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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



January 2020

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

January 5

Coloring Outside the Lines –Rev. Tony Larson

Rev. Tony's sermon this Sunday is about what people sometimes call "thinking outside the box," "moving outside the grid," or "jumping the rails of conventional thinking. It's also sometimes referred to simply as a paradigm shift. Whatever we might call it though, is is the foundation stone for almost every important movement, cultural change, scientific advancement, artistic breakthrough, or religious development. Rev. Tony will discuss how it can be important in our spiritual lives as well, especially as we begin the new year.

Cash donations to Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

January 12

Nature Mysticism: The Pagan Path to Spiritual Consciousness –Philip Chard

Persecuted for centuries, so-called “Pagans” continue to engenderwariness, misunderstanding and even discrimination. Despite repression, this tradition lives on in Wicca, Taoism, Native American spirituality, and other nature-based and polytheistic philosophies. Today, nature mysticism, which is central to Pagan beliefs, is re-emerging as a recognized path to spiritual awareness and transformation. We will examine the core attitudes and actions of present-day nature mystics, how these are validated by the natural sciences, and their connection with the new discipline of eco-psychology.

January 19

Living is Enough –Rev. Elizabeth McCord

Our culture tells us we don't have enough—enough time, enough energy, enough money, enough stuff—but the reality is most of us have all we need. How do we live as stewards of enough with gratitude and generosity? And how do we work for a world where everyone has enough to do the same?

Cash donations to Voces de la Frontera

January 26

'Allowing For' as a Spiritual Practice –Elizabeth Lewis

In the past few years, as confirmation bias (the tendency to interpret new evidence as confirmation of one's existing beliefs and theories) has become the support structure for individual and collective truth, our willingness to practice “allowing for” is being compromised. Come explore how allowing for someone else's point of view, what is as it is, and your own humanness can be a rewarding spiritual practice, leading to a broader framing of truth, greater inner peace, and a deeper sense of connection to your best, self, others and the world around you.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a screening of the film **Suppressed: The Fight to Vote** after the worship service on Sunday, January 26th. You care about voter suppression – find out how to help voters register after the documentary! More information on this film is [HERE](#).

CHOOSE – Come Help On Opportunity Sunday Everyone!

Please mark your calendars for Opportunity Sunday – February 16th – when we put our faith into action!

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We will have multiple opportunities for people to take action, both inside and outside of church. Opportunities include making and serving breakfast at the **Hope Center**, doing a project at the Day Center of **Family Promise**, as well as opportunities to do service and activism at church to support a homeless shelter in Milwaukee and writing letters in support of legislation related to climate change and **Black Lives Matter**. If we have enough interest, there may be other opportunities to do some work in Milwaukee as well.

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Sign ups will be available for the various opportunities soon! Questions? Ideas? Contact Kerry Duma kerryduma@gmail.com



Big Ideas Book Group: Winter/Spring 2020

Why Buddhism is True: The Science and Philosophy of Meditation and Enlightenment

From one of America's most brilliant writers, a journey through psychology, philosophy, and lots of meditation to show how Buddhism holds a key to moral clarity and enduring happiness. At the heart of Buddhism is a simple claim: The reason we suffer—and the reason we make other people suffer—is that we don't see the world clearly. At the heart of Buddhist meditative practice is a radical promise: We can learn to see the world, including ourselves, more clearly and so gain a deep and morally valid happiness.

Robert Wright shows how taking this promise seriously can change your life—how it can loosen the grip of anxiety, regret, and hatred, and how it can deepen your appreciation of beauty and of other people. He also shows why this transformation works, drawing on the latest in neuroscience and psychology, and armed with an acute understanding of human evolution.

Written with the wit, clarity, and grace for which Wright is famous, **Why Buddhism Is True** lays the foundation for a spiritual life in a secular age and shows how, in a time of technological distraction and social division, we can save ourselves from ourselves, both as individuals and as a species.

What: Join us for a discussion of this interesting and important book

When: 8 Fridays from 7 pm-8:30 (2/7, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22)

Where: LCUUC

Facilitator: Greg Valde

To sign up, please send an email to Greg_valdeg@uww.edu or Leann_admin@lcuuc.org by January 31. All participants should read the first 2 chapters prior to our first meeting and come prepared to share a favorite idea from the reading.



MidAmerica
Regional Assembly
2020

The UU Church • Rockford, IL

Saturday, April 18, 2020

KEYNOTE: TAQUIENA BOSTON

SAVE THE DATE FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2020

Regional Assembly 2020 will be held at The Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, Illinois on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Our keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity, and Change. The day will feature worship, the annual business meeting, lunch, keynote presentation, and select workshops. The annual business meeting and keynote speaker will be live streamed for those who cannot attend. On Friday evening, April 17, The UU Church in Rockford will graciously host an evening gathering for those in town. Registration opens January 2020.



