

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

**Black Lives Matter** LCUUC is a Welcoming Congregation for bisexual, gay, lesbian, queer, non-binary and/or transgender people

NOTE: No newsletters in July or August. Next newsletter is September 2022



## JUNE 2022

**Worship services** Services begin at 10am

**Come on in: We're Back In-Person and also Online!** LCUUC is now holding its services both in-person and online again at 10am on Sundays at LCUUC. For an order of service, go to OOS.

**Option 1) Watch worship online here:** Live Stream. After worship, join us on Zoom for Virtual Coffee Hour (Meeting ID: 934 2920 7467). If you have a joy or sorrow to be shared aloud during worship, please email it to [candles@lcuuc.org](mailto:candles@lcuuc.org) by 8am on Sunday.

**Option 2) Join us in the LCUUC sanctuary for in-person worship.** We recommend wearing masks and following LCUUC COVID guidelines.

**For the summer months - June, July and August, the Social Justice Committee encourages monetary donations to the Waukesha Food Pantry as the monthly designated collection**

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**

**Your Place in the Family –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister**

LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Flower Communion. Congregational Meeting. How do all of these events relate to one another? Come find out! Today we invite you to bring a cut flower (either home-grown or store bought) to give away to a fellow congregant. (Don't worry if you can't bring one – there will be enough to go around!) The Annual Meeting will take place shortly after worship service, both onsite and on Zoom.



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**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

**Holding Out Hope –Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley, Congregational Life Consultant & MidAmerica Regional Staff**

Grieving has been turned into coping and getting back to “normal,” and this is where John Schneider says we have it wrong. John was a psychologist and a member of our UU congregation in Traverse City, Michigan. He specialized in grief and grieving. For him, this emphasis on coping is all about getting back to where we were, rather than the more appropriate task of finding a way to reach beyond, to move into something different, and to find transformation through the process. For John, grief was not only about coping, but also about hope, and the power of hope to transform our grief and loss and love into something that can help us move into a future made different by that loss.

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

**Summer SOUL-stice –Sarah Ehrhardt, LCUUC member**

This past year, LCUUC engaged with monthly themes developed by Soul Matters, a business that helps Unitarian Universalist congregations strengthen their relationships. With themes introduced via worship services and prepared materials (such as readings, playlists, etc.), small groups gathered monthly to build trust and listen deeply. Come hear one member's reflections on the Soul Matters themes – and consider how the themes may have relevance in YOUR daily life. Learn more about Soul Matters at: [soulmatterssharingcircle.com/our-approach](http://soulmatterssharingcircle.com/our-approach)



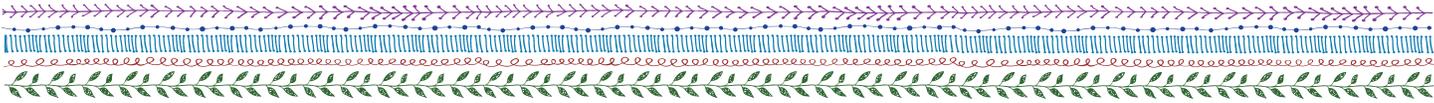
**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

**Meet the Moment: Ponderings from Portland –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister**

After two years of online-only General Assembly (often shortened to “GA”), this year Unitarian Universalists are meeting both online and in-person for this annual gathering. Rev. Carin will be in Portland, OR, for the in-person portion of the conference. Come hear her hot-off-the-press reflections about the experience. Learn more about GA at: [uuu.org/ga](http://uuu.org/ga)

**COME WORSHIP WITH US!**

Services all summer every Sunday in July and August at 10am. Watch the Friday Blast and our website [lcuuc.org](http://lcuuc.org) for more details about upcoming worship services.

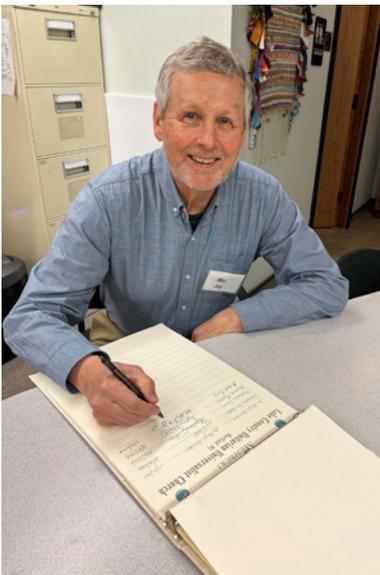
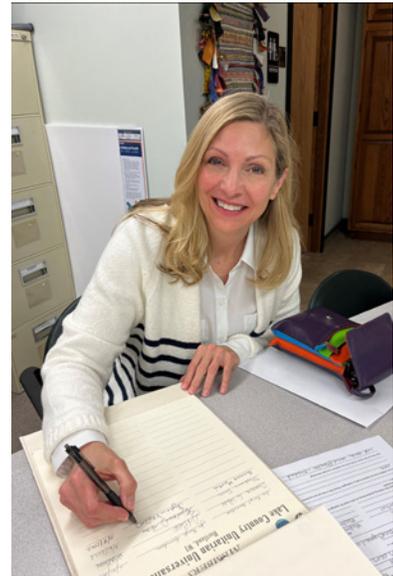


## WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS!



A warm welcome to one of LCUUC's newest members, **Carolyn Wise!** Carolyn is excited to join our community and do more of what she loves most: building relationships, exploring her unique spirituality, and living the UU principles. She has two adult daughters, Katelynn and Leah, and a 9 month old grandson, Leo. Carolyn works for Johnson Controls but during her free time she enjoys kayaking, attending Sangha, facilitating groups, hiking, and cooking with friends.

We welcome **Sue Martin** into our congregation. Sue moved to the area from the east coast in 2012 and lives in Hartland near the Nagawicka Kettle. Her family consists of her twin daughters, who recently graduated from Arrowhead High School, and her two dogs. Sue is an avid swimmer and competes in the National Senior Games in the 50, 100, and 200 meter freestyle. She also sews, crafts, kayaks, volunteers at HAWS, and is a big movie fan. She is a lawyer and works at Fiserv where she writes and negotiates bank contracts. Sue is interested in getting involved with social justice at LCUUC.

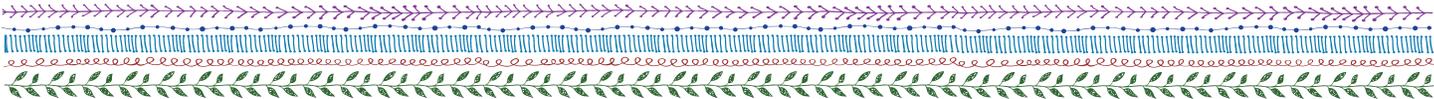


Long time friend of LCUUC, **Mike Jury**, formally joined our congregation on May 8. Mike is a retired Environmental Engineer whose favorite thing is spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoys biking, kayaking, and hiking with his partner Patty Walker. He's an active member of Citizens' Climate Lobby and a member of the LCUUC Covid work group. Mike looks forward to working with the Building and Grounds committee and the Finance committee.

We are happy to welcome **Dom LaPorte** to the community! Dom served as an advisor to Tony Evers and currently works with youth at the Glacial Lake YMCA. He discovered LCUUC while participating in a womens' reproductive rights march, and is looking forward to getting involved in Social Justice at church. His 2 year old son, Teddy, loves Batman, dinosaurs, and hikes. During his free time, Dom enjoys playing the guitar (his son loves tunes from The Wiggles), challenging friends to a chess match, and studying languages. He looks forward to making connections with members at LCUUC.



May 8, 2022 Child Dedication welcoming Everly Margaret Schuette and Wesley Michael Walker.



### LCUUC Board Members

Lisa Alvarado, President	Dave Harker
Brynn Vukelich, Vice President	Jon Hubbard
Amy Seay, Secretary	Harry Nichols
Tim Fuller, Treasurer (ex-officio)	Gail Ostler
George Ehrhardt	

### ON BOARD

I will admit that sometimes writing an article for the newsletter is tough. What do I write that hasn't already been written? After a busy day, I find myself tired ... physically and mentally. So, I'm going to revisit 3 questions I shared in the February newsletter and look to the words of others to provide inspiration.

Congregational life has changed and so has our experience of it. What is happening NOW in the congregation that is different AND good?

*We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles. – Jimmy Carter*

What would happen if – instead of focusing on what we are missing from pre-pandemic time – we were to assume the future would be invigorated by new challenges and filled with new adventures?

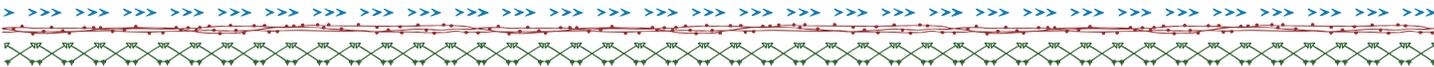
*Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore. – Andre Gide*

How might we channel any feeling of being overwhelmed by pandemic circumstances into reconnecting with each other and our wider community?

*Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day. – Anonymous*

We will reconnect, rebound, redevelop, and renew TOGETHER.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Seay



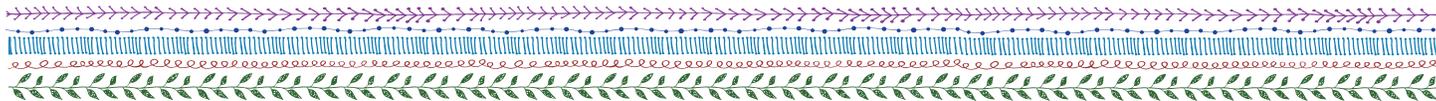
The Leadership Development Committee is pleased to put forth the following candidates to the LCUUC membership for approval at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 5, 2022:

#### LCUUC Board:

Mike Goral  
Kristin Sanden  
Claire Johnson

#### Leadership Development Committee:

Rob Suhr  
Joanne Nelson  
Mark Ubbesen  
Chris Rollins  
Lisa Alvarado



## Carin's Corner:

This summer our theme is Celebrating Blessings. What “blessings” are you celebrating these days? For me it’s getting my 2nd booster, participating in the installations of ministerial colleagues, and having the emotional, financial, physical resources to attend the General Assembly in person this year.

Of course, life itself is a blessing—even when I get sick, disheartened, angry, or confused. I try to return to my breath when I feel overwhelmed, and remind myself that I am held by Love. “This breath is a blessing.”

Our schedule around LCUUC might look a little different during the summer — and that shift in the rhythm is a blessing too. In addition to taking some vacation this summer to go visit my parents in Nebraska, you’ll also notice me working away from town more; I’ll be working remotely during the Ministry Days, General Assembly, and Study Leave. Specific dates of my schedule can be found on the Master Calendar at: <https://lcuuc.weebly.com/calendar.html>

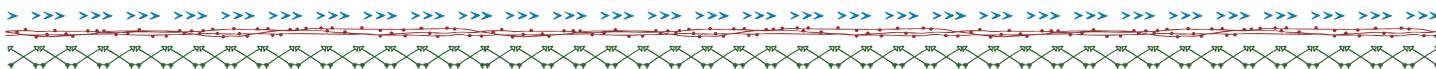
I hope that you will take some time “off” this summer, too. To breathe and stretch. To reflect and rejuvenate. To count and celebrate your personal, familial, and communal blessings.

I look forward to hearing your reflections from your summer time. What elements of summer represent your spiritual journey these days? Which of those elements might be worth celebrating as blessings? Come September, we will collect our individual waters into a communal container. I invite you to articulate (either through words or art) a spiritual lesson that the water you interact with this summer is teaching you.

Please know that you will be in my heart even as I take my own R&R time. Of course, thanks to technology, I am never far away. Reach out to me when you need and I will respond as soon as I am able. Thankfully, we are in this together.

In Growing Faith,

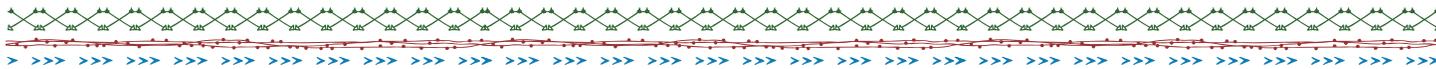
Rev. Carin [revcarin@lcuuc.org](mailto:revcarin@lcuuc.org)



## BYO Lunch

The next BYO Lunch will be held on our beautiful church grounds under the locust trees on Wednesday, June 15 at noon. We’ll meet inside the church in case of inclement weather so plan to join us rain or shine. All are welcome. There are benches to sit on but bring a chair if you'd like, and don't forget your lunch!

Questions, contact Mark Ubbsen 262-751-7180.



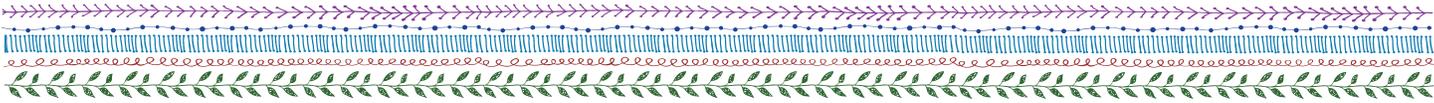
## Meeting with the Minister

Want to meet with Rev. Carin? You can set up a time that works for you by emailing her at [revcarin@lcuuc.org](mailto:revcarin@lcuuc.org).

