



**Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church** W299 N5595 Grace Drive, Hartland, WI 53029, (262) 369-1703 [www.lcuuc.org](http://www.lcuuc.org)

# 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 2019

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Services begin at 10am

**April 7**

**Which Justice? –Sue Andrews**

**Kettle Moraine Food Pantry**

Justice was 2018's 'word of the year.' It's a big word for UUs every year. Commitment to the principle of the worth and dignity of every person carries with it a commitment to justice work. But does "justice" always mean the same thing? Do we mean justice as a response to wrong doing or justice as the effort to correct injustice?

**April 14**

**Passover and Modern Slavery –Rev. Amy Shaw**

Today's prison industrial complex is a form of modern slavery. Come and explore our role, as humans of compassion, in freeing the slaves.

**April 21**

**Something Got Up –Rev. Amy Shaw**

**Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic**

Over 2,000 years ago the man Jesus of Nazareth died on a cross and was buried. Three days later, something got up. Come and enjoy this thought-provoking Easter service. Please feel free to wear your spring or Easter bonnet- there will be an Easter bonnet and hat parade for the children after the sermon, so that we can see the lovely creations they make in religious education today.

**April 28**

**Zero Waste – Reduce-Reuse-Recycle –Ministry for Earth Guest Speaker**

The guest speaker will discuss ways that we can reduce, reuse and recycle to all help to cut down on the amount of waste we throw away.



## Minister's MUUsings

How do you mark beginnings and endings in your life? How do you know when something has ended, or commemorate the birth of a new piece of your existence?

How do you know when it's time for a change?

Terry Pratchett writes: "Everything starts somewhere, though many physicists disagree. But people have always been dimly aware of the problem with the start of things. They wonder how the snowplow driver gets to work, or how the makers of dictionaries look up the spelling of words."

Beginnings and endings are messy. They overlap and slide into one another; they intrude on the middle and turn clean black and white into, not fifty, but a thousand shades of grey.

Sometimes picking a point seems obvious- the moment a baby is born. The moment divorce papers are signed. A graduation. A wedding. A death. A time to say goodbye. A tiny line of grey and lots of black and white; you can easily point to "the time before we were married," "planning the wedding" and "the time after we said I do."

But when we are talking about clean theological starts and endings, the grey area seems huge and the black and white confusing.

The time when you were practicing this but believing that.

The time you believed and felt this, but said that, for many years.

The time when you had no idea. The time when you were too afraid to lay down or pick up the belief you already felt was true. The time when you were waiting to tell, or waiting to show, or waiting for a sign that the time was right.

If you are ready to make a change- the time is right.

Draw a line on the calendar or in the sand, and step over it bravely.

Say to the world "On this date my life has become different." On this date I am casting off this and taking up that.

On this date I am becoming who I was meant to be. On this date I am washing away the things I no longer hold true.

On this date I am new. On this date, I am clean. On this date, I am reborn.

Spend some time this week or this month thinking about the things you want to wash away, and the things you have come to hold dear.

Let the process, the sacred journey, become its own end.

Sometimes change is the place where life begins.

In Faith,  
Rev. Amy



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## LCUUC Benefit Concert

Good news! Kellswater Bridge has donated a concert to LCUUC!

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, April 6, 2019 for pot luck appetizers at 6:00 and concert at 7:00 pm. Help us get the word out and invite your friends and neighbors.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit LCUUC.

Suggested donations:

Adults \$15, Students and Seniors \$10, Family \$30.

**Kellswater Bridge** is a modern Celtic Band dedicated to showcasing the traditional music of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The band is comprised of Mare Edstrom (lead vocals, Celtic Flute, Keyboards, and Bodhran), Kenn Fox (Guitar and Bouzouki), Dave Karnes (Guitar and Bouzouki) and Tracy Moraine (Vocals and percussion).





## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Reggie Jackson gave a moving and informative sermon at LCUUC on Sunday, March 24 on the topic of “Do Black Lives Matter?”

UWM-Waukesha’s amphitheater was full at our screening of the award-winning film, “The Blood is at the Doorstep” on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The film was deeply moving, and we appreciated the personal perspectives of our panelists – Dontre Hamilton’s mother Maria, his brother Nate and our mental health expert Brenda Wesley. Thank you to all who attended.

LCUUC’s Social Justice Committee has joined SOPHIA – Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action – a coalition of diverse faith communities in Waukesha County dedicated to building relationships within and among our communities, building relationships in the public and private sectors, encouraging people with common values to have a powerful voice and to stand together to change injustices affecting those who are marginalized. Wendy Rupnow and Sara/Bud Hudson will share a place on the SOPHIA Board. There are several sub-committees on which our church members might also be interested in participating. They are:

- (a) Health Care
- (b) Affordable Housing
- (c) Treatment Instead of Prison
- (d) Transit
- (e) Immigration Issues.