UU Orientation Class Sunday, January 12 11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Have you been visiting for awhile and interested in learning more about LCUUC? Join us for the Winter Orientation Class that will be held after the service on Sunday, January 12th. We will share information about Unitarian Universalism, LCUUC history, church life, ways to get involved and how to become a member.

The session will be from 11:30 to 1:30 pm, and a light lunch will be served. You can sign up at the Welcome Table in the foyer or online. Please let us know in advance if you will need childcare. Contact Yvonne Fort myfort2@wi.rr.com if you have questions.



Grace Notes

Our music program continues to build steam. A BIG shout out to Gus Santo and the LCUUC choir...they continue to "rock the house" weekly. Liz Deyoe gave an inspired performance on Dec 1st, featuring 3 of her newest solo guitar compositions, all played perfectly. Mare Edstrom- Fox gave a great vocal performance on Dec 8th with excellent backup from the LCUUC choir. Dec 22nd will be our 1st Winter Solstice music celebration. Musicians include Mare Edstrom-Fox, Grace Butscher, Sarah Ehrhardt, Karen Haskell, Greg Valde, and Tracy Moraine, and a special Cello performance by Dr. Alina Vázquez. This should be a great alternative for those who prefer a less traditional Christmas service.

Lots of music already planned for January and February. Vocalist Garrett Waite returns on Sun Jan 12th. We also have an all blues service planned for Feb 9th. Stay tuned for details!

Please be in touch with questions, comments, or suggestions

Kenn Fox



Ethics for Unitarian Universalists: Immanuel Kant & Emmanuel Levinas



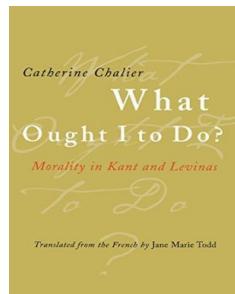
Immanuel Kant

What ought I to do? This question is asked by every person concerned about ethics. Immanuel Kant maintains that concern for morality is built into reason's need and therefore represents the best in being human. Emmanuel Levinas thinks that the source of the good lies entirely outside of the self, in fact, that the otherness of other people is the source of moral obligation, undetermined by reason.

What do you think?



Emmanuel Levinas



*What Ought I to Do?
Morality in Kant and Levinas*
by Catherine Chalier

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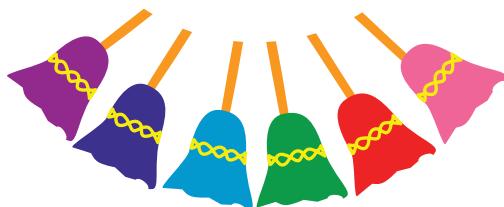
Gus Santo is the Instructor for this course.

You are **not** required to purchase *What Ought I to Do?* However, if you do want to purchase a used copy just go to:



Interested? All are welcome. Register for this class for \$30 with the LCUUC's office by calling 262-369-1703 or by e-mail at admin@lcuuc.org. LCUUC members can also donate their registration fee by going on-line to the church's pledge and donation web-site. Classes will be held every other Thursday at 5:30pm to 7:00pm in classroom #3, at **Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church**, at the corner of County K & County E in Hartland, Wisconsin. January 30th, 2020; February 13th, February 27th, March 12th, March 26th, April 9th, April 16th, & April 30th.

Catherine Chalier is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Paris, Nanterre, and the author of numerous books on Levinas.



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.

January

January 5	Paula & Greg Hillmann
January 12	Nichols / Harrahy
January 19	Karen & Al Haskell
January 26	Fox / Edstrom-Fox



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**The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR
can be found
HERE**

LCUUC Staff & Hours

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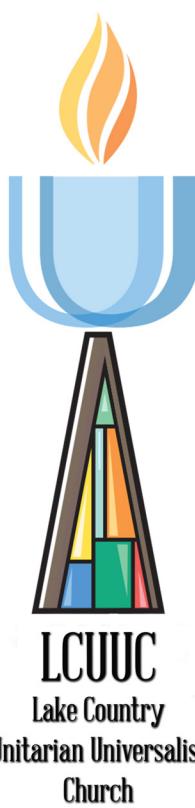
Call ahead if possible!

Music Director: Kenn Fox

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Available by appointment—please contact him directly

Cleaning: Kaya Rollins



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.