



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.

**Note: The next NEWS for Lake Country UUs will be September 2018**



## JUNE 2018

The Touchstones theme for the month of June is **WISDOM**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES** Services begin at 10am

#### **June 3**

##### **The Wisdom of Flowers (Flower Communion)**

As a community, we grow by opening our hearts to each other and sharing our wisdom, our music, our laughter and our silence. Flower Communion is a symbol of that relationship and covenant, and we invite all to join us in celebrating our free church.

We encourage each person to bring a small live potted plant (herbs, vegetables, flowers or anything else growing which represents what you bring to our community) to add to the communion- at the end of the service everyone can choose a plant to take home with them. If you can't bring a plant please come and join in anyway--there will be enough for everyone to participate!

#### **June 10**

##### **Is Death a Dirty Word? –Chris Prange-Morgan, Shannon Finger and Sue Andrews**

This is the April 15 service that was canceled due to snowy, slick roads.

In our language and our funeral practices we show that in this culture we are quite uncomfortable with the reality of death. Chris Prange-Morgan is hospital chaplain and Shannon Finger is a hospice chaplain. They will bring stories to show that letting death into life can be a blessing to our lives. We will think about how to get more comfortable with death in a society in which death is a dirty word.

#### **June 17**

##### **Father's Day: "Father Is a Verb" –Rev. Shokan Mui (Erich Moraine)**

Father is more than a noun in a genealogy chart. To father is to engage the world with focus, determination, courage, and wisdom. To father is to answer one of the highest callings of humanity. Father is a verb.

**Hebron House**

#### **June 25**

##### **To Know the Difference –Paul Fackler**

Reinhold Niebuhr created what is commonly called the Serenity Prayer around 1934. In it, he proposes that wisdom is needed to distinguish between the things we cannot change and those we can. We are going to explore this proposition to see what we can learn from it.

#### **July: Rev. Amy will be back in the pulpit beginning July 8.**

#### **July 1**

##### **Beyond 'Being Right' — The Harder Truth of Empathy –William Esty**

With the modern world so politically and emotionally charged, it can be easy for us to get stuck in our ways of thinking and lose the empathy necessary for us to truly understand one another. Compassion requires that we do one of the hardest things possible for us to do: admit that we might be wrong.

Will is going into his senior year at the University of Evansville where he studies theatre performance (a fancy way of saying he's getting an acting degree). He grew up with LCUUC, and loves the opportunity to bring a younger voice to the pulpit and share the findings he's made on his own spiritual journey!

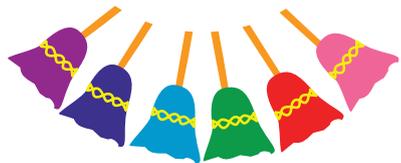


## SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee had a retreat in May to look at what we've been doing and vision/plan for the year ahead. We will continue to focus primarily on issues related to Economic Justice.

In May, we had members who participated in the May 1st "Day Without Latinx and Immigrants" march in Waukesha with Voces de la Frontera. We also had a presence at Dontre Day in Red Arrow Park on May 4th.

Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs is working on a series of racial justice presentations by Reggie Jackson followed by facilitated deep conversations to be held on three Saturdays this fall – more details to come.



## 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.

<b>June 3</b>	<b>Hubbard, Gau, Ulicny</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Brem and Glaser</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Brewer and Claire Johnson</b>
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Campbell/Foss Campbell and Kreml</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Casper/Silverman and Grosch</b>

## LCUUC LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fellow LCUUC members and friends, please consider helping keep your church home looking nice by signing up to mow the church lawn at least once this year. Your support is greatly appreciated so our landscape doesn't turn into a hayfield!

There is a signup sheet posted in the social hall, and hopefully it will fill up quickly. Last year with all the help we were once again able to avoid the expense of hiring a contractor. With the church's riding mower, it takes 3-4 hrs. to complete, by the time the trimming and trash pickup is done. We will need 3-4 signups per month for the growing season.

Please sign up, or let me know if you are interested, even if you are not sure about exactly when you can commit. I am always available to provide tips and information for new or experienced volunteers.

Thank you in advance for the help!

*John Kuhn*



## CIRCLE DINNER

It is not too early to start thinking about participating in Circle Dinners for the 2018-2019 year. What is a Circle Dinner? It is a gathering of 8 members/guests/friends who assemble for a potluck lunch/dinner/appetizer 4 times from the fall to spring. One member/couple hosts at their home or at church, providing the "main course" and other members join the festivities, bringing additional items to share. Fun, food and exciting conversation are a given. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know other members in a small group, while sharing what it always a wonderful meal.

