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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

June - August 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.

NOTE: The next *News for Lake Country UUs* will be September 2021

Sunday, June 6, 2021

From Passion to Compassion: The Power of Owning our Scars –Chris Prange-Morgan, LCUUC member

A major difference between care and cure is that cure implies the end of trouble. If you are cured, you don't have to worry about whatever was bothering you any longer. But care has a sense of ongoing attention. –Thomas Moore

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Care of the Soul –Lois Remeikis, LCUUC member

What is a soul? Can my soul get lost? Come explore the concept of soul and its deeper connections to our spiritual life.

Sunday, June 20, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.

Going to the Well of Living Waters –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister and other UU ministers

Meadville Lombard Theological School (the seminary from which Rev. Carin graduated) is offering today's worship service. Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, MDiv '04, will preach on Going to the Well of Living Waters, based on the Gospel of John 4: 1-26. Music will be provided by Mark Miller. *Please note: we will gather on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. to connect as LCUUC before worship starts at 11 a.m.*

Sunday, June 27, 2021

General Assembly Worship –Caryl Whiteman, LCUUC member

Each year at General Assembly, thousands of Unitarian Universalists from across the continent gather to worship together. The experience is electrifying and faith-strengthening. This year LCUUC will get to join our fellow UUs for this special worship service.

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Celebrating Interdependence Day –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

On this holiday weekend we will playfully and creatively honor our connections with one another as well as the non-human beings that make up our world.

Sunday, July 11, 2021

River's Call: A Life's Journey –Lois Remeikis, LCUUC member

Journey along the river of life and discover the ups and downs of traveling down the river.

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Stop Being a Bystander in Your Own Life –Sarah Ehrhardt, LCUUC member

This month we are focusing on the theme of Journey. What is your JOURNEY – expedition, voyage, quest, pilgrimage, adventure, course? Life is a journey filled with lessons, hardships, heartaches, joys, celebrations and special moments that will ultimately lead us to our destination and purpose in life. The road will not always be smooth; in fact, throughout our travels, we will encounter many challenges.

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Journey into the Unknown –Claire Johnson, LCUUC member

Watch the Friday Blast for more details.

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Enthusiastic Yeses –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

Come explore why enthusiastic yeses are essential for our spiritual growth and development. The first of two pulpit exchange worship services, today we welcome virtual guests from Madison's James Reeb UU Congregation (JRUUC). Next week LCUUC will attend JRUUC's worship.

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Communing with UUs –Rev. Karen Armina, Minister of JRUUC

The second of two pulpit exchange worship services, today LCUUC attends worship online at Madison's James Reeb UU Congregation (JRUUC). Last week we welcomed virtual guests from JRUUC, and today they return the favor.

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Communing with the Unknown –Kerry Duma, LCUUC member

Watch the Friday Blast for more details.

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Bless Fins, Feathers, and Fur –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

Animals bless us with their playfulness and affection -- and simply through their trusting presence. By communing with our pets, joy, love, and meaning are brought into our lives. Today we will bless our beloved pets (and/or stuffed animals) and honor those held in the memory of our hearts.

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Communing with Summer –Caryl Whiteman, LCUUC member

Watch the Friday Blast for more details.



Carin's Corner

June marks the beginning of the end of the church year. Schools wrap up -- including our own Religious Education program. General Assembly (GA) occurs -- this year it is "in" Milwaukee! And worship has a different feel with more lay-led services.

I am grateful that the COVID-19 pandemic is subsiding in the United States while also mindful of the ongoing stress, death, and grief that continues. I am, like many of you, looking forward to being in one another's physical presence. Please note that the COVID Working Group, the Board of Trustees, and the Worship Arts Committee are all working steadily to move towards clarifying when and how we will be able to meet more regularly face-to-face. Thankfully, summer is a great time to gather outside, so please join in those opportunities as you so choose.

As we move into summer, I will be out of the office more, working remotely during the Ministry Days that lead up to the General Assembly, and then during GA itself. I will also be away on vacation and study leave this summer. Specific dates can be found in the article later in the newsletter. Please know that you will be in my heart even as I take my own R&R time.

I hope that *you* will take some time "off" this summer, too. To breathe and stretch. To reflect and rejuvenate. To listen to the "still small voice within" that guides you on your journey.

I look forward to our Living Waters converging into a Mighty Stream come fall. Consider collecting some water from your summer fun to bring to our Water Communion service in September. I invite you to reflect on a spiritual lesson that the water might be teaching you this year.

Of course, thanks to technology, I am never far away. Reach out to me if you need me and I will respond as soon as I am able. Thankfully, we are in this together.

