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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.



MAY 2018

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

May 6

Waukesha Food Pantry

All in the Family: Systems in Pursuit of Beloved Community –Rev. Scott Gerard Prinster

One of the most fundamental human impulses is for real connection, but relationships and community turn out to be complicated and challenging. Different religious traditions have expressed this in various ways, many of them through the idea of “Beloved Community,” where we not only work against oppression but also pursue radical authenticity and liberation. However, what we know about systems of relationships teaches us that individualism and concepts of individual goodness and badness are not enough to get us there. Join us as we explore new ways of thinking and being Beloved Community!

The Reverend Scott Prinster is currently completing his dissertation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on the historical relationship between religion and science in the United States. He has served congregations in southwest Michigan and in Madison, as well as teaching English for two years at the Unitarian seminary in Transylvania. Before attending seminary, his background was in physics, and he worked as a NASA contractor for the space program.

May 13

Mother's Day: Goldilocks and Mama Bear –Rev. Tony Larsen

A reflection on motherhood through the lens of the story of The Three Bears. Can we ever get it "just right"?

The Reverend Dr. Tony Larsen served the UU Church in Racine (Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church) for over 42 years and has been especially active in social-justice work. He has also written a book ("Trust Yourself: You Have the Power," Impact Publishing 1979) and contributed chapters to "Everyday Spiritual Practice" and "Salted With Fire" (Skinner House, UU). He sings, plays guitar and piano, and enjoys travel with his husband Craig Matheus.

May 20

Bread of Life

Religious Education Sunday

This service celebrates the completion of the Religious Education classes this year with special recognition of the many volunteers that are involved in making the program so wonderful here at LCUUC. Select youth from our congregation will be involved in the service and music shared this day. As a highlight during the service, we will also be celebrating our HS seniors last year in the program and join them as they complete their final rite of passage from youth to young adulthood during the Bridging Ceremony. Please join us as we celebrate the youth of LCUUC and the joy that they bring to our community and the world!

May 27

"Beloved (Vulnerable) Community" –Rev. Misha Sanders

Having compassion for others is essential to the living of Unitarian Universalist principles. But, the very idea itself creates an 'us and them,' and that's where things might get tricky. Seeing the 'other' in ourselves sometimes requires courageous vulnerability! But maybe it's necessary if we are to do the real work of Beloved Community, which is inclusion. Let's talk about what that means in our real lives.

The Reverend Misha Sanders is a recent graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School of Chicago. She was welcomed into preliminary fellowship by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and will be ordained in May by her home church, The Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, Illinois. She lives in Woodstock, IL, and will begin a hospital chaplain residency in the fall.

June 3

Flower Communion

We come together freely in community to share in our life's journeys. 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!



SOCIAL JUSTICE

- UBLAC (Uplifting Black Liberation and Community Vision) Mass Meeting at the Wauwatosa Library, Fire Fly Room, 7435 W. North Avenue, Sunday, May 6th, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Note: MANY different groups represented including BLM2WUUs.
- Votes de la Frontera Action: May 1st March for Immigrant, Worker & Student Rights. We demand Waukesha County Sheriff Severson not turn his deputies into ICE agents through 287g; that Governor Walker return drivers' licenses to Wisconsin immigrant community members; and not one more deportation! Join us! May 1, 10am Cutler Park, Waukesha.
- The social justice committee is holding a retreat the afternoon of Sunday, May 6. We are going to explore what issues to focus on and how best to involve the congregation. If you would like to serve on the SJC next year, you are welcome to join us. Board members are welcome too. Contact Phil Smith or Kerry Duma.

The banner/door project to be installed near the intersection of highway K and E and adjacent to our LCUUC church sign is underway. We are working on the design of the 6 doors and hope to paint and install them over the next month.

Day Without Latinxs & Immigrants

No Work • No School • No Shopping



No 287g

Tuesday • May 1st
Statewide March in Waukesha
10am • Cutler Park

Milwaukee buses leave

1027 S 5th St at 9am

414-643-1620 • vdlf.org/mayday2018

VOCES
DE LA FRONTERA 



ON BOARD

The monthly Board meeting was held on April 17th. Major agenda topics for the meeting were:

- The monthly Treasurer’s Report was presented by Tim Fuller, Treasurer.
- Facilities contracted with Seasonal Services (LCUUC member Sara Ehrhard’s employer, where she is a Landscape Architect) for around \$230 to eradicate the Canada thistles that make much of our property unusable. Sprayings will be completed by fall.
- The Board approved the 2018-19 Budget with about a \$3700 increase over the 2017-18 Budget.
- The Capital Campaign Committee will be deciding soon which major church maintenance projects, such as the siding replacement, rebuilding the porch entrances, and new boiler and controls, can be contracted based on the Capitol Campaign pledges.
- Capital Campaign pledge monies are due May 1st.

