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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



## July 2020

### 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.*

**July 5**

**Fourth of July –Claire Johnson**

*Collection for Waukesha Food Pantry*

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! For many of us, fireworks are a colorful and engaging display that is entertaining and fun to watch. My family has its own traditions of purchasing and shooting off fireworks at a friend’s house as part of their annual outdoor celebration. My brother, my dad, and I – it’s not every day we get to be together, so this is a special time for us. This year with the current pandemic situation, it will be different in how we celebrate and how will that impact our tradition.

**July 12**

**Flourishing in Hard Times –Greg Valde**

It’s difficult to find ways to flourish even in the best of times. This service will consider a few research-based ideas on how to flourish – even in times like these.

**July 19**

**The Eye of the Needle –Gus Santo**

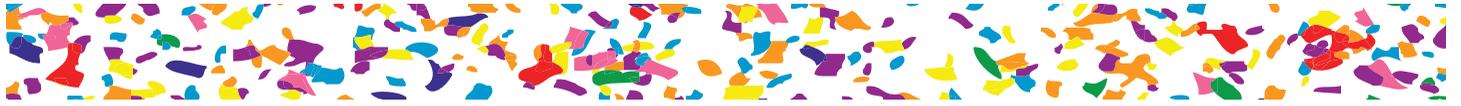
*Collection for Immigrant Support Initiative*

Surviving tragedy is a good thing, but merely surviving makes the tragedy meaningless. The power of tragedy ought to transform life by stripping away the superficial, the constriction of crass materialism, the egocentric trap of apathy, and an obsession with the past which was supposedly idyllic. Tragedy ought to thrust a person forward into the now’s future with an irresistible force. Living is forward movement. One who has been humbled by passing through the eye of a needle understands this truth.

**July 28**

**Moving Through Life/The Pandemic –Kerry Duma**

How do we care for ourselves and find resiliency? Kerry will share some ideas on ways to cultivate calm steadiness and resiliency through difficult times. You will need room to stand up and spread out your arms for this Zoom session.



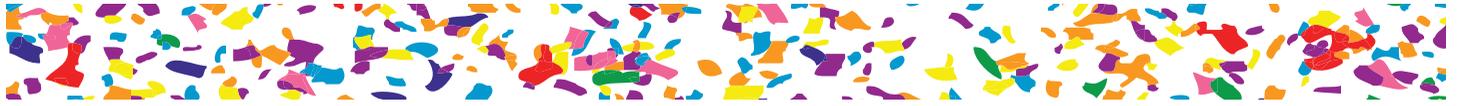
## **ADOPT A HIGHWAY August 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am**

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. Our stretch of highway was Capitol Drive east of Hartland; we met at the "Sluggers Bar" (it is no longer there) parking lot on Sunday mornings and proceeded from there. Here is a picture of our first outing (recognize anybody?)

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 1½ hours total, 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Ray Grosch or Gerry Flakas for more information.





## **Our Time, Talent and Treasure Auction is ONLINE!**

**START BIDDING NOW!**

**Bidding begins Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

It's easy, convenient, and you can bid 24/7!

We're trying a new method of bidding through *BiddingOwl*. You will need to register and login before bidding. Go **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! Bid often and bid high and have fun!



## **Reverend Carin Bringelson to be our minister**

Dear Friends,

It is with great rejoicing that we share the news that the Rev. Carin Bringelson has agreed to a one year,  $\frac{3}{4}$  time contract ministry position with Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church. In Carin's Ministerial Record, she notes, "Others have described my ministerial presence as warm, open, and peaceful; grounded and centered; and inspiring a sense of trust and comfort in others. I strive to open my heart to others with curiosity, deep listening, and compassion. Once people get to know me, they will also see my playful and creative side: I strive to express joy whenever I feel it, and I hope that people can have fun together!" In our interactions with Carin over the past few months, we see these same traits. We are excited that she will collaborate with us on LCUUC's journey over the next year and hope that our relationship grows beyond this initial period.