In Growing Faith,

Rev. Carin
revcarin@lcuuc.org

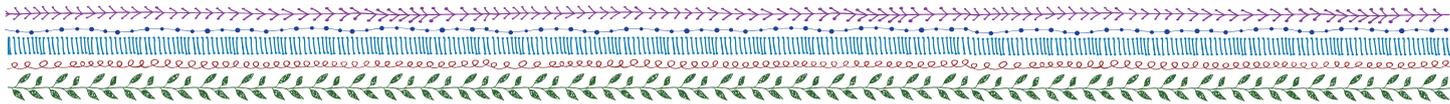
Meeting with the Minister

Because Rev. Carin's schedule varies during the summer months, please email her revcarin@lcuuc.org to schedule a time to meet over Zoom. She is also happy to meet with you in person outdoors, per the COVID Guidelines.

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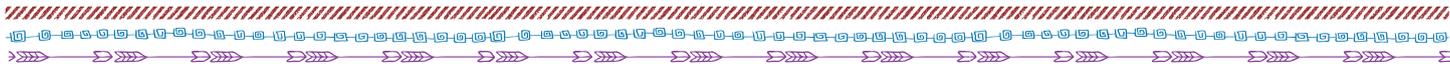
If you need to reach Rev. Carin with a pastoral care emergency while she is away, please contact chair of the Caring Circle, Yvonne Fort at: myfort2@wi.rr.com



LCUUC Solar Electric System 10th Anniversary

Our 19.68 kW solar photovoltaic electric system will be 10 years old this August 4. We purchased it from, and it was installed, by Sunvest Solar Inc. of Waukesha. A brief commissioning ceremony on August 4, 2011 was attended by a dozen or so of us LCUUCers plus Sunvest and WE Energies personnel; Congregation President Kathie Gorski signed the commissioning papers, and the switch was closed to connect the system to the utility. The system has been running almost flawlessly since then, and has generated almost \$30,000 in revenue for LCUUC, about 2/3 of our electric bills, and has stood as a testament to our commitment to renewable energy.

There will be a gala 10th Anniversary Ceremony event on Sunday August 8 after the church service, on the church grounds in front of the solar panels (east parking lot). Come and enjoy some Sunshine Cake and Solar Tea! Details to follow.

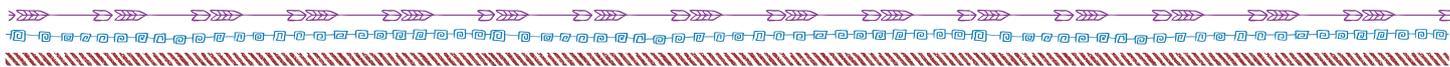


GRACE NOTES

May brought changes to the music program at LCUUC with Kenn's resignation as music director of our church. We are searching for a new music director and will be looking for a choir director as we look forward to coming back together in person. In the meantime, our accompanists will be working with Rev. Carin and our Worship Arts committee to provide music for our services.

We are also planning regular opportunities during the summer to come together to sing. Starting June 10 we will meet every other week from 6:30–7:30pm to make music. Come join in the song, or just come and listen if you prefer. More information to come in your church email or send an email to music@lcuuc.org to have your name added to our choir contact list.

Tracy Moraine
Music Ministry Committee Chair

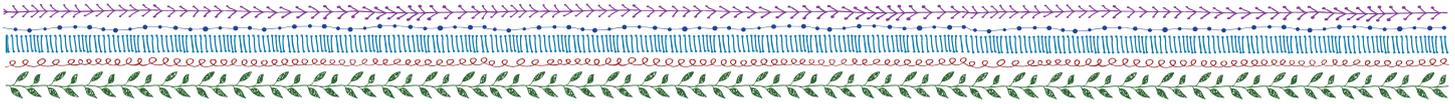


BYO LUNCH GATHERINGS

The Membership Committee is sponsoring BYO lunches again starting Wednesday June 2nd at Noon. These lunches will be the first and third Wednesdays of the month throughout the summer. We are meeting on the church grounds at the campfire area. Bring your own seating and lunch. All are welcome, bring a friend. BYO lunches are scheduled for:

- June 2
- June 16
- July 7
- July 21
- August 4
- August 18

All are first and third Wednesdays of the month at Noon (12pm). If you have any questions, call or text Mark Ubbesen at 262-751-7180.



Youth Religious Education (RE)

As we begin the month of June, I am preparing for my last few weeks of employment as the Director of Religious Education. I have spent the last five years joyfully working with the children, youth, families, and volunteers in the RE programming. I have SO many fond memories of special moments... definitely too many to list here today. I did share a special slide show during the May 16th RE Sunday service. Luckily, I like to take pictures when the inspiration hits me, and I was able to create a slide show full of beautiful moments and faces!!