Get-togethers are held in Nov/Jan/March/May. We try to work around holidays and Packer games. Sign-up will be in September and a schedule will be sent out to all participants in mid-October. Don't have a "partner"? That's OK!!

Members do sign up a singles and are matched with another member (or you can sign up as your own couple with another member). Can't commit to attending all four gatherings - that's OK too. We are usually in need of substitutes and have a list of those individuals who can fill in on short notice.

Please consider joining the fun. Contact Carol Gau with any questions - [carolgau83@email.com](mailto:carolgau83@email.com)



## ON BOARD

The Board met on May 15, 2018 and the following issues were discussed:

Our Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd, immediately following the service. We hope to see as many of our members there as possible.

The Capital campaign currently has \$381,000 in pledges and \$257,000 cash received. The Board voted to proceed with a contract to install a new boiler, system controls and system pump. In addition, the Board also approved the contract to remove asbestos, pipe fittings and the old boiler. The plan options for the exterior entrance to the building will be displayed and voted on by the congregation at the annual meeting.

During the upcoming summer months, there will be childcare provided for children age 12 and under during Sunday services. RE will resume in the fall.

Choir will be taking a break during the summer.

Social Justice committee has suggested that next year committees would consider setting up informational booths/displays in the social hall throughout the year to engage members in their activities.

Adia Sanden will continue to coordinate work on the Playground Project through the summer and volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

The Board wants to remind all members that the fire pit area is a wonderful spot for a gathering and if you are interested in using it at any time you are welcome to do so and to let Leann, our Office Manager, know so the spot is reserved.

Your financial contributions and volunteer efforts continue to help LCUUC remain a thriving congregation and are greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your summer!  
*Pam Prestby, Board Member*

### LCUUC BOARD MEMBERS

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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.*



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## Couples in Recovery

The Couples In Recovery program (CIR) is intended to help the recovering couple bring serenity and peace into their home and relationship. Please join us the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at LCUUC. For more information, call 262-569-1011



## Grace Notes

*"Music is an outburst of the soul."* –Frederick Delius.

It has long been our desire to develop a "house band" mostly to accompany the choir but to eventually be featured in its own right. Rather than scramble to find players every time a choir piece calls for instrumentalists we thought it a good idea to assemble a group of folks who want to accompany for a few pieces in the near future with an eye to choral anthems, hymns, and instrumental pieces as time goes on. We have been very fortunate to find some folks willing and eager to play for the choir and help support congregational hymns. Watch for more appearances by our Lake House Band. Earlier this month for the Green Sanctuary Committee's service, the band quoted heavily from Phish while the choir did its own arrangement of "This Train is Bound for Glory".

The mixed adult and children's choir will sing a special anthem called "The Beat of a Drum" for RE Sunday. The opening line is, "There's a change on the horizon." Watching our kids Sunday after Sunday we can readily see how they change and grow. It's exciting and so is this song! As the name may indicate several drummers (both youth and adults) will be featured.

In upcoming weeks, the choir will sing anthems for the Memorial Day service and for Flower Communion. The general plan is for the choir to sing once or twice a month with other special music one or two of the other weeks.

As always, anyone wanting to sing in the choir or provide special music is always welcomed and encouraged to contact Nancy Bratt or Doug Esty ([music@lcuuc.org](mailto:music@lcuuc.org) or [choir@lcuuc.org](mailto:choir@lcuuc.org)).

We hope you will join us with an outburst of your soul and participate in the music ministry of our church.

Harmoniously,  
Nancy and Doug



## Kintsugi Sangha - Meditation

Drop by for a visit to this Zen community which is open and welcoming to all traditions. The Kintsugi Sangha meets on Thursdays in the sanctuary from 6:30 till 8:15pm for meditation, instruction, and conversation. Newcomers or those wanting additional time are welcome as of 6pm. There is no prerequisite for attendance, everyone is welcome regardless of experience.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

At the May Board meeting, the Capital Campaign Working Group presented their recommendations which were all approved by the Board:

1. Proceed with contracts with Pat's Heating and Air Conditioning for a new boiler, system controls and system pumps and with Affordable Environmental Technologies for removal of asbestos and demolition of the pipe fillings and boiler. The price for these two components is \$98,000. This work will begin the week of May 21st and will be in process for about 3 weeks. The social hall will be cleaned up for each weekend, but if anyone has an event during the week, please let someone on the Committee know.
2. Delay work on the exterior. The Working Group discussed many different options trying to determine how best to proceed with the least possible cost. After considerable discussion, we decided we do not have the money in hand to proceed and did not feel it was beneficial or wise to try to piecemeal work on the exterior. While the primary concern with the re-shingling was rot within the underlying sheathing, the contractors we spoke with indicated that rot should be minimal, and this work could be delayed. The work on the exterior will cost between \$285,000 and \$310,000. We currently have \$282,000 pledged after payment for the boiler work with \$63,000 promised in 2019 and 2020. So we are very close to our total goal for the exterior.
3. Have the congregation vote on the different entrance options Fall 2018.

