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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.



NOVEMBER 2018

WORSHIP SERVICES

Services begin at 10am

November 4

Oconomowoc Food Pantry

Diwali and the Light Inside –Rev. Amy Shaw

Join us for Diwali; India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.

November 11

Why is it So Darn Hard to Ask for Help? –Lois Remeikis and Caryl Whiteman

Why do we find receiving to be difficult when giving is so easy? Why can't we ask for help from our friends and loved ones when we are in need? Come and explore the sacredness of receiving and asking for help.

November 18

Common Ground

We Give Thanks –Rev. Amy Shaw

Everyone is welcome to join us for this warm and welcoming Thanksgiving service. There will be a potluck after the service, and all are invited to stay and enjoy good food and great company!

November 25

Saints and Sinners, Gratitude, and Grace –Rev. Amy Shaw

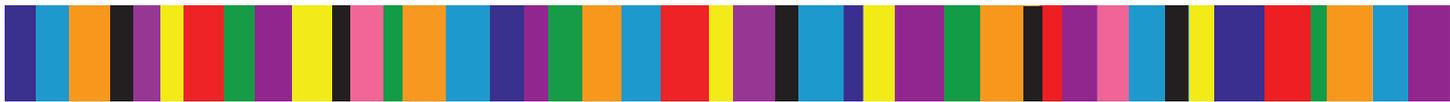
Sometimes being thankful isn't easy. This service examines what gratitude is, and is not.



TIME, TALENT and TREASURE AUCTION!

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION: SATURDAY, November 3rd at 6pm

Come join the fun! The silent auction will end at 7 pm on Saturday, November 3rd, at which time the Live auction will begin. There will be about 20 items auctioned (see list of items in social hall or church email) by our own Greg Valde. Dan Krill's band will entertain us for about 45 minutes after the live auction. Come enjoy community, laughs, snacks, and desserts! Thanks to all who participate in our biggest FUNdraiser of the year!



On Board

This month, LCUUC Board members unanimously approved the final contract with MSI for the construction of the church’s exterior remodel, including the new entryway. This contract encompasses the remodel design voted on by the congregation at the end of September. Construction is planned to begin in spring.

Recognizing the importance of fundraising to the church’s fiscal well being, the Board would like to thank those who donated items to the upcoming Time, Talent and Treasure Auction, the church’s biggest fundraiser, and encourage everyone to enter their winning bids during the **Silent Auction** October 21 – Nov. 3 and **Live Auction** on Sat. Nov. 3.

And, Board members would like to extend a warm welcome to four soon-to-be new congregation members and were heartened to hear that efforts to reach out to the community via Facebook have resulted in new visitors attending Sunday services. The Board continues to see membership and outreach as key areas of emphasis for the on-going growth of the church.



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Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

As we all begin to turn on our heat in our homes during these chilly nights, I begin to think about how quickly we will be moving into the winter months and how busy Religious Education programming is this year!

The 7-9th graders kicked off their O.W.L. (Our Whole Lives) workshops with a sleepover retreat at church in early October. They all had a lot of fun and they are now beginning the many weeks of workshops leading up to the final sleepover retreat at our partner UUUC location in Waukesha in early December. We will be offering the 10-12th grade O.W.L. curriculum beginning in January 2019. Family invitations will be sent out in early December. If you know of a youth outside of our community here at LCUUC who would benefit from the O.W.L. classes, please let me know.

The Middle School and High School youth have been traveling to other houses of worship this fall while they learn from the *Neighboring Faiths* and *Building Bridges* curriculums in their classrooms. On Nov. 4th they will be traveling to Congregation Emanu-El in Waukesha to tour their synagogue and to learn more about the Jewish faith traditions.

In November our High School seniors will be asked to partner with an adult mentor from LCUUC as they begin the journey of their Senior Bridging program this year. We will celebrate with them during our annual RE service in May 2019. I look forward to working with our group of seniors this year as they look back at their faith experience and begin to think forward as to what roads they will travel on in their life journey.

In November the youth have some opportunities to join in some fun activities at LCUUC that are away from their classrooms:

- On Saturday 11/10 the music committee is hosting an Open Mic night with Chili cook-off. Youth are encouraged to share their talents that evening. Please see Nancy Bratt for details.
- On Saturday 11/17 MS & HS youth are invited to attend the Reggie Jackson- History & Impact on Black Lives discussion group in Milwaukee to bring attention to this important social justice topic. Bud & Sara Hudson have details.
- On Saturday 11/24 bring your families to LCUUC to help decorate the building for the Holidays! It’s always nice to bring together all ages to share in the merriment. See Rob Suhr for details.
- Sunday 11/25 is a Living Our Principles Joint RE that will be led by Helen Bera

This is going to be an exciting month both in our classrooms and within our hearts!!