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Our Mission

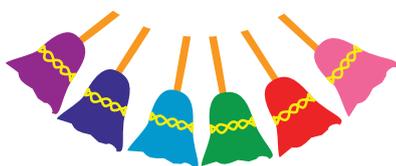
LCUUC is a diverse religious community supporting one another in our spiritual search for truth, meaning and compassionate connection. Based on the Unitarian Universalist Principles and the transforming power of love, we strive for positive change in the world.

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.



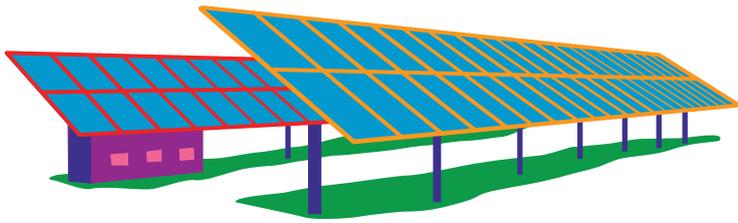
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CHURCH CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

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.

May 6	Bera and Ostler	May 27	Braasch and Fuller
May 13	Bills and Edstrom-Fox	June 3	Hubbard and Gau
May 20	Bowden and Hudson		



CONCERT & BRUU FEST

Saturday, June 2nd 7–11 pm

Magnus Barn, Oconomowoc

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Join us for a fun evening!

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

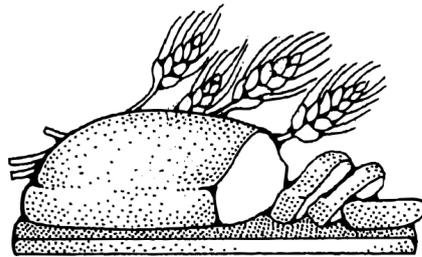
If you'd like to join in, contact Lynne Smith ASAP as space is limited lynnethetwin@gmail.com



MINISTRY FOR EARTH

LCUUC has participated in the Lake Country Bread of Life Community Meal program for a number of years. What began years ago as a meal for the needy in our area, has turned into a host program that includes seniors and others in need of a good meal and friendship. This program is one of the ways our church participates in our area's Interfaith community. Our designated meal this year will be Thursday October 25th. LCUUC is responsible for providing the food for this meal, so the designated collection for Sunday May 20 will be used to support this.

The meals are served from 5:30pm – 6:30pm on the 4th Thursday, January through October and on the 3rd Thursday, November and December. If you or someone you know could use some fellowship and a good healthy meal, please invite them to join in. Meals are prepared by area churches and organizations and served at St. Charles Parish and School, 313 Circle Drive, Hartland.



2018 dates are Jan. 25th, Feb. 22nd, Mar. 22nd, Apr. 26th, May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, Aug. 23rd, Sept. 27th, Oct. 25th, Nov. 15th, & Dec. 20th



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.

Grace Notes



"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens."

—Maria Augusta von Trapp

Music takes many forms; both organized and free form.

Every Sunday, weather permitting, our congregation gathers together for a service and generally sings two or three hymns. The point is to sing together, to worship together, and reinforce important themes of the service. Most of the time we sing from hymnals so we all have the words and music. This allows us to sing (roughly) the same tune and (hopefully) at the same speed. With any luck you may walk out humming part of a hymn and recall an important point of the sermon.

Or we may come to church for less-formal occasions like the Youth Showcase (which has been delayed by the weather) when we'll get a chance to enjoy music presented by children and youth of our church. By sharing that music with members of our community we try to bring them some enjoyment while offering to bring them into our families. Music helps make our lives a little bigger while making the world a little smaller. Funny. It took a lot of organizing to get ready for something "less-formal". Watch for news of the newly-scheduled time for the Showcase.

A few weeks ago, Mare and Ken (and a friend) presented a program about "Women of the Blues" in stories, pictures, and songs. Mare's research, story-telling, and singing brought the lives and experiences of these women to our church so we could glimpse something of great interest that was very likely outside of our usual sphere of experience. We could come together to grow our shared experiences by receiving such a nice gift (wrapped up so beautifully by Ken's guitar playing). Can you tell how much I enjoyed this shared time together? And, how did they manage to avoid weather delays?