Carin completed her Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School earlier this year and is completing an intern ministry at First Unitarian Society of Madison. In that role, she was charged with revitalizing the Campus Ministry program at UW Madison. Her home congregation is the James Reeb UU Congregation, also in Madison, where she served as the Religious Education Coordinator for three years and as an active lay leader for many years. Carin has a B.A. in Sociology and African American Studies from Grinnell College and master's degrees in educational policy studies and Library and Information Studies from U.W. Madison.

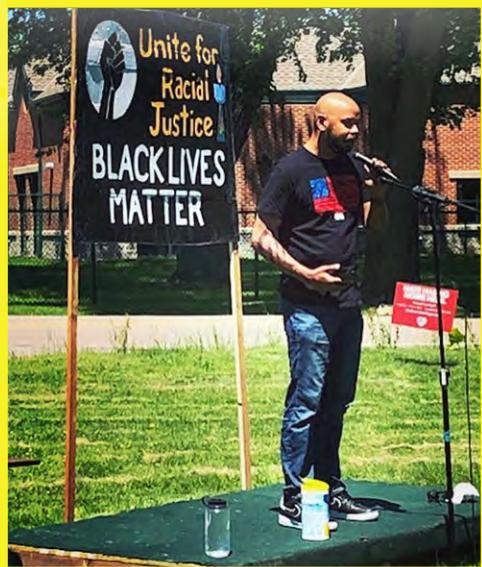
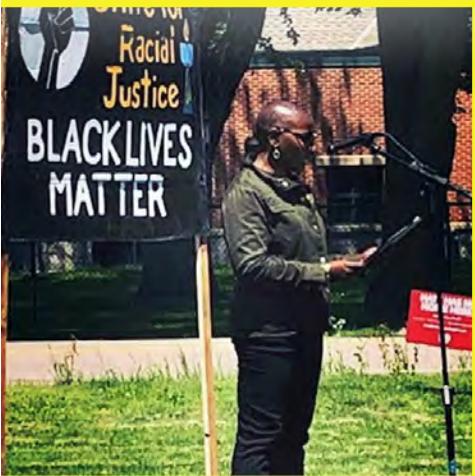
We believe that Carin will be an ideal partner as we look toward supporting and re-imagining LCUUC, especially during a global pandemic. She describes her experience of shifting a planned sermon on forgiveness and perfectionism in mid-March to an emergency on-line format as follows: "Serendipitously, the previously chosen topic allowed us to actually practice living into forgiving ourselves and one another as we tried new ways of worshiping in messy, imperfect — and life-giving — ways." From her background in technology and information sciences to her commitment to social justice and anti-oppression work to her view that strategic planning should create "living" documents that members of the congregation embrace and use — Carin brings a broad range of strengths that will support the ministry of LCUUC in our community.

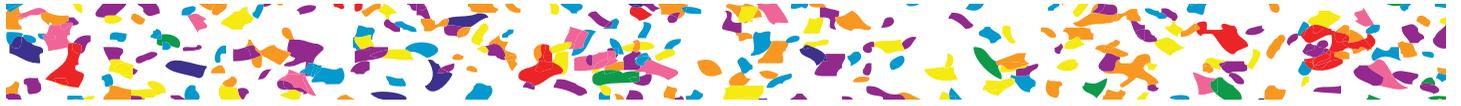
Carin is especially interested in continuing her exploration of small group ministry as a key facet of congregational life. She is acutely aware of the need to balance human interaction with risk and will thoughtfully work with us to find our new normal in terms of church life. We could not ask for a better partner to help us continue our mission in this challenging time.

Please join us in celebrating and welcoming Carin and her wife, Bev Buhr, to the Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Community!!



**Hartland Vigil**  
**Unite for Racial Justice**  
**BLACK LIVES MATTER**





## SOCIAL JUSTICE

We held a powerful vigil on Sunday, June 14th to support Black Lives and to Unite for Racial Justice. About 150 people showed up to hear our speakers:

- Katherine Riebe from Tosa Together – an organization in Wauwatosa doing excellent anti-racism work
- Sabrina Benson – founder of CERN - Communities Ending Racism Now
- Khary Penebaker, who serves on the Black Caucus of the DNC and is a staunch anti-gun violence advocate, who led us through 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silence in remembrance of the life of George Floyd and so many other people of color who have died at the hands of police. Watch his speech [HERE](#)
- Tia Wilson, a middle schooler who reminded us that “we all bleed the same color,” why can’t we all accept each other and treat each other better?

