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NEWS for Lake Country UUs

Black Lives Matter LCUUC is a Welcoming Congregation for bisexual, gay, lesbian, queer, non-binary and/or transgender people



April 2021

Worship services

Connect with us on Zoom each Sunday at 10am for our Virtual Service

Our services are streamed/broadcast live and may be posted publicly. If you do not want your picture or name to be seen, please turn off your video and change your screen name after you have been admitted to the meeting.

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April 4

Resurrect Joy –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

For Christians around the world, Easter symbolizes rebirth and renewal. Come explore how we might renew joy (and be renewed by it) in the midst of contemporary life. Music today will feature the LCUUC organ. An Easter Egg Hunt for young people ages 12 and under will take place starting at 11:30a.m. on the LCUUC grounds; please register all kids by April 2nd and wear your masks for the Egg Hunt.

April 11

Imagine a New Day Rising –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

In late February, a handful of people from Lake Country UU Church attended a conference with Unitarian Universalists from across the continent. Billed as an opportunity for congregations to consider their next steps in changing white supremacy culture, the conference allowed LCUUC-ers to learn what fellow UU congregations were working on -- and to imagine how LCUUC might continue creating Beloved UU Community. Come experience what was explored.

April 18

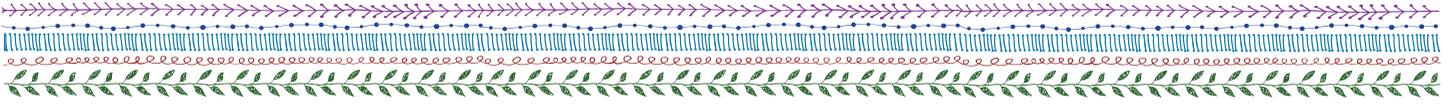
Pathways to Healing & Regeneration –Ray Grosch, Ministry for the Earth Committee members

When you imagine pathways to personal, social and ecological healing and regeneration, what do you see? Who is with you on your journey? What transforms and gives way to new beginnings? Who and/or what are you accountable to along the way? The Sermon Reflection will be offered by Rev. Yadence Hailu, thanks to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. (See also the related article later in the newsletter.)

April 25

Though You've Broken Your Vows a Thousand Times –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

For Muslims around the world, April 12th through May 12th marks the Holy Month of Ramadan. How might Unitarian Universalists engage in explorations of Islam with intention, accountability, and humility? No matter how many times you've missed the mark or broken your vows, you are welcome at this worship service.



Carin's Corner

From my years of working with educators in schools, I always think of April as National Poetry Month. One of my favorite activities for the month is to create a "Poet-Tree." This involves hanging copies of our favorite poems on a tree. Would you like to help me in creating a Mindfulness Poet-Tree for LCUUC? If so, **send me your poems by April 19th**; I'll take a photograph and submit it for next month's newsletter. Here's the poem I'm adding to our tree, entitled "*The World We Want Is Us*" by Alice Walker:

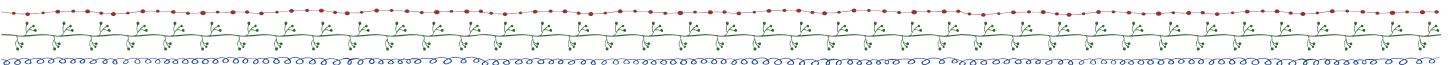
The World We Want is Us

It moves my heart to see your awakened faces;
the look of "aha!"
shining, finally, in
so many
wide open eyes.
Yes, we are the 99%
all of us
refusing to forget
each other
no matter, in our hunger, what crumbs
are dropped by
the 1%.
The world we want is on the way; Arundhati
and now we
are
hearing her breathing.
That world we want is Us; united; already moving
into it.

The theme for April is "Mindfulness." Your poem can relate to that theme if you want. What does mindfulness mean for you? Feel free to let me know during my Thursday Zoom office hours (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) — or send me an email. Let's stay in touch, for we are in this together.

In Growing Faith,

Rev. Carin
revcarin@lcuuc.org



Spring Workdays at LCUUC

Sundays, May 1 & 8, 9am - noon

Please join the Grounds Committee to help clean up our beautiful grounds for spring!

