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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



August 2020

Reverend Carin Bringelson

Let's give a warm welcome to our new minister! She will be ordained on Saturday, August 8th at 4:30pm. The ordination will be live streamed **HERE**. Join us!



Worship services

Our Virtual Services continue. Connect with us on Zoom each Sunday at 10am.

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.

August 2

LCUUC High School graduate's Bridging Ceremony

Collection for Sussex Food Pantry

This service will be a celebration of 2020 HS graduate Shelby as we witness her completion of her final rite of passage in Religious Education from LCUUC youth to young adulthood during the Bridging Ceremony. Please join us as we celebrate her and the joy that she brings to our community and the world!

August 9

August 9 - Blessing of the Animals –Claire Johnson

Come and join in our annual Blessing of the Animals service. Be prepared to show off your pet in this Zoom service. Fur, fins, scales, wings, no legs, 4 legs, 8 legs, or more! Children without pets are encouraged to bring a favorite animal/monster/critter toy or stuffie to the zoom service.

August 16

Moving at the Speed of Trust –Rev. Carin Bringelson

Collection for CERN – Communities Ending Racism Now

As we begin our ministry together, we may have lots of questions for one another. Who am I? Who are you? Where do we come from? Building a working relationship founded on Love will ask much of us. What might guide us on our journey?

August 23

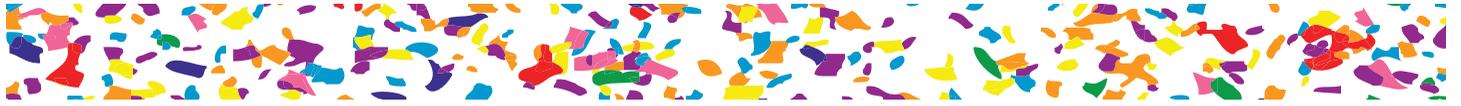
The Muscle Memory of Sacred Texts –Rev. Carin Bringelson

The sacred texts we encounter throughout our daily lives can be sources for increasing our resiliency and courage. How might we remember to draw on them amidst our busy-ness? Come prepared to engage your muscles.

August 30

Introduction to Allyship” –Kelly Pinter, PhD / Dept. of Sociology, Carroll University

Details of this service TBD



Carin's Corner

As I write this, the corners of my home office are stacked high with moving boxes and the contents of my closets from 22 years of living on the eastside of Madison have been sorted and prepared for a new journey.

My move to Hartland signals a new chapter not only in my family's life, but also a new chapter in the life of Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church. It is my honor to begin my ministry with you this month: August 2020. Thank you to all who have reached out to welcome me. I appreciate your support and patience, both tangible and intangible, as we begin our journey together.

I am also writing to invite YOU — members and friends of LCUUC — to participate in my ordination on **Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 4:30pm**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this important milemarker in my formation as a minister will be live streamed. Read more about the day's events (and get the correct links) **HERE**.

In Growing Faith,


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Finance Committee

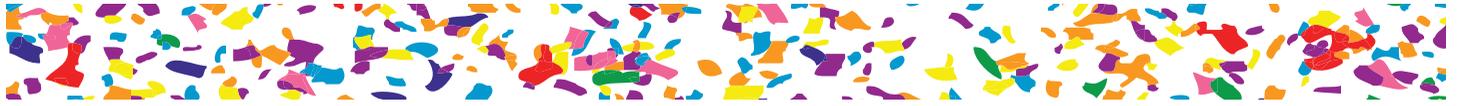
LCUUC ended the 2019-20 year with a net income of \$78,000 and an unrestricted cash and investment balance of \$132,000. Income stayed strong through the end of the year with contributions over budget by \$13,000. Although the auction revenue of \$11,800 was not realized this year due to COVID-19, this was offset by the receipt of the PPP loan of \$15,800. Expenses were down considerably this year as the half-time minister position that was budgeted was not realized.



