



# LCUUC NEWSLETTER

# April 2024

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church

Hartland, Wisconsin

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us in the Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church sanctuary for in-person worship. For an order of service, go to [OOS](#). You can watch the service online here: [LIVE STREAM](#). Sunday services are at 10am. Email joys and sorrows that you want shared aloud during worship to [candles@lcuuc.org](mailto:candles@lcuuc.org) by 4pm on Fridays. Masks are welcome but not required. Contributions in the Sunday basket collections will be used to support LCUUC except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month contributions which go to the designated charity/social justice program.

### Sunday, May 5

#### “Interdependence,” with Rev. Matt Aspin, LCUUC Minister

The proposed update to the Unitarian Universalist Bylaws notes that UU’s not only value the concept of Interdependence, but also covenant to live our lives in accordance with that reality. Join us to reflect upon how a view of ultimate connection impacts every aspect of our lives.

### Sunday, May 12

#### “E Pluribus Unum,” with Rev. Matt Aspin, LCUUC Minister

Our county’s motto used to be “Out of many, one.” Do we still believe this is possible?

### Sunday, May 19 “We’re All Connected,” with Rev. Matt Aspin, LCUUC Minister

Earth Day invites us to remember that all life on this fragile planet is interdependent, and that each of our individual and collective actions impact the entire system. **Invite a friend to this service** to amplify the effect of this shared experience whose impact will in some ways ripple out to the whole of creation.

### Sunday, May 25 “Religion and Politics,” with Rev. Mark Richards of WUUSAN

Rev. Mark Richards is the President of the Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist State Action Network. He serves as a chaplain with Unity Hospice in Door and Kewaunee Counties.



*Please mark your calendars!*

### Sunday, June 9: ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The date for the Annual Meeting has been set for June 9, 2024, at 11:30am - right after the Sunday service. Watch for future details about committee annual reports, the agenda, nursery care, and more.

## REVEREND MATT'S MUSINGS

Ah, Wisconsin in spring. "The daffodils are blooming!" quickly followed by, "Good thing it hasn't snowed much this year...I've got enough salt left to handle this unexpected blizzard!"



I've only been here for a few years now, but I feel like I'm fully acclimated to the weather. Having grown up in New England, it's not all that unfamiliar, even though the past 20 years were spent in the two-season Pacific Northwest (endless summer, followed by endless drizzle). What I've really come to notice is that the weather of a place does a lot to set the pace of life for people that live there. I like the climate here, and I really like the people I've been meeting. Balanced, rugged, complex, and vibrant. I am finding myself settling into the glorious symphony of life that only a place with 4 distinct seasons can create. Despite the many ways we have become disconnected from mother nature, her hands nonetheless continue to shape our clay in both subtle and distinctive ways. We are inextricably connected to it all.

Beyond the weather, an event is happening this month that has the potential to significantly reset our understanding of our place in the interdependent web. Viewing a total solar eclipse is said to be nothing short of a religious experience. I missed the last one that came through about 250 miles south of me in 2017. After hearing the tales of friends that made the trek, I swore I would not miss the next one. Well, this is my chance, and I'm planning to join many of you along with the millions of our other fellow travelers that are predicted to make the pilgrimage. It feels like a privilege to have the means to make this journey, and for that alone I am truly grateful. I hope that this WILL be a religious experience, profound enough to fan the embers of inspiration I rely upon to both inspire and hold the concerns of this community week after week.

If only the Midwest weather decides to cooperate....

### MEETING WITH THE MINISTER

Want to meet with Rev. Matt? He would surely love to meet with you. Find a time that will work for you both by emailing him at [minister@lcuuc.org](mailto:minister@lcuuc.org). Rev. Matt's schedule includes a Sabbath on Fridays. Please check the Master Calendar at <https://lcuuc.weebly.com/calendar.html> for his upcoming availability. If you need to reach Rev. Matt with a pastoral care emergency while he is away, please contact the coordinator of the Caring Circle, Paula Hillmann at [paula.hillmann@gmail.com](mailto:paula.hillmann@gmail.com). Paula will get in touch with Rev. Matt if needed.