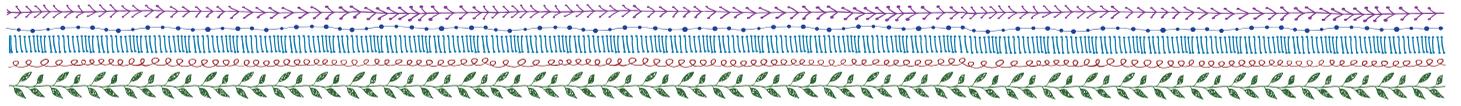
No experience necessary!

Bring garden gloves if you have them. We will paint some benches, weed the Children's Garden and Commemorative Garden, spread some wood chips, plant some flowers, and install a new fountain.

Please wear a mask and keep a safe distance from others.

For questions, please contact Janis Tyler at 262-993-1799 janistyl1@gmail.com

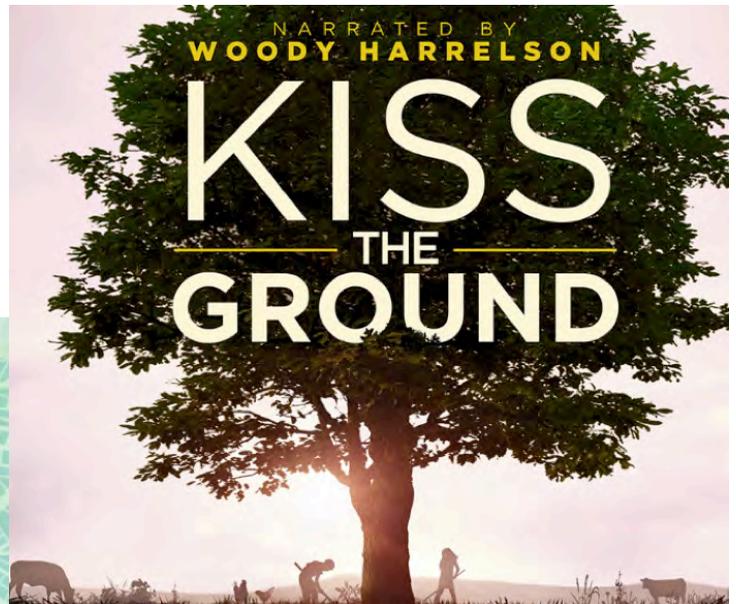




Earth Day Worship Service on Sunday April 18th

The Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church’s Ministry for Earth Committee will share a worship service prepared by the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth as part of the *Spring for Change: A Season of Sacred Activism* series. Learn more [HERE](#). *Pathways to Healing & Regeneration*, Ray Grosch and members of the Ministry for Earth Committee. When you imagine pathways to personal, social and ecological healing and regeneration, what do you see? Who is with you on your journey? What transforms and gives way to new beginnings? Who and/or what are you accountable to along the way?

Sermon Reflection will be offered by Rev. Yadene Hailu. In conjunction with our Earth Day Service, the MFE Committee will present a virtual film at 7:00 PM on Sunday April 18th. This film, *Kiss the Ground*, is a new documentary focusing on the connections between land use, soil degradation, and the ongoing climate crisis, is now available on Netflix. Promoting soil health protects farms against extreme weather and creates higher annual crop yields for farmers.



Meeting with the Minister

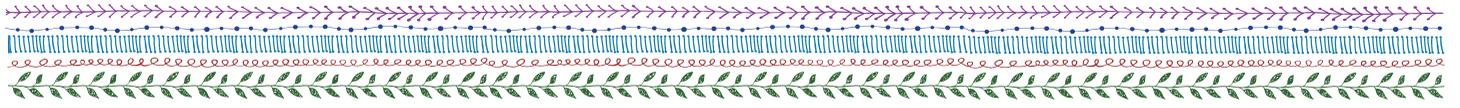
Drop-in during Rev. Carin’s Office Hours at this Zoom Room every Thursday that she works (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

If you would like to schedule a time outside of those office hours, please email her at: revcarin@lcuuc.org

Rev. Carin’s ¾-time schedule includes a Sabbath on Mondays as well as an “Off Week” every four weeks. Her upcoming calendar includes the following:

- * April 12-19, 2021 (Off Week)
- * May 10-17, 2021 (Off Week)
- * May 31-June 6, 2021 (Vacation)
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If you need to reach Rev. Carin with a pastoral care emergency while she is away, please contact chair of the Caring Circle, Yvonne Fort at: myfort2@wi.rr.com



Adult and Youth Choir Possibilities

The purpose of this poll is to gauge interest on choir participation. Responding to this indicates interest only and is not seen as a commitment to participate.