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ADOPT A HIGHWAY August 1 at 9:30am

Our church has been participating in the Waukesha County Adopt A Highway program since 2001, when we were having our Sunday services at Jerusalem Presbyterian Church in Wales. This was a way to create a "Green Sanctuary", since the church sanctuary belonged to another church, but we could still sanctify the Great Outdoors by cleaning up trash left by others.



This program relies on organizations such as ours to pick up and bag trash along our assigned County Highway to get rid of the litter and make our roadways more attractive, and we get publicity in the form of signs along our designated stretch of highway. Each participating organization commits to 3 cleanups per year. Our stretch of road is Highway E, from the intersection with K (northwest corner of LCUUC property) north to highway EF.

We will be doing this on Saturday August 1. Meet at the church front door at 9:30. If you have never done this, give it a try! Wear good walking shoes and gloves. We supply the bags, yellow vests (compliments of the County), and bottled water. Takes about 1-1/2 hours and is a nice sociable walk in addition to doing something to help our environment and publicize our church. Because of the coronavirus, social distancing will be observed! Bring a face mask for our group photo.

We especially welcome Youth participation, although anybody is welcome. Per Waukesha County rules, children participating must be at least 11 years old or in 6th grade. Contact Ray Grosch or Gerry Flakas for more information



GRACE NOTES

As our on line services evolve, music continues to be an integral part of our on line experience. Our June 21st Father's Day service featured five musical pieces all recorded just for this service. Thanks to Karen Haskell, Greg Valde, Garrett Waite, and Grace Butscher who all made trips to my recording studio in Watertown to record their parts.

While our process for presenting music has changed ,the musicians at LCUUC have definitely stepped up to the challenge. There is some exciting Music in the works for the upcoming weeks. July 26th we will feature an A capella "Meditation in Breathing" by Karen and Grace. We will also feature some beautiful solo cello by Shelby Suhr on Aug 2nd. Please be in touch with any ideas for music.

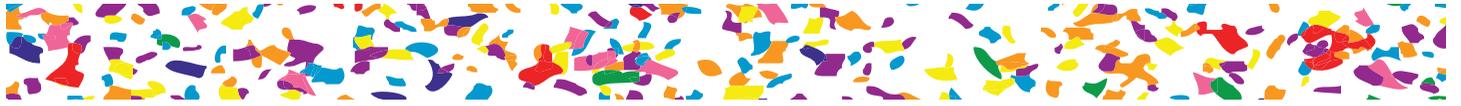
Stay Well,
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BYO GATHERINGS

The membership committee thanks everyone who attended one (or both) of the BYO gatherings held under the beautiful locust trees on the LCUUC grounds the past few weeks. An event was held at noon, and another in the evening to accommodate varying schedules. We wore masks when setting up chairs and spread our circle wide to include everyone attending with even space for everyone's comfort. It was wonderful to connect in person, see the smiling faces and enjoy conversation with fellow members. Please watch for an announcement regarding dates for future gatherings.

Nora, Patty, Sarah, Mark and Caro (membership committee)



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee is offering ways for all of us to help work toward a world where **Black Lives Do Matter**:

Each month, the Social Justice Committee will be sharing ways to **Learn and Take Action for Black Lives**. All of us feel called to do something to change our racist society, but many of us feel that we have little time. These bi-monthly emails give you a concrete way to learn something – either reading something or watching a short video, and then do something – write a letter or participate in a class or an action. A short commitment of time and energy that can allow you to make a difference. Look for these emails on Iekooks!

We are also leading **Zoom discussions on highly recommended books and movies** by African Americans that help us understand systemic racism in our society.

- Our first discussion in July was on the movie **Just Mercy**. Those who participated said it was a rich discussion and they learned a lot. If you missed the discussion, we still encourage you to watch the movie.
- For August, **Read Ta-nehisi Coate’s “Between the World and Me”**. We will discuss this book on Sunday evening, August 30th from 7-8pm.