My closing thoughts for this final newsletter lead me back to the first time I came to LCUUC. Some may know this story as I shared it once during a service many years ago. I was asked to speak for 5 minutes and I actually took about 15 minutes- note to future DRE self that you like to talk... but I would like to revisit it now.

The year was about 2011 and I had just completed my almost 2 -year battle against stage-3 Breast Cancer. I was thinking a lot back then about the world around me and was seeking a 'spiritual base' both for myself and for my then young daughter. When you hear the words "It's Cancer" you go through a lot of emotions. During that time in my life, I wanted to think about my future and finding some answers to help me be a better human being if I was to be gifted with being able to continue my life's journey on this Earth? I came to LCUUC for an advertised gardening class on a weekday evening. It was in the sanctuary and I believe the topic was "double-digging" when planting. I was getting into gardening because my Cancer diagnosis revealed I had a Vitamin D deficiency and my doctor recommended finding time to **enjoy the sun** and getting outdoors more. After the meeting ended (turns out double-digging is an amazing gardening trick when it comes to planting), I noticed the brochure for the Unitarian Universalist faith in the lobby on my way out the door. As I like to grab brochures often for an ever-growing stack I keep on my desk at home- I picked one up and read it later that week. I remember reading about the 7 Principles for this then 'unknown to me' religion called Unitarian Universalist. My immediate thoughts were how can this be a religion? These are statements to how I live my life already!! My curiosity was peaked and I decided to come to a service with Kaya. She was set up to join a class that morning with kids her own age and on the car ride home after church she immediately asked me if we can come back again to this "cool round building" so she can do that again because it was so FUN!! I sat in the service that same morning and found myself getting very emotional over the entire process. The singing, the sharing, the music, and the message. I didn't really know what I was looking for, but I feel on that morning something pretty special had just found us! We began coming back regularly and making so many wonderful friends and finding our place in the LCUUC community with "our family". As a single parent, we have felt like part of an amazing family these past 10 years and I am so incredibly grateful for the experiences that our UU faith has allowed us to be part of. As I begin a new chapter in my career, I will always hold these years working with the families of LCUUC as most precious in my heart and I look forward to supporting the community in different ways in the future.

I am so thankful for finding so much sunshine and beyond with LCUUC!

In Peace-
Christine Rollins,
Director of Religious Education

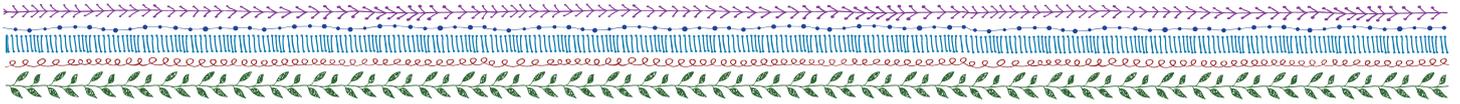
LCUUC & UUUC
RE Families End of Year
Bonfire Saturday June 5
6-9pm @ LCUUC





Stop by and see our
D.R.E. Chris Rollins
before her last day in
June... and eat some
Smores with her ♥





ON BOARD

Here are a few highlights from May’s Board of Trustees meeting ...

The COVID Workgroup has provided guidelines for outdoor property use at LCUUC and is working on guidelines for indoor use. The guidelines address how we can safely gather, yet recognize the evolving nature of COVID-19 and the associated risk levels. Patience seems to be the “name of the game.” A crystal ball would sure be handy.

One thing is made a little easier with just a few people in the building. The Board approved using \$24,996 from the Capital Building Fund to have new carpeting installed in the entry hall, sanctuary, social hall, and Reverend Carin’s office. A fresh new look on the inside will be something to look forward to, and will complement our fresh new look on the outside.

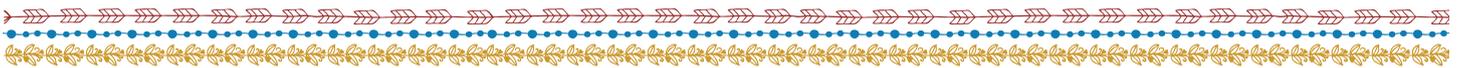
It was exciting to hear that a number of people have expressed interest in joining LCUUC. One person made contact through the Social Justice Committee. Another has already met with Reverend Carin. A third reached out via our website. A former member is thinking of coming back. There is also a couple who is hoping to go on one of the Membership Committee’s hikes so they can get to know some people there.

Someday it will be pure joy to be back in the sanctuary with our “old” friends. We’re rather excited about meeting new ones, too. The short commute to a Zoom meeting can be very nice, but the desire to be together again, in person, is palpable. But don’t wait until then to reach out if you are in need of something. There are helping hands ... and hearts ... to support you.