Rev. Carin’s ¾-time schedule includes a Sabbath on Mondays as well as one “Off Week” every four weeks. Please check the Master Calendar [HERE](#) for her upcoming availability.

If you need to reach Rev. Carin with a pastoral care emergency while she is away, please contact coordinator of the Caring Circle, Paula Hillmann: [paula.hillmann@gmail.com](mailto:paula.hillmann@gmail.com).





# SOCIAL JUSTICE

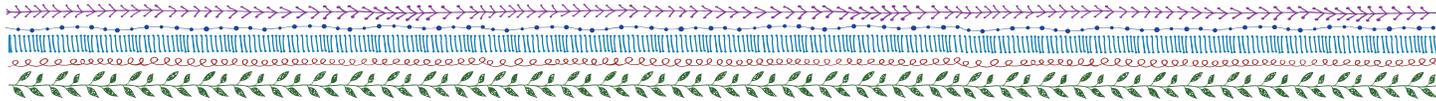
## Widening Your Circle

If you are interested in planting flowers at Emani’s Peace Garden site, please join us on June 5 at 2 pm in the afternoon after the Annual Report following church @ LCUUC that morning.

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet creator and coordinator Camille Mays of the Sherman Park area and her “community organizer” fiancé’s Greg. Camille has been actively involved since 2015 in creating these “Peace Gardens” for families who have lost loved ones by gun violence in Milwaukee. In 2019 Camille lost her own son to gun violence as well. Planting these Peace Gardens has become even more important to her now.

Hope to see you on June 5th at 2 pm in the afternoon at Center Avenue between 38th and 39th Street. If you wish to carpool, arrange between yourselves OR let us know, and we can make arrangements to coordinate. If you have any questions, please contact Sara and Bud Hudson at 414-510-0987 (cell), 414-212-8404 (home) and/or [sbhudson@hotmail.com](mailto:sbhudson@hotmail.com)





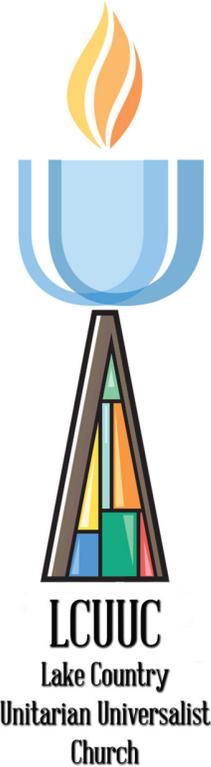
## The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR can be found [HERE](#)

### 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.



### LCUUC Staff & Hours

Church office phone: (262) 369-1703  
\* All staff have mailboxes in church office

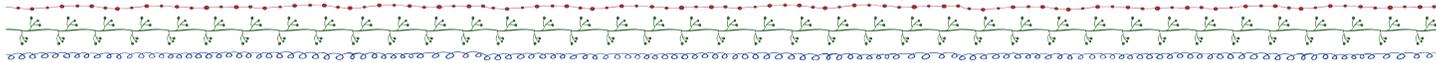
**Minister:** Rev. Carin Bringelson, she/her  
revcarin@lcuuc.org (262) 369-1703

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**Choir/Music Director:** Tristan Strelitzer  
music@lcuuc.org

**Cleaning:** Zeke Mackay

**Congregational Administrator:** Leann Rigoli  
admin@lcuuc.org (262) 369-1703  
Administrative hours: Tues, Wed, Fri 8am-4pm



### Covid Safety Precautions

The LCUUC Board has not made any changes to the Covid Safety Precautions since March 2022. Continued expectations for all people entering the building when others are also present include the following:

- Stay home if you aren't feeling well or if you know you have been exposed to Covid-19 recently
- We recommend that all eligible people get a vaccination and booster shot (unless medically contraindicated)
- Wearing a mask in the building is a personal choice. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask at church, please feel free to do so. Masks are also optional while singing.
- Be respectful of others' risk tolerance. Please get consent before hugging and maintain physical distance unless all involved are comfortable being closer.
- Turn on the HEPA filtration units as high as is tolerable in the rooms that are being used
- We recommend downloading the "WI exposure notification app" for the purpose of contact tracing should the need arise
- All LCUUC staff and volunteers who have contact with numerous people are fully vaccinated/boosted. This includes worship leaders, musicians, religious education teachers and assistants, ushers, and greeters.
- If you test positive for Covid after having been in the building, please inform the office as soon as possible.

LCUUC continues to be guided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please direct any questions to Jon Hubbard, LCUUC Board member at [hubbardjon39@gmail.com](mailto:hubbardjon39@gmail.com)