“An eloquent blend of history, reportage, and memoir written in the tradition of James Baldwin . . . It is less a typical memoir of a particular time and place than an autobiography of the black body in America. . . . Coates writes with tenderness, especially of his wife, child, and extended family, and with frankness. . . . Coates’s success, in this book and elsewhere, is due to his lucidity and innate dignity, his respect for himself and for others. He refuses to preach or talk down to white readers or to plead for acceptance: He never wonders why we just can’t all get along. He knows government policies make getting along near impossible.”—The Boston Globe

“Poignant, revelatory and exceedingly wise, Between the World and Me is an essential clarion call to our collective conscience. We ignore it at our own peril.”—San Francisco Chronicle

“A crucial book during this moment of generational awakening.”—The New Yorker

- For September, **Read “The New Jim Crow” by Michelle Alexander**. We will discuss this book on Sunday evening, September 27th from 7–8pm. Here are a few reviews of this book:

“A call to action for everyone concerned with racial justice and an important tool for anyone concerned with understanding and dismantling this oppressive system.” – Sojourners.

“Undoubtedly the most important book published in this century about the U.S.” – Birmingham News

During the past decade, no single book was more directly responsible for reshaping how the American public understands race and mass incarceration than Michelle Alexander’s The New Jim Crow – Carolyn Copeland, Daily Kos.

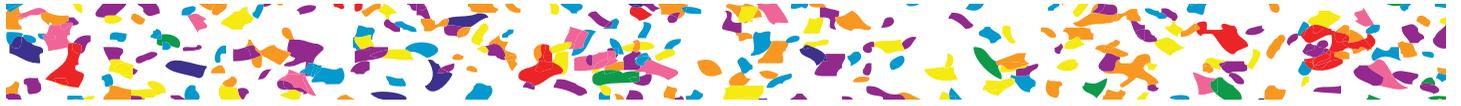
Please note! 🗡️ SOPHIA (Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action) is organizing a rally in Waukesha on Saturday, August 22nd to demand action on issues relating to racial equity, affordable housing, transportation, and criminal justice reform. More details forthcoming!

Designated Collections for the month of August

The organization we are encouraging all of us at LCUUC to donate to in the month of August is **CERN – Communities Ending Racism Now**. This organization was started by Sabrina Benson, who spoke at our “Unite For Racial Justice” vigil in June about some of the devastating ways being Black in our country has been so difficult for her and her family. CERN’s mission and vision are to “Build a coalition of families to dismantle racism within Wisconsin’s suburban schools and beyond, and to equip and empower communities in the push to end institutional and covert racism and mindsets for the betterment of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students.

The Food Pantry we are collecting for in August is the *Sussex Food Pantry*.

How to donate: To support these organizations with a donation through the church, please go to our website at lcuuc.org, and click on “Donate”. Once you log in, click on “Add Transaction” and you’ll see a place to donate to the monthly designated organization or food pantry. You can also mail a check to LCUUC with the name of the organization in the memo line.



ANNOUNCING — LCUUC SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

LCUUC is starting a Scrip fundraising program. The Scrip program includes many local vendors and LCUUC will receive a percentage of all purchases. The percentage varies from merchant to merchant but averages around 4%. If you purchase a \$50 card with a 4% rebate to LCUUC, the value of the card is \$50 of merchandise and LCUUC will receive \$2. There are two options for purchasing the cards:

- eGift Cards - Members can order and receive them online, print them or put them on their phones, and use them just like a physical card. It should be noted that members will be charged 2.6% on a credit card order. If, however, you link a bank account to your Scrip purchases, there will be a 15-cent charge per transaction. Not all merchants offer eGift Cards.
- Physical Cards – Physical cards are also available but in addition to the credit card and bank charges, Scrip also charges \$8.50 for shipping.

When LCUUC is back to holding physical services, members will be able to order and pay by check to the church. The fees and shipping costs will be paid from a church fundraising account. When that time comes, more information will be provided on that process.

Here is how to register: Go to shop.shopwithscrip.com and choose SIGN IN. Then choose Get Started and then Join an Existing Program. The Enrollment code is 517EA2CB68933. This ties your purchases to LCUUC. Once registered, you may choose vendors and which payment method is most appropriate. Questions? Please contact Tim Fuller at connoto@wi.rr.com or 262-490-4836



The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR can be found HERE

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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.