In Peace, *Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education*



Minister's MUUsings

The light is changing and the days are getting shorter. There is a crispness in the air, and for some of us our chairs and closets have suddenly sprouted draped coats and a fringing of scarves and jackets. As we prepare for November, after a long summer of warmth and light and busyness, it is time to take a breath.

Fall is a season of many things: warm drinks and new gloves, Thanksgiving, football and soccer. Our bodies slow a little as our blood seems to prepare for the cold, and there are moments when we smell snow in the air.

Take time for yourself as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season- time to think, to relax, to begin to explore again your own beliefs and journey, theology and world understanding. Take time for self-care, and for self-revelation.

Even the most beautiful trees abandon their gaudy painted leaves, and turn inward for a season, preparing to explode again in joy and freshness after a few months of rest. As temperatures fall, let yourself rest.

You deserve it.

Rev. Amy



SOCIAL JUSTICE

- The Black Lives Matter events started and Reggie Jackson's first talk was excellent. Please try to attend and invite others to the Saturday morning talks on 10/27 and 11/17.
- Phil Smith is doing good work coordinating GOTV activities
- UWM-Waukesha has agreed to show **The Blood is at Your Doorstep** there in March. Thanks to Kim Suhr and Bud Hudson for their work on trying to get a grant.
- We got the banner up (thanks Phil and Gerry Flakas) and had a great potluck
- I sent in the Letter to the Editor on Ending Child Poverty in Wisconsin
- We will have the Director of Family Promise talk at the worship service on November 4, and potentially have a training for Family Promise on that day (waiting to hear from Gina Magnus on that).

There is one more chance to hear Reggie Jackson speak. On November 17, Reggie will be talking about "*Devaluation of Black Lives in the Justice System*" from 10–11:30am at Parklawn Assembly of God in Sherman Park. Reggie's talks are always highly informative. LCUUC is a co-sponsor of this event. Please join us!



We're Back!!! Buy your Fruits and Nuts Now!

Each year the Southeast Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist Congregations (SEWUUC) sponsors the selling of delicious chocolates, nuts, dried fruits and snacks. It's been the main vehicle in which we raise funds to purchase spots on local Public Radio stations. We believe this is generating hits on our website www.sewuuc.org which in turn directs visitors to individual congregations.

But back to those delicious treats! Check out the milk chocolate and dark chocolate options, nuts coated in chocolate, chocolate Equal Exchange bars, chocolate covered pretzels – there seems to be a theme here! In many cases our prices are lower than what you would pay even when buying in bulk. Don't forget about the salty snacks and dried fruit too – truly, there is something for everyone. Think about giving a bag or two as a special gift at the holidays; a gift for your employees; a thank you to new clients throughout the year. Of course, order for yourself, too!

The order form is ready, and you can pick one up in the Social Hall during coffee hours or by contacting Jim Hansen jimbeau@netzzero.com

Orders need to be turned in by Sunday, November 4; distribution will begin in early December.

SEWUUC thanks you for your support and hopes you will enjoy all the treats!





Grace Notes

"I think energy is the most important thing that we can give to people as performers. Anything else is a little bit pretentious. But energy is not." –Yoko Ono

With sheet music completely catalogued/organized, some great anthems have been selected for the choir. One such piece, ***Grounded and Guided***, was performed on 9/23, with Dave Cicero, Dan Krill, and George Ehrhardt on instrumentals.

To kick off October, the choir backed up Brynn Vukelich as she sang an amazing rendition of ***My Church***. Doug Esty, Ken Fox and John Prestby complimented with bass, guitar and drums.

Have you ever heard or watched a four-hand piano accompaniment piece? Those of you at the Oct. 14th service did, as you listened to Nancy Bratt & Tracy Moraine play, while the choir sang ***"Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal."***

If you don't currently sing in the choir, that doesn't mean you can't lend your voice for one night – have some fun **Thursday October 25th** at the Hartland Business Trick or Treat. Meet in front of Klink's Carpet. From 6:00 – 8:00, we will be singing Halloween themed songs and handing out candy... as well as showing the local community what a great place we have at LCUUC. Wear a costume or just be yourself – we'd love to have you join us in downtown Hartland.

Going back to the quote for this month by Yoko Ono - **Saturday, November 10th marks the date for Open Mic Night**. Please share your energy, in the form of performance! Whether reading poetry, playing music, solving a rubik's cube or spinning an interesting tale, join in for a fun evening with no pretentiousness ☺. A sign-up sheet is located in the community room and we really hope to see you there. FYI – there will be snacks – BONUS!

Take in "We Give Thanks" on November 18th - a service of celebration, after which you can enjoy a community meal.

December will find our congregation experiencing a **Taize style** (all music) service – offering a bit of quiet time to meditate/reflect prior to the