*So great to see all the kids on Sunday mornings! Rev. Matt always has a fun and often interactive message that is interesting for all ages. Even the adults!*



# On Board

The 2024-25 budget is in its final stages. While the congregation voted at the previous annual meeting to run with a deficit budget, it is obviously preferable to not to have one. The board is rolling out an initiative to eliminate it over the upcoming years.

**Strategic Goal**

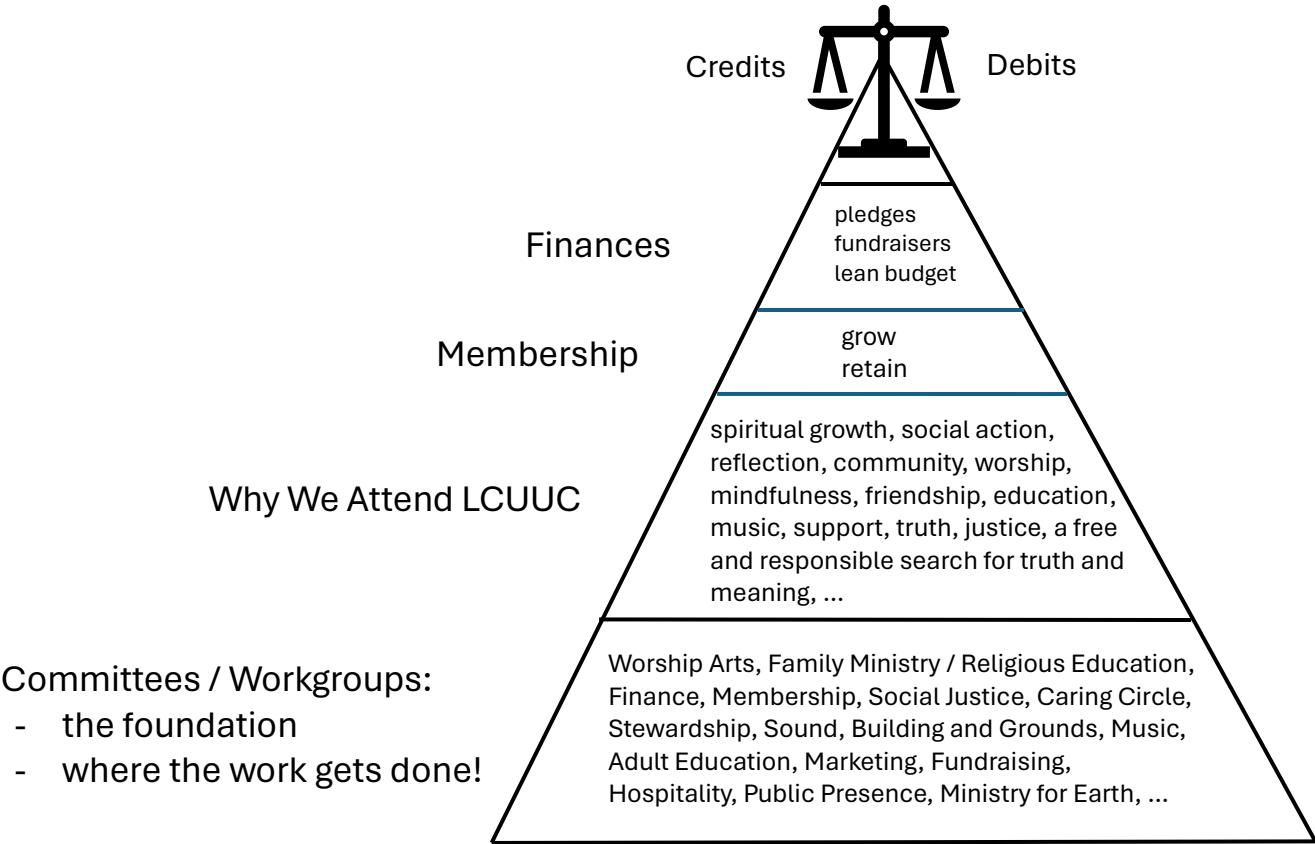
Eliminate the budget deficit.