So, sharing music gives us the opportunity to grow into the world around us and brings the outer community to become part of our congregation. The form and structure is less important than getting together and experiencing that music as one.

Harmoniously, *Nancy and Doug*



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

Our common theme in May is Beloved Community. The Religious Education program indirectly exists because of the

dedication of many individuals throughout our small LCUUC community. Many volunteers, both in the past and in the present, have dedicated their time and efforts to ensure that our children/youth are engaged in UU principles and as part of this beloved community. One of those youth, Adia Sanden, is giving back to her community by leading a project beginning this month and into the summer. As part of her Girl Scout Cadet program, she will be refurbishing the outdoor fenced children's play area using an environmentally friendly design concept. The goal of her project is to do something that makes her community a better place and we are so blessed she has chosen to focus her efforts on LCUUC. Please see her article in this newsletter for details and goals of her project!

In all the classrooms this month the curriculums will be coming to an end for this R.E. year and all the teachers/youth/children will be preparing for our Religious Education Open House after service on May 20th. All the classrooms will be open during social hour that day for people to walk in and check out the work and curriculums of the R.E. program this past year.

On Sunday May 20th, two of our High School seniors (Ellery Craven & Bjorn Larson) will be celebrating the completion of their R.E. programming with the Bridging ceremony and by sharing their Faith Statements during the service. The Bridging Ceremony is a rite of passage from youth to young adulthood. The Bridging program acknowledges both the bridge between cultures that we walk as Unitarian Universalists and the bridge between youth and adulthood. We send our graduating seniors into their path with a sense of UU identity and history.

“Above all we need, particularly as children, the reassuring presence of a visible community, an intimate group that enfolds us with understanding and love, and that becomes an object of our spontaneous loyalty, as a criterion and point of reference for the rest of the human race.”

— Lewis Mumford

In Peace

Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education



Hi my name is Adia Sanden and as part of my Silver Award project for my girl scout participation I have been approved to refurbish the fenced in play area into a newer environmentally friendly playground. For those of you who don't know, a Silver Award

is a recognition given to a Girl Scout cadet who completes a project that makes her community a better place. I chose to build this playground to help a very important community, the children of this church! I also wanted to help the environment by using eco-friendly materials.

The plans for the playground consist of a music wall, an outdoor kitchen, a small flower garden, hopscotch, a sand box and a race car tunnel. For images of these designs and a sketch of the plan for the playground, see my display in the social hall. Since this is a big project for one person, I am asking for volunteers that would consider helping clean the fenced area, haul mulch from the Hartland recycling center, help build the playground and/or donate materials.

Our first dates are for cleaning out the fenced in area and preparing the space. It would be greatly appreciated if you could come and help! Families and supervised children are welcome. We will provide snacks and beverages. The sign-up sheet for these dates are also in the social hall or email me at adiaautumn48@gmail.com.

Prepping/clean up dates:

May 6th 2:30-4:30

May 20th 12:30-2:30

Playground building dates:

June 3rd 12:30-?

June 24th 12:30-?

Materials Needed:

- * Wood pallets/used decking
- * Outdoor small table
- * Metal/plastic kitchen stuff (pots & pans, muffin pan, apron etc.)
- * Wood for shelves
- * Woodchips and mulch
- * Wood and shingles
- * Sand
- * Sandbox toys
- * Fencing boards
- * Different shaped pipes
- * Wash boards
- * Bins/buckets
- * Bag of small stones
- * A couple bricks
- * Exterior paint
- * Toy cars/trucks
- * 7 flat stones
- * Flower seeds and dirt



LCUUC calendar

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 5

9am UUBF Conference

Sunday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 8

7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, May 9

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

7pm TED talks @ Milw St Traders

Saturday, May 12

12pm Private event

Sunday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 15

2pm Staff meeting
4:30pm Finance meeting
5:30pm Family Promise volunteer coordinator meeting
6:30pm RE committee meeting
7pm SOS meeting
7pm Board meeting

Wednesday, May 16

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice
8:15pm Music committee meeting

Thursday, May 17

3pm NVC Practice group
5pm NA (closed meeting)
6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Sunday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 22

7pm Social justice meeting
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, May 23

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 27

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

Tuesday, May 29

7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, May 30

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy class
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 3

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



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 1st Sunday of each month at LCUUC. For more information, call 262-569-1011

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