As our “church year” comes to an end, our out-going Board members deserve a heartfelt THANK YOU. They are Paula Hillmann, Dave Cicero, and Cathy Marrari. Their contributions to LCUUC have been significant and meaningful. We hope they enjoy some well-deserved “free time!”

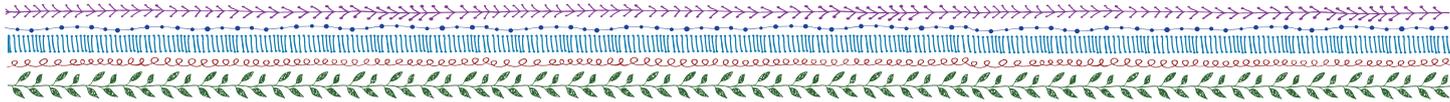
Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Seay, on behalf of the LCUUC 2020–21 Board of Trustees



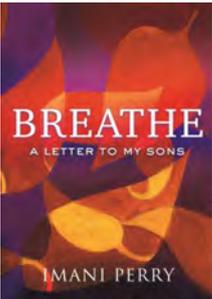
Summer Solstice & Janis and Jim Tyler Farewell

Join in a celebration of Summer Solstice and a time to wish Jim and Janis Tyler farewell as they move to the Northwoods. Saturday June 19th at 6:30 pm on our beautiful church grounds. We will join together with a bonfire, singing and yard games. Bring your own chair, snacks and beverages, games, musical instruments, etc. A portable restroom will be available and we will be following LCUUC’s current covid-19 guidelines.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Over the summer, the Social Justice Committee recommends we read the 2021 UUA Common Read – *Breathe: A Letter to my Sons*, by Imani Perry. *Breathe* reflects on race, racism, and the hope that one’s child will be wholly known and valued by society. It is “an unforgettable lesson in Black resistance and resilience.” The *New York Times* calls *Breathe* “an elixir of history, ancestry and compassion, which, together, become instruction...a parent’s unflinching demand, born of inherited trauma and love, for her children’s right simply to be possible.” We may decide to discuss this book together in the fall. You can order *Breathe* at InSpirit UU Book and Gift Shop or locally at Books & Company in Oconomowoc.



IT'S TIME for UUs
TO TALK
ABOUT
REPARATIONS

Saturday, June 5
9AM - Noon
Virtual

- What are reparations for Black Americans, and why are they needed?
- How can we prepare to support our local Black leadership?
- What is happening in Milwaukee area congregations?
- How can your congregation take action?

Our five-congregation collaborative, Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs, invites interested UUs to take part in a conversation/learning session about Reparations.



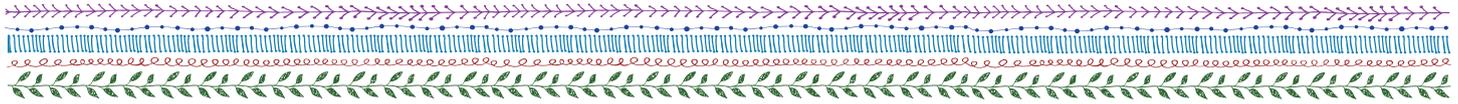
Reverend Marilyn Miller, MICAH past President, former director of the Lutheran Human Relations Association and an inspiring anti-racism trainer and organizer will again lead the workshop. The focus of the workshop will be interactive through small group discussions. BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) caucus groups are available.

This gathering is intended for Milwaukee area Unitarian Universalists and will explore the particular reparations work that is ours as a denomination. **We need all of us to be engaged in this important work. Please plan to join us.**

Register at EventBrite -- and please indicate if you would like to be in a BIPOC caucus group. Questions? Contact: Ann Heidkamp heidkama.ah@gmail.com or 414-771-8099.



Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin Unitarian Universalists is a collaboration of the five Milwaukee-area Unitarian Universalist congregations. We came together in 2015 to facilitate racial justice education within our congregations and to coordinate and to amplify the voice of Unitarian Universalists in racial justice work and actions within the greater Milwaukee metro area. We are committed to working in partnership with Black community leaders, to following the leadership of those most affected by oppression and injustice and to dismantling white supremacy in ourselves and in our congregations.



LCUUC Staff & Hours

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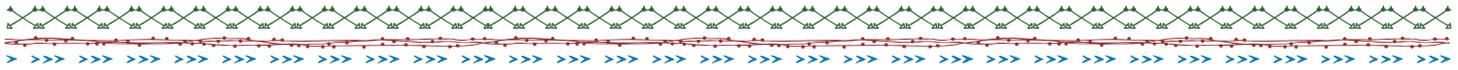
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Cleaning: Kaya Rollins



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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.