Adult Choir – The music committee is looking at the adult choir resuming rehearsals starting this summer. Weekly rehearsals would be held outdoors and follow the church's outdoor use safety protocols (masks and social distancing).

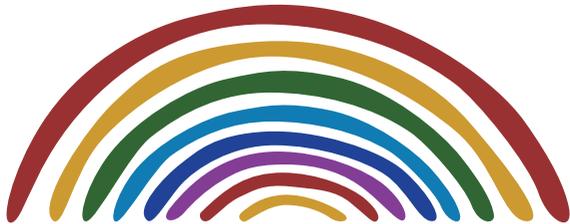
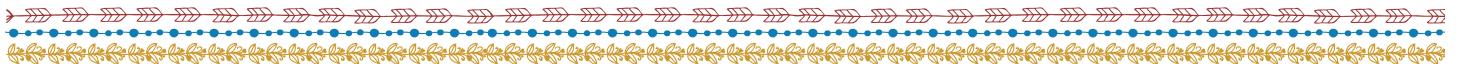
1) Are you interested in being a part of the adult LCUUC choir?

Youth Choir – Brief discussions have occurred regarding the potential of starting a youth choir possibly late 2021 or 2022.

1) Do you have children who would be interested in being a part of a youth choir?

2) What are their ages?

Please respond with interest to Beth Ann (ba.wuerl@gmail.com). If you have questions or concerns regarding safety protocols please e-mail Tracy tracywren@yahoo.com



ON BOARD

Welcome Spring Time!

I know many of us are appreciating the warmer days and the opportunity to be enjoying the outdoors. I know that I am eager to be kayaking soon! March's Board of Trustee meeting reviewed and are revising several items including a Values Statement for Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings.

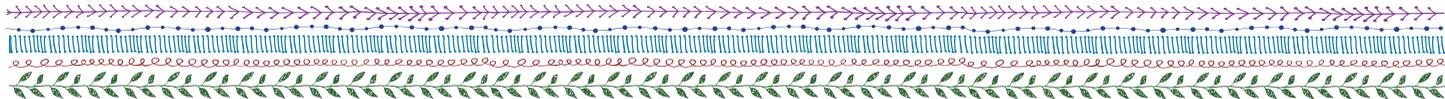
Meeting Highlights:

- We are working on creating an Internet Privacy & Policy(Policy#1)/Electronic Communications (Policy#13). With so many changes in the last year it was determined to be necessary to have formal guidelines for the LCUUC social media sites and website. A taskforce will examine and define recommendations for use.
- The Personnel Team handbook is nearing completion. A few revisions were recommended along with the good news that Rev, Carin has consented to a 2 yr agreement at ¾ time.
- Erich Morain, as a Community Minister, shared a semi-annual update on his role and responsibilities to LCUUC. Thank you Erich!
- We are working on a Values Statement for Guidelines for Outdoor Gathering. This is based on the advise of our Covid 19 workgroup. We will be voting on this and sharing the decisions by April.
- We are also working on finalizing the budget for the upcoming 2021/2022 church year.
- Finally, we are working on establishing a new bylaw, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, to create an Endowment Fund. The Finance Committee is on a final Draft.

The Board of Trustees invites any member to join our monthly meetings. We would love to have your input and welcome any questions, concerns or new ideas you would like to have added to our Agenda.