**How?**

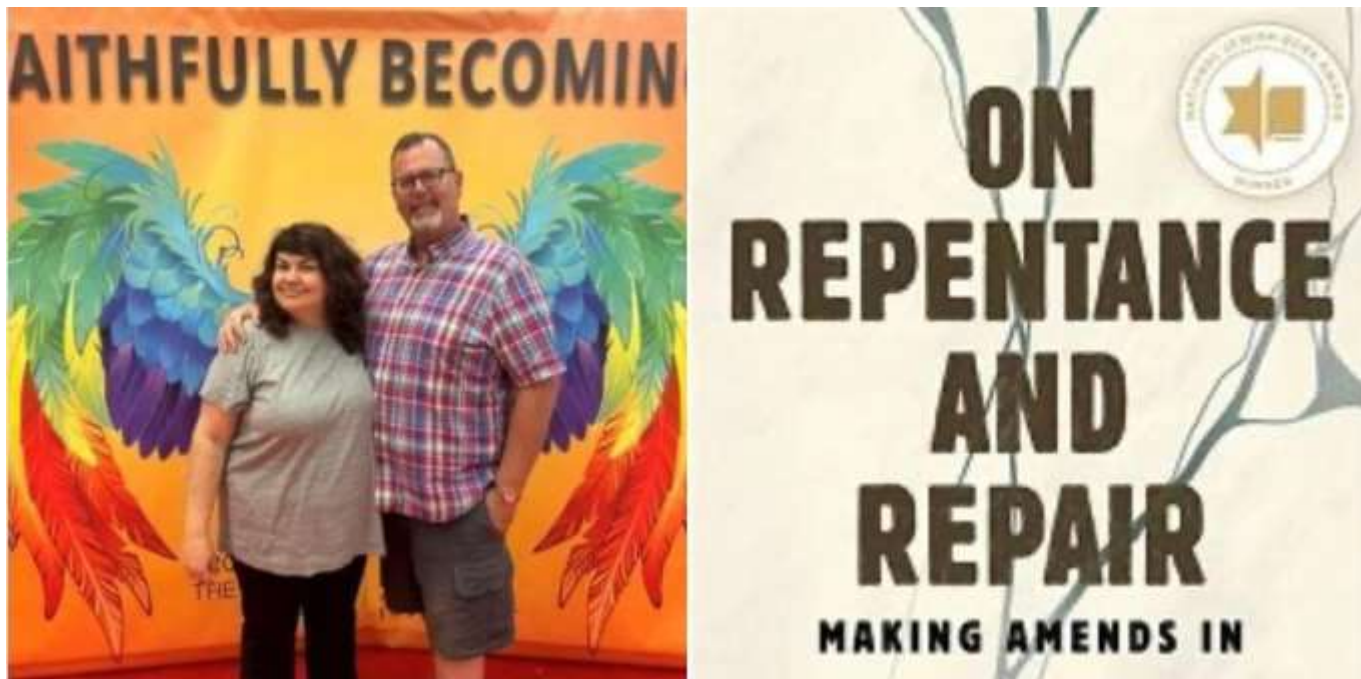
Committee by committee.

Not everyone or every committee is able to directly reduce the budget monetarily but, we all can work to build a compelling and engaging church that becomes a thriving organization. The pyramid below shows how the committees are the foundation of the church.

In the next few weeks, the board liaisons will be working with their committees to better understand how committee work can help reduce the budget deficit. The BOT is also working through tracking progress in reducing the deficit and monitoring progress through a monthly scoreboard. If you are not a member of a committee, please consider becoming a member. For active committee members, please see your BOT liaison on how your committee goals can influence this work.