We want to thank everyone for their support. The Capital Campaign Working Group will make a presentation at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and discuss these issues in more detail as well as answer all questions. The Capital Campaign Committee will get back together in July and discuss the way forward.

## \*CONCERT & BRUU FEST\*

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7–11 pm

Magnus Barn, Oconomowoc

\$20

Join us for a fun evening!

Enjoy Greg Valde and his band, taste and judge home brews and appetizers and celebrate warm weather!

If you'd like to join in, contact Lynne Smith ASAP as space is limited [lynnethetwin@gmail.com](mailto:lynnethetwin@gmail.com)



## Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

The countdown to summer is upon us and I know that the kids are all excited to be done with yet another school year! I hope that everyone has some fun summer plans and that we all take time to relax and soak in the sun outdoors in the upcoming months. I will be spending time at the plot Kaya and I rent at the Oconomowoc Community Organic Gardens which is run by the Greener Oconomowoc organization. We have rented the same plot of land for 5 years now and it is my Zen spot during the growing season. I hope everyone has a Zen spot that they retreat to for solitude and realignment

as I like to say... as I need to do this week after our very special RE Sunday service on May 20th, 2018. The music was rousing, the kids in the service were sweet, and the messages that our two bridging HS seniors Ellery Craven & Bjorn Larson shared during their Faith statements was hopeful! I always get a bit emotional watching the youth from our faith community share in what they believe and I'm so grateful that they have so

much to say! Congratulations Ellery & Bjorn! I am confident both of your paths will lead you to find your own joy in life.

During the months of June, July, & August we will not be having any formal R.E. classes. Jamie & Madison (our paid nursery workers) will be available for childcare during service for ages 12 and under. They will provide a planned summer activity each Sunday for any child who does not wish to stay in service. The activity may be outdoors if weather permits, so please dress your child appropriately for the summer months (including sun screen if needed). All Middle School and High School youth will be invited to stay in our summer services or if they would like to assist the younger kids with planned activities they may join the group as helpers.

Please look for the return of the R.E. program next September when we begin classes and continue exploring new curriculums! We will also be offering O.W.L. classes (with great hope) both to our High Schoolers (grades 10-12) and our 7th-9th graders. We are teaming up with the Waukesha UU church to host combined O.W.L. classes with teachers and students from both of our churches. I am very excited for this new dynamic and I think it will bring even more attention to the importance of the Our Whole Lives Lifespan Sexuality Education programming. Stayed tuned to for more information late summer 2018...

In Peace

*Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education*





# LCUUC calendar

**Saturday, June 2**

7pm Concert & BRUU Fest

**Sunday, June 3**

9am Choir rehearsal  
9am Sunday morning meditation  
9am Couples in Recovery  
10am Sunday service  
11:30am Annual LCUUC meeting  
12:30 Kids outdoor play area work day  
6pm NA (closed meeting)

**Tuesday, June 5**

2pm Staff meeting  
6:30pm RE committee meeting  
7pm SOS meeting  
7pm Worship Arts committee meeting

**Wednesday, June 6**

6:30pm Choir practice

**Thursday, June 7**

5pm NA (closed meeting)  
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation  
7pm NVC practice group

**Sunday, June 10**

9am Sunday morning meditation  
10am Sunday service  
6pm NA (closed meeting)

**Tuesday, June 12**

7pm SOS meeting

**Wednesday, June 13**

6:30pm Choir practice

**Thursday, June 14**

5pm NA (closed meeting)  
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

**Sunday, June 17**

9am Sunday morning meditation  
10am Sunday service  
6pm NA (closed meeting)

**Tuesday, June 19**

2pm Staff meeting  
7pm Board meeting  
7pm SOS meeting

**Wednesday, June 20**

6:30pm Choir practice  
8:15pm Music committee meeting

**Thursday, June 21**

5pm NA (closed meeting)  
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

**Sunday, June 24**

9am Sunday morning meditation  
10am Sunday service  
12:30pm Kids outdoor play area work day  
6pm NA (closed meeting)

**Tuesday, June 26**

7pm Social justice committee meeting  
7pm SOS meeting

**Wednesday, June 27**

6:30pm Choir practice

**Thursday, June 28**

5pm NA (closed meeting)  
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

**Sunday, July 1**

9am Sunday morning meditation  
9am Couples in Recovery  
10am Sunday service  
6pm NA (closed meeting)



## LCUUC Staff & Hours

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