SOPHIA filled a bus to Madison on March 26 to meet with legislators. April 27 is their annual prayer breakfast at 8:30 am at La Casa de Esperanza in Waukesha. Tickets are \$40, and this is their ONLY fund-raiser. You may buy them from Hudsons or Wendy. Hudsons will be going and would love to have LOTS of you join them.

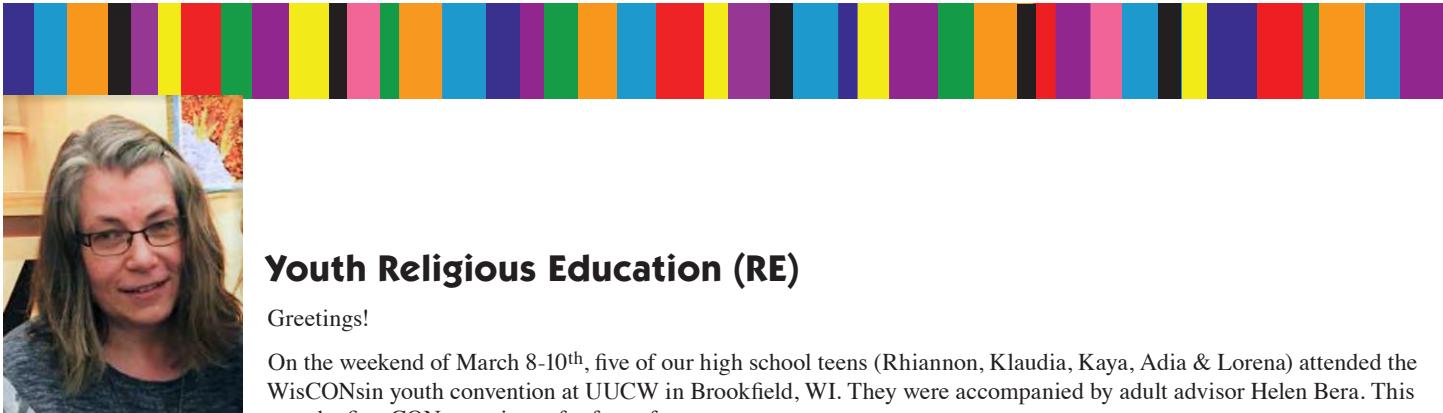
April’s Monthly Designated Collection on Easter, April 21 will go to The Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic. This clinic is dedicated to improving the oral health of disadvantaged individuals through clinical services, preventive education and advocacy, because everyone deserves a healthy smile.



## Call 211

Everyone knows about 911, the emergency service you can call from anywhere. But, who knows about 211? It's the social services equivalent to 911, but focuses on connecting callers with providers of social services (think food, homeless shelter, suicide prevention & other mental health needs, etc). 211 is national, with some exceptions (like Chicago). But, it's available across Wisconsin, with after normal business hours calls automatically routed to the Milwaukee (West Allis) office, which is staffed 24/7/365. Calls are taken by trained/degreeed social services staff. United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County provides almost \$1M funding to keep this service up and running each year. For more information, visit [impactic.org](http://impactic.org)





## Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

On the weekend of March 8-10<sup>th</sup>, five of our high school teens (Rhiannon, Klaudia, Kaya, Adia & Lorena) attended the WisCONSin youth convention at UUCW in Brookfield, WI. They were accompanied by adult advisor Helen Bera. This was the first CON experience for four of

the youth! It was a wonderful opportunity to meet other UU teens from around our state and beyond. Our two HS seniors, Rhiannon and Klaudia, even got to participate in a Bridging Ceremony as this is the last year they will be able to attend a Youth CON. Please ask them about the experience next time you see them in the social hall.

In the month of April... the Middle School & High School classes will be studying Hinduism and be traveling to our neighboring community in Pewaukee to visit the Hindu Temple of Wisconsin. In the past this has been a favorite fieldtrip for our youth as they learn so much from our gracious hosts. If you would like to join the trip- please see me during early April.

Our 2nd-5th grade class will continue with lessons from the Love Will Guide Us curriculum. Our younger children in the Spirit Play class will hopefully be going outdoors a few Sundays as the weather warms up. Please make sure your kids come to church with appropriate coats and outdoor clothing during spring!

During the Easter service on Sunday April 21st, we will have our annual Easter bonnet parade at the end of service. The children will leave service as usual to attend a joint RE class where they will create a wonderful Easter bonnet or hat to wear in our parade through the sanctuary at the end of service that day. We invite any adults who feel inspired to wear their favorite bonnets or hats that day and join in the parade fun with the kids!