A black UU minister, friend of our incoming minister Carin Bingelson, opened and closed our event with a prayer. On that gorgeous Sunday afternoon, we closed our event by singing *We Shall Overcome*, led by Karen Haskell with her beautiful resonant voice.

We shall only overcome if we all get involved. Remember, we as white people have the privilege and the power. We must use our voices, our dollars and our vote to change the systems of white supremacy in our society. The Social Justice Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month. We also have a bi-monthly email/text on how you can take action. Contact Kerry Duma at [kerryduma@gmail.com](mailto:kerryduma@gmail.com) if you’d like to get involved.

### July Social Justice collection

The organization we are targeting donations to in July is SOPHIA (Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action) for their *Immigrant Support Initiative*. Immigrant families in Waukesha County are experiencing unprecedented hardship because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of these immigrant families have lived and worked in Waukesha County for years; have paid taxes and even owned their own businesses. Unlike most of us, because of their undocumented immigrant status, they will not receive Federal or State benefits that were created to support families during this time of crisis. The greatest need identified is for assistance with rent and housing expenses. SOPHIA has set a goal of collecting \$10,000.00 to assist with this need and support our brothers and sisters that have nowhere else to go.

This month we are also collecting for The Food Pantry of Waukesha.

Please go to LCUUC’s website and click on “Donate” to donate to SOPHIA’s Immigrant Support Initiative or the Waukesha Food Pantry.

## SOMETHING YOU CAN DO



### VOTE FORWARD – Our goal is now 4,000 letters!

Please join our **Vote Forward** campaign to write ~~2,000~~ **4,000** letters to voters before the November election to help **Get Out The Vote**. This letter writing campaign encourages people to vote who have missed voting for several elections. Sending a **Vote Forward** letter is one of the easiest things you can do to increase turnout. It takes two minutes and one stamp, and meaningfully increases the odds that the recipient will vote. A concrete action you can take, no matter where you live, to get unlikely-to-vote fellow citizens to the polls. Addresses and templates are provided. You personalize the letter by adding a sentence on why its important to vote, address, stamp and mail it. Register at the **Vote Forward** website and download addressed letters to Wisconsin residents in batches of 20. **Vote Forward** [vote4wd.org](http://vote4wd.org)

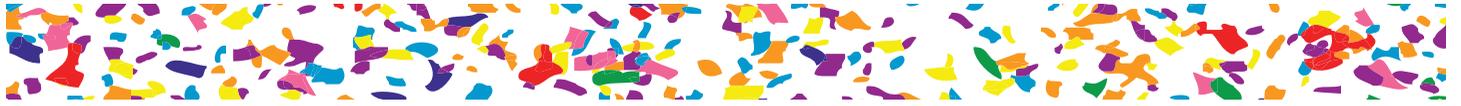
Here’s what one LCUUC member has to say about writing letters through Vote Forward:

*“I have been writing letters for the Get out The Vote Campaign. I have written 40 so far and plan to write more. I consider this election the most important in my lifetime and this action gives me a sense of purpose when I am isolated at home. I see the names and addresses on the lists and experience a sense of connection to people I do not know. Encouraging folks to vote strengthens our collective voice and impacts the decisions that will affect us all.”*  
–Claudette Hamm

One amazing person from our congregation is committing to write over 1,500 letters! How about you? Is affording the stamps stopping you? Email Ginger Goral at [ggoralme@gmail.com](mailto:ggoralme@gmail.com) and she will send you stamps. Please let us know how many letters you can commit to sending so we can reach our goal! Email Phil Smith at [psmithw318@gmail.com](mailto:psmithw318@gmail.com)

- Commit to doing 20 letters, you are a **Voter Who Cares**
- Commit to doing 60 letters, you are a **Voter Supporter**
- Commit to doing 100 letters, you are a **Voter who Makes a Difference**
- Commit to doing 500 letters, you are a **Crazy Nut who is AWESOME!!!!**

**Let’s all at least MAKE A DIFFERENCE! And better yet, be Crazy Nuts!!!**



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**LCUUC**  
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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.*