Respectfully yours,

Lisa Alvarado, on behalf of the LCUUC 2020-21 Board of Trustees



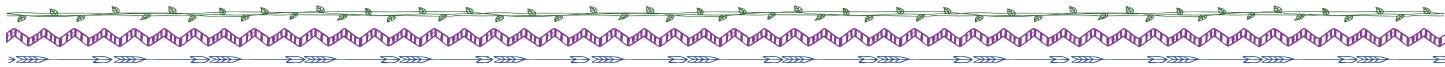
GRACE NOTES

Our 2-21 service featured all music recorded by LCUUC congregants. It was a great success, and added a meditative element to a somewhat controversial subject. Many thanks to Karen Haskell, Beth Ann Wuerl, and Greg Valde for their contributions.

Our March 7th service featured music by Aretha Franklin, John Lennon, and Michael Jackson. Our 3-14 service featured music by the great Carlos Nakai. And finally our old friend Garrett Waite will be back on 3-28 with a re-invented version of the old Jesse Colin Young song "Get Together."

Please take a minute to check out the video link of Garrett recording this song at Anam studios in Watertown.

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LCUUC Time, Talent and Treasure Online Auction!

Donations accepted through Tuesday, April 27th

Online Auction May 1–10

Email donations (with pictures) and questions to Chris Kunert ckunert2@gmail.com

Guidelines for Donations:

Email your donations to Chris Kunert by Thursday, April 27th

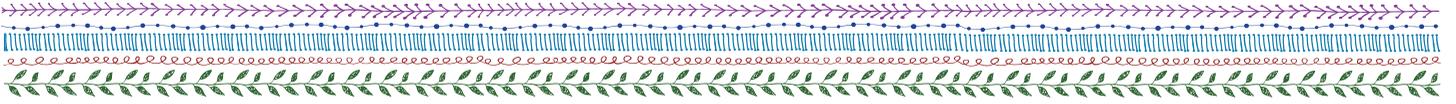
Events to take place between May 11th – October 31st

Events can be offered in-person following current COVID guidelines or via Zoom. (Note: If you do not have a Zoom account, contact Leann admin@lcuuc.org to use the church Zoom account.)

Indicate date, starting and ending time, maximum number of participants, minimum bid and retail value if applicable. Items donated should be new or gently used. Homemade goods, including food items, are encouraged. Please send a picture, if possible, that can help “market” your event. Delivery of items will be decided by the donor and highest bidder.

General Information about the Online Auction Process

Bidding begins on Saturday, May 1st and runs thru Tuesday, May 10th. It's easy, convenient, and you can bid 24/7! We'll be using **BiddingOwl** again. You will need to register and login before bidding. You can register or login [HERE](#). When you register, you can opt to be notified by email and/or text when you are outbid on an item. Once ready to bid, go to **VIEW ITEMS**. You can view **ALL ITEMS** or items based on a category. Invite your friends and family to bid! Have fun!



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Black Lives Matter - Monthly Zoom Discussion

Sunday, April 25th, 7pm - Discuss Ta-Nehisi Coate's article "The Case for Reparations"

As we continue to work to understand and work against systemic racism in our society, it is important to understand what we mean when we talk about Reparations. Join us for a discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coate's article "The Case for Reparations". This article, written in The Atlantic in 2014 caught the attention of the country and reinvigorated a national discussion over debts owed for slavery and discrimination against Black Americans. Coates testified before Congress to pass H.R. 40 - a bill that would establish a commission to study reparations.

The article is fairly long but it's not a book! You can read it and/or listen to it [HERE](#).

Then join the discussion on Zoom on Sunday, April 25th at 7pm. The Zoom link will be posted on the LCUUC website. To register, please email Kerry Duma at kerryduma@gmail.com.

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Black individuals who helped change the world

In February we had a group discussion talking about influential African Americans. We are taught about white men, but almost never about Black men or women. This hour was a time of sharing and learning, so our understanding of history isn't just about white males. Here are two of the people we learned about.



Fannie Lou Hamer – Civil Rights Leader

- Cofounder & vice chair of Freedom Democratic Party, 1964 Democratic National Convention
- Organized the Mississippi Freedom Summer
- Cofounder of National Women's Political Caucus

Fannie Lou Hamer was the youngest of 20 children. She got to the 6th grade and then worked the cotton fields. Hamer was given an unwanted hysterectomy (forced sterilization). She adopted 2 children, one died of internal hemorrhaging when she was denied hospital admission due to Hamer's activism. One Tuskegee University student she mentored was murdered for using a gas station whites only bathroom in 1966.