## ZOOM WORKSHOP WITH REV. DENISE CAWLEY & REV. MATT ASPIN



*Join us for a Special Multi-Congregation Workshop that Could Change Your Life!*

**WEDNESDAYS, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22 from 7-9pm on Zoom**

Rev. Denise Cawley of Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist in Palatine, IL and Rev. Matt Aspin of Lake Country Unitarian Universalist in Hartland, WI will lead a discussion of this year's UU Common Read, "On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World" by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg.

This common read offers a glimpse into Judaism, one of our faith's foundational sources. Readers explore the call to accountability in our personal and public lives as we follow Rabbi Ruttenberg into a framework for making amends offered by the 12<sup>th</sup> century Jewish physician and scholar, Maimonides.

Registration: <https://ccuu.breezechms.com/form/UUCommonRead2024>

Once you register, you will receive a calendar invitation that includes the Zoom link.

These four special classes will guide participants through a deeper reflection on ways of examining hurt, harm, apologies, repentance, repair and then looking at that from the personal, the community and the larger national issues they impact. Each week, we will supply resources to prepare you for the next class.

### **MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- The book: "On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World" by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, c2022, published by Beacon Press
- Notebook
- Chalice to light at home
- Art or doodling supplies
- Water and snacks
- Computer & Internet for Zoom workshop





## LCUUC BOARD MEMBERS

Harry Nichols & Brynn Vukelich, Co-Presidents  
Jon Hubbard, Vice President  
Stephanie Tisoris, Secretary  
Tim Fuller, Treasurer (ex-officio)  
Rev. Matt Aspin (ex-officio)  
Mike Campbell, Member  
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Kristin Sanden, Member  
Karl Timm, Member

## We are a Welcoming Community

For more than twenty years, the Welcoming Congregation Program sponsored by the UUA has helped Unitarian Universalist congregations to become more welcoming and inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The spiritual practice of welcome is a very important one to the LCUUC faith community, and the continuing commitment to bringing attention to and taking action in regards to social justice issues is our work.



## SUNDAY APRIL 21

Earth Day invites us to remember that all life on this fragile planet is interdependent, and that each of our individual and collective actions impact the entire system. **Invite a friend to this service** to amplify the effect of this shared experience whose impact will in some ways ripple out to the whole of creation.



## SCRIP PROGRAM

You can make a contribution to LCUUC without spending a penny? It's called the **Scrip Program**. Scrip cards are pre-paid cards for individual retailers. You pay full price and receive the full face-value of the card. LCUUC then receives a percentage of the card value. There are hundreds of local and national retailers. Contact Tim Fuller at [conmoto@wi.rr.com](mailto:conmoto@wi.rr.com) or catch Tim after the service to find out more.

Even small contributions help.

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## THE BASKET

Did you know that Sunday basket collections designated for LCUUC total about \$5,000 each year? If each person attending Sunday services increases their Sunday Basket donation by a mere \$2, we could earn an additional \$4,000 per year! To make payments, go online to [Donate/Pay](#). Feel free to make multiple donations throughout the month. Or mail your check to LCUUC with a designation in the memo line.

In February 2024, we raised **\$871 for BLM2WUU Reparations** and **\$536 for LCUUC's Sunday Basket**. Thank you for your continued support!

Basket contributions on the *third* Sunday of April, 4/21, will go to the **Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth**.

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## UU PRINCIPLES



## FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Ministry hosted a 2<sup>nd</sup> hour on March 3<sup>rd</sup> complete with a delicious chili luncheon! Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this important event! So many people came together to cook, clean, and contemplate our children's programming. This "Feast & Fathom" resulted in a cornucopia of ideas, wisdom, and insight towards our future Religious Exploration - you read that right... from now on RE is RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION!

Speaking of exploring, did you see our little adventurers hunting eggs on Easter? Our annual community egg hunt is a treat for everyone, and a great way to bring friends to LCUUC! As we seek to bring more children to our church, please remember to sign up to volunteer teach! We need you! Contact Juliet at [cfm@lcuuc.org](mailto:cfm@lcuuc.org)

Juliet Rogers, Coordinator of Family Ministry  
(she/her) Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church  
[cfm@lcuuc.org](mailto:cfm@lcuuc.org)

Are you ready to become a volunteer? [CLICK HERE](#) to read and sign our volunteer documents and return to [cfm@lcuuc.org](mailto:cfm@lcuuc.org)

Already a volunteer? Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to be available for nursery & Spirit Play, or to be a standby - we really need you!

