting



## LCUUC Staff & Hours

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*choir@lcuuc.org*  
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**Cleaning:** Jiana Greene

\* All staff have mailboxes in church office