Garrett Morgan – The "Black Edison" American inventor of the yellow traffic light, hair straightener

Garrett Morgan was the son of freed slaves of a Confederate General. He and his wife had a clothing store and sewing machine shop with 32 employees. Morgan invented a lubricant to prevent fast sewing machine needles from burning fabric. This liquid also could straighten hair, another discovery of his. He invented and patented a smoke hood that drew clean air and personally rescued workers trapped in a water tunnel with this safety device. One of his patented inventions you see everyday – the yellow traffic light. Early traffic signals had only stop and go.



Garrett Morgan, using his safety hood invention, carries out an injured miner from the tunnel where he was trapped in 1916. Note the hood. This was the precursor to the gas mask.



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

The April Soul Matters theme is: **Becoming**. This is a succinct word to describe the natural world right now as the seasons begin to change and we welcome the lovely weather. I know that I am 'becoming' more excited for the long days of summer and welcoming the beauty found in Lake Country.

The April class schedule is:

- **4k – 1st grade will meet at 11am on 4/18**
- **2nd – 5th grade will meet at 11am on 4/11 & 4/25**
- **Middle School (6th – 8th grade) will meet at 6:30pm on 4/11 & 4/25**
- **High School (9th – 12th grade) will meet at 6:30pm on 4/18**

We will be having an outdoor **Easter Egg Hunt** at the beautiful LCUUC property in Hartland on Sunday, April 4 @ 11:30am. The Egg hunt will begin at 11:30am that morning to allow for all families to join us on the church grounds after each Easter Sunday services have concluded at both LCUUC & UUUC.

We will provide baskets and eggs filled with candy scattered around the grounds for kids ages 12 and under to find beginning at 11:30am. A few special eggs will have prizes for the lucky kids who find them!! If the weather is inclement- the baskets will be premade with egg/treats/prizes for pick-up in the circular drive at 11:30am instead. The church building remains closed at this time- so please plan accordingly. **MASKS required for the safety of all participants.** Christine Rollins, DRE will be onsite to facilitate the egg hunt with her bunny assistant Kaya. In order to plan for the Egg Hunt, we are asking that all families who would like to bring their children or grandchildren to please sign-up on the sign-up genius link [HERE](#).

****Registration will close on Friday April 2 at midnight and participation will be limited to families who have pre-registered.**

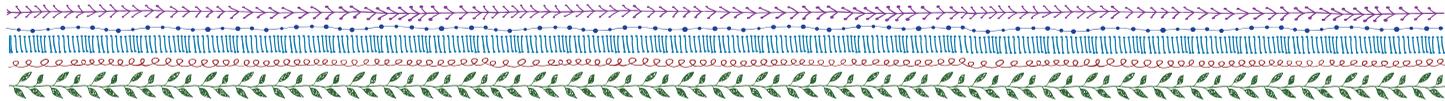
"You may live in the world as it is, but you can still work to create the world as it should be." ~Michelle Obama

In Peace-

Christine Rollins, Director of Religious Education



On Saturday 3/20/21, the 5th/6th grade Transition curriculum youth celebrated the end of the program by taking a trip to the Milwaukee County Zoo for a day filled with sunshine, animals, and laughter! Maddie, Brianna, Nolan, Evelyn, & Grant presented a terrific service on Sunday 3/21- Congratulations!! If you would like to watch it on the UUUC You-Tube channel. [HERE](#) is the link.



LCUUC Staff & Hours

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* All staff have mailboxes in church office

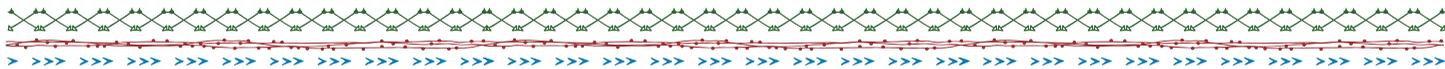
Minister: Rev. Carin Bringelson, she/her
revcarin@lcuuc.org (262) 369-1703

Mondays are my Sabbath. Fridays are my study/write days. My ¾ time schedule is such that I work 3 weeks then I am off the 4th week.

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Thanks for your patience and understanding



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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.