Once you have your teaching date, check out some of these great lesson resources for our kids: ([soulmatterssharingcircle.com](http://soulmatterssharingcircle.com))



Juliet Rogers, Coordinator



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## SUNDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION SECOND HOUR

You are cordially invited to attend our next session on April 7th. The topic will be **curriculum building** facilitated by Christy Pedriana. Childcare will be provided.

**PLEASE JOIN US!** *Help us grow our Family Ministry Programs*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dear Beloved Community:

The Social Justice Committee invites you to **Celebrate 20 years of SOPHIA's tremendous Social Justice Work with your fellow Waukesha Faith Communities & Community Leaders while enjoying a delicious Breakfast! Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 9-11:30am** at La Casa Esperanza 410 Arcadian Avenue in Waukesha. SOPHIA will be honoring all its member congregations for this special event. **Help LCUUC fill a table and support SOPHIA's continued Social Justice work in Waukesha County.** You can purchase tickets directly from SOPHIA's website or FACEBOOK page. When you do, please let Kerry Duma or John Prestby know so we can reserve a seat for you at the LCUUC Table! [www.sophiawaukesha.org](http://www.sophiawaukesha.org)



**SOPHIA**

### An Evening with Noted Theologian, Author and Social Activist Jim Wallis “Christian Nationalism: the False White Gospel”

**Friday, April 5, 2024 at 6pm**

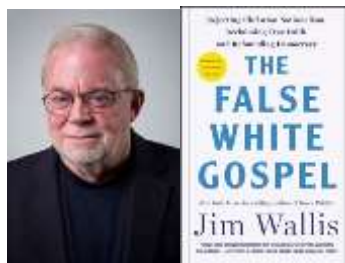
United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay 819 E. Silver Spring Drive

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Jim Wallis argues that it's time to call out genuine faith – specifically the “Christian” in White Christian Nationalism – and invite all who can be persuaded to reject and help dismantle a false gospel that propagates white supremacy and autocracy. Wallis hopes, with his new book, to raise up the faith of everyone and help those who are oblivious, stuck, and captive to the dangerous ideology and idolatry of White Christian Nationalism. Wallis turns his attention to six iconic texts at the heart of what genuine Biblical faith means and what Jesus, in his gospels, has called upon his followers to do. Wallis asks anew: do the faithful believe the teachings or not? People of faith will benefit from this opportunity to gain theological clarity and insight in a time when the Gospel of Jesus is being perverted for the sake of raw political power.

**REJECT WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: JOIN US!**



This event will be live-streamed on the church's website: [umcwfb.org](http://umcwfb.org)



## HAPPY EARTH DAY ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

This month, our Designated Collection will fall on the *third* Sunday, 4/21, and will go to the *Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth*. UUMFE strives to be a wellspring of spiritual and educational grounding and practical support for bold, accountable action for environmental justice, climate justice, and the flourishing of all life.



Respect Life Restore Earth Renew Spirit

Lots of information and resources are available at Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth <https://www.uumfe.org>

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## SPRING WORK DAY SATURDAY MAY 4 9am to Noon

The 2024 Spring Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. (The rain date is Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.) This time will be used to clean up and beautify our church grounds. Contact Amy Seay with questions at 262-237-4427 or [2plankers@prodigy.net](mailto:2plankers@prodigy.net).

- Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary. Come for part or all of the 3 hours.
- If you have any or all of the following tools, please bring them along:
  - Rakes, Wheelbarrows, Buckets, Trowels, Weeders
- Don't forget your garden gloves and a water bottle!



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR TREE PRUNERS

Do you ...

- Enjoy pruning trees?
- Own tools for pruning trees?
- Value the safety of yourself and others while pruning trees?