Immediately after service (weather permitting) the children ages 10 and under will get ready to go on an egg hunt outdoors!! Please have them bring their favorite bags or baskets to church that day as we will have over 150 eggs filled with treats and a few "special" eggs with surprises hidden around our building and gardens (egg hunt will be in classroom 4 if weather is inclement). Grab your cameras because this is always fun for everyone!

*"Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, they make this world a beautiful garden." ~Author unknown*

In Peace,  
Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education



(L-R Rhiannon, Klaudia, Lorena, Kaya, Adia)

## Garden Work Day and Potluck!

We are lucky to have such amazing outdoor areas. The commemorative garden invites us to meditate and enjoy the beauty of the perennial plants and water features. The children's area is a place for little ones to play and dream. The vegetable garden provides a place to connect with the earth and with each other. The big trees and fire pit are great for events and relaxing together by the campfire. The gardens surrounding the building warmly welcome us to our church home.

All of these areas need a little care every year. Please help us spruce things up for spring and then stay for a potluck and a campfire.

Bring garden gloves, a hat, sunscreen and garden tools if you have any. For the potluck, bring something to share, lawn chairs, blankets, games, and drinks. For questions, please contact Janis Tyler at [janistyler1@gmail.com](mailto:janistyler1@gmail.com)



No Experience  
Needed!!! Kid friendly!!



## UU Orientation Class

**Sunday, April 7th**

**11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

If you are interested in learning more about LCUUC and Unitarian Universalism, please join us for the Spring Orientation Class. It will be held after the service on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. During this class you will have a chance to meet others, and receive information about Unitarian Universalism and LCUUC history, church life and ways to get involved. We will also cover what it means to be a member and the Path to Membership.

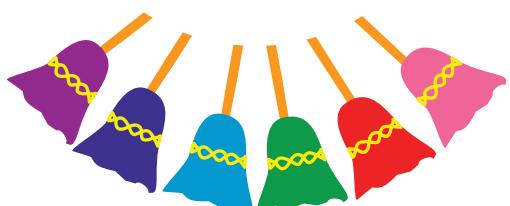
The session will be from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m., and a light lunch will be served. You can sign up at the Welcome Table in the foyer or online. Please let us know by March 31<sup>st</sup> if you plan to attend and if you will need child care. Contact Rev. Amy Shaw at 513/709-7058 [minister@lcuuc.org](mailto:minister@lcuuc.org) or Ric Sternkopf at 414/581-0647 [ricsterny@gmail.com](mailto:ricsterny@gmail.com) if you have questions.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

MSI, our design build contractor, is in the process of scheduling our exterior construction. We should know within the next couple of weeks when construction will begin. Once the work on the front entrance begins we will have to use the back entrance for one or two Sundays. We will send out an announcement when we have solid dates.

As a reminder, the 2019 pledges are due by May 1<sup>st</sup> and we encourage those who can to remit their contributions earlier if possible. It is not too late for those who have not contributed to do so. We still have need for additional funding for carpeting, pew covers, ceiling tiles and paint.



## 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 7      Vincent, Howard**

**April 14     Santo, Pack**

**April 21     Campbell/Foss Campbell, Valde**

**April 28     Lynne Smith, Kuhn**



**The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR  
can be found  
[HERE](#)**

## 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.*



## Grace Notes

*"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." —Leonard Bernstein*

And we have been intensely making music of late.

The Religious Education department presented their Transition service and it was our honor and pleasure to support them with our singers and instrumentalists. "Ha La La La (La La La Lay Lujah)" is an interactive song that helps us all to remember the importance (and fun) in noticing our friends and neighbors to the left and the right in the pews. "Turn The World Around" is spirited and exciting with a strong message. No wonder the kids like it so much.

The music department came up with our own arrangement of "Do You Remember When God Was a Woman" for the Goddess service. The trio of Nancy, John, and Dave backed up the choir and soloists Gus and Doug. It was a lot of fun and very inspirational to many people.

Brynn Vukelich and our band rocked the church with "Unpack Your Heart." See the Music Ministry bulletin board in the social hall for pictures.

Karen Haskell and our choir will inspire us with "Ella's Song" on 3/24. We'll hear from the choir again on 3/31 for Sacred Mischief with "Sing and Rejoice" and on 4/17 with "Act Justly." Brynn will "Raise Hell" for the 4/14 service about modern slavery. On 4/21 Easter, there will be many Alleluias and Hallelujahs.

Don't forget the Kellswater Bridge concert on April 6 at 7pm with potluck hors d'oeuvres at 6pm.

Harmoniously,  
*Nancy and Doug*



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