If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, especially the last one, please let me know who you are. The Grounds Committee is looking to take care of some dead branches on the Honey Locust trees by the music stage on the church property. With the right people and the right tools, we believe we can tackle this as a team & keep that space as safe as we can from falling branches. **We don't want anyone doing this by him/herself & we don't want anyone climbing a ladder to reach a branch, etc.** As the need arises and the budget allows, professionals will be called in to tackle the branches out of our reach.

**Note: This activity will be separate from the Spring Work Day scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact Amy Seay with questions at 262-237-4427 or [2plankers@prodigy.net](mailto:2plankers@prodigy.net).

## PETER MAYER PERFORMING IN GERMANTOWN

### SATURDAY APRIL 13 at 6:30pm

#### Lutheran Church of the Living Christ at W156 N10660 Pilgrim Road

Pete is a wonderful UU performer and is currently touring in the area. You might be familiar with one of his songs in the "Singing the Journey" hymnal – "Blue Boat Home." Pete will be performing at the Lutheran Church of the Living Christ in Germantown on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.



Minnesota's Peter Mayer has been singing and songwriting full-time for over 20 years, performing in venues across the United States and beyond. He writes songs for a small planet--songs about interconnectedness and the human journey--songs about life on earth and the mysterious and wondrous fact of our existence. His work has been included in song books, church hymnals, and folk radio playlists across the country. He is the recipient of fellowships from both the McKnight and the Bush foundations. Peter has eleven albums to his credit, and has sold over 100,000 of them. He lives in Stillwater, Minnesota with his wife and two daughters.

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## CRAFT & CHAT Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

Chris Rollins is hosting CRAFT & CHAT at LCUUC from 6-8pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. Bring your craft projects to work on, bring some topics to chat about, and bring yourself to CRAFT & CHAT! If you want to come to enjoy the space/time but don't have your own projects, there will be adult coloring books provided for anyone to use. There will also be some delicious tea provided. If you have questions, please contact Chris Rollins at [crollinscareer@gmail.com](mailto:crollinscareer@gmail.com)



The Caring Circle supports church members who are experiencing personal difficulties.

If you find yourself in need of a helping hand, please contact Paula Hillmann at: [paulahillmann@gmail.com](mailto:paulahillmann@gmail.com) or 262-366-5991 (cell)

## KINTSUGI SANGHA

We meet every week to meditate together and share our interest in the philosophy of Zen as a way of life. While different from UU in some ways, Zen is very similar in other ways. These two traditions make great roommates. Drop in and visit sometime. Mondays from 6:30pm sharp to 8:30pm.



Please check the [sangha page](#) on the LCUUC website for current information. It is located under the Community drop down tab on the homepage. You can also use the link: <https://lcuuc.weebly.com/kintsugi-sangha.html> to get to it directly.

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## MONTHLY NATURE MEDITATION

*You are invited! No meditation experience needed.*

**When:** Saturday, April 20 – 9am **Where:** Dicken Park/Lois Nature Preserve

We will meet at the Dickten Park parking lot at N43W32785 Rasmus Rd, Nashotah, WI 53058.

*Come enjoy some quiet time at one of our local parks sponsored by the Kintsugi Sangha.*



Link to a map of the location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/egWqQuZJYEuzq9F16>

**What to expect:** The meditation will happen rain or shine, so dress for the weather. We will start with a short reading, then spend about twenty minutes quietly experiencing the environment by walking or finding a space to sit and observe the sounds, smells, sights and feel of the space. We'll gather again to share the experience and another short reading before returning to our individual routines. (No prior meditation experience is required.)

Since this is a meditative experience, we ask that you do not bring things that may be distracting to yourself or others (e.g. pets) and that you silence communication devices before the meditation starts.

Questions, or for **more information** contact me at [tracywren@yahoo.com](mailto:tracywren@yahoo.com)

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## Sangha Midweek Meditation Moment on Wednesdays in Sanctuary

We'll sit together on Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 1pm in the LCUUC sanctuary. This is a time to settle, collect your thoughts, and re-establish a sense of calm from everyday stresses and busyness. It is different from the Monday night sangha meetings in that this is no talking, all silent: two seated meditation periods and one walking period. No prior experience is necessary. Drop in a few minutes early to have time to take off your coat and shoes in the entryway. Please maintain silence as you enter the sanctuary and find a place to sit either on a cushion or in the front row of pews. The meditation bell will ring promptly at noon. When we are finished at 1pm, please maintain silence as you exit the sanctuary. For any questions, please contact Erich Moraine at 414-418-4727 or [emoraine108@gmail.com](mailto:emoraine108@gmail.com).



LCUUC has joined up with **Soul Matters** - a network of Unitarian Universalist congregations who follow the same monthly themes. These themes will be woven through all aspects of LCUUC life, from weekly services & religious education, to small groups & individual learning opportunities. Explore what may be a good fit for you - organic growth into sharing and discussion is welcome and encouraged! Please visit the LCUUC website for individual opportunities revolving around this month's theme. These include podcasts, movies, articles, books and weekly exercises to promote more in-depth thought and conversation with family and friends.

## APRIL 2024 - Welcome to the Gift of Interdependence

Talk of interdependence immediately calls up the work of saving the planet, rightly so. But what if the first step toward saving the planet is learning to speak to it? And hear it? Could our collective failure to confront the climate crisis be rooted in our lost ability to listen? What if the quickly-going-extinct creatures don't want our sympathy, but our ear? What if the fraying of the web isn't just about us failing to act, but also us having forgotten who we are. And what if nature itself is the only one who can help us remember? It's a month of tricky questions, friends. As we begin, may these words by Rev. Kaaren Anderson send us on our way.

Perhaps if I could pull my senses back  
to the scraping squeak of the window opening  
that welcomes in the pasture's chorus of peepers,  
whose resonate tones glide over my bed sheet and mental haze,  
I'd be able to hear my amphibian friends' primordial call:

**We are one, we are one, we are one**

Perhaps if I could recall the rapid thrum of the nine hummingbirds beating wings,  
whipping in and out around the feeder, with a thrummmm, thrummmm, thrummmm  
on that cold Montana morning in May,  
I'd remember that my heart beat synched with metronomic ease  
to their tiny thrumming selves and rhythmic reminder:

**We are one, we are one, we are one**

Perhaps if I could be real still and lay my body on the syrupy mud  
along the creek behind the wood  
and hear the ferns unfurling in unison and the roots of the poplar stretching toward the spring,  
I'd remember that the universe sings a song to us, each minute, of every hour, of every day, of every year:

**We are one, we are one, we are one**

Perhaps if I made it a priority to listen to that siren song,  
I'd ask the right questions, and make the right statements;  
and return to the communion of creatures of which I am a part.  
The truth is we make this planet about us, and only us  
and when we do, the earth calls our separate selves back, singing:

"Ask yourself, you beautiful, thoughtful, gorgeous species,  
How much of the planet are you really entitled to?  
How much of the planet are you really entitled to?"

And with the peepers, and the hummingbirds and the ferns and the roots,  
I would respond:

**We are one, we are one, we are one.**



## Our Mission

LCUUC is a diverse religious community supporting one another in our spiritual searches 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.

The online LCUUC Church Calendar can be found [HERE](#)

**LCUUC Staff:** All staff have mailboxes in the church office

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Accompanists: Tracy Moraine and Ellen Burgermeister

Coordinator of Family Ministry: Juliet Rogers [cfm@lcuuc.org](mailto:cfm@lcuuc.org)

Congregational Administrator: Leann Rigoli [admin@lcuuc.org](mailto:admin@lcuuc.org)

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## Newsletter Editor:

Cathy Wendorf Peterson [newsletter@lcuuc.org](mailto:newsletter@lcuuc.org)

Please submit articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Constructive criticism and suggestions welcome

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## CHICKEN IN MUSHROOM WINE SAUCE

Gina Magnus adapted this month's circle dinner recipe from Natasha's Kitchen Cookbook published in 2023. Natasha Kravchuk was born in Ukraine. In 1989, at four years old, she immigrated to the United States with her family. She and her husband have been sharing recipes at [www.natashaskitchen.com](http://www.natashaskitchen.com) since 2009.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1-1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt, divided
- ¾ teaspoon finely ground black pepper, divided
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 2 tablespoons extra light olive oil, divided – plus more as needed
- 8 ounces cremini and/or button mushrooms, thickly sliced
- ½ cup finely diced yellow onion (from ½ medium onion)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme OR 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1 cup chicken broth or stock
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh parsley leaves for garnish



Line a cutting board with plastic wrap. Cut each chicken breast in half lengthwise to make 4 cutlets. Place the cutlets in a single layer on the cutting board and cover with a second sheet of plastic wrap. Use a meat mallet, rolling pin, or the bottom of a heavy saucepan to pound the chicken thin, about ½ inch thick. Set aside.

In a shallow bowl, stir together the flour, ½ teaspoon of the salt, and ½ teaspoon of the pepper. Dip the cutlets into the flour mixture, turning to coat, and tap off any excess.

In a large nonreactive skillet, over medium heat, combine 1 tablespoon of the butter and 1 tablespoon of the oil. When the butter foams, add the cutlets in a single layer. (You will most likely need to work in batches.) Cook for 3-4 minutes per side, until the cutlets are golden brown on both sides and cooked through (an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 165 degrees Fahrenheit). Transfer the cutlets to a plate and tent loosely with foil to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining cutlets, adding more oil if needed.

In the same skillet, over medium heat, add the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, the mushrooms, and onions and sauté, stirring frequently, for 6-8 minutes, until the onions are soft and the mushroom are lightly browned.

Add the garlic, thyme, the remaining ½ teaspoon of salt, the remaining ¼ teaspoon of pepper and stir for 30 seconds, until fragrant. Pour in the wine and chicken broth and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring frequently and using a wooden spoon to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the skillet. Continue boiling for 7-10 minutes, until most of the liquid has evaporated and what remains is syrupy. This process will go more quickly in a large skillet. [Gina's Note: Took longer than 10 minutes, even with a large skillet.]

Stir in the cream, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer for 1-2 minutes, until the sauce begins to thicken. Season with more salt and pepper, if needed. Return the cutlets to the pan and spoon the sauce over the top. Garnish with parsley.

## CIRCLE DINNERS FOR FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP



Gina and Bob Magnus hosted a circle dinner in March at their home in Oconomowoc.

Here's the circle group taking a break and posing during a pre-dinner walk on one of the trails through the prairie on the Magnus property. There are chairs placed along the trail at several points for resting, taking in the views, reflecting, sipping drinks, conversing – and even photo ops!

The Oconomowoc River is in the background. No snow that day, but lots of wind!

If you are interested in participating in Circle Dinners, please contact the Congregational Administrator at [admin@lcuuc.org](mailto:admin@lcuuc.org).

It's a great way to connect with other members – and the food is always delicious!



# SOPHIA 2024 ANNUAL COMMUNITY

*Breakfast*

## 20 years Working for Justice and Celebrating Community!

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Justice Castañeda**



Justice Castañeda is the Executive Director of Common Wealth Development, a Madison-based non-profit aimed at improving the housing and business climate through a people-first approach centered on racial justice and community level health improvement. He has master's degrees in public policy and organization, leadership studies, and city planning. He is also a PhD candidate at UW Madison in urban and regional planning.

In his keynote address, Justice will present his innovative perspective of community development considering sustainability, equity, and justice. His presentation will highlight the importance of SOPHIA's campaigns for housing justice, immigration reform, and transformational justice.

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**Saturday April 20, 2024  
9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Online Silent Auction**

**12 pm Sunday April 14  
to 12 pm Friday April 19  
[www.sophiawaukesha.org](http://www.sophiawaukesha.org)**

 **La Casa de Esperanza**  
410 Arcadian Ave Waukesha, WI 53186

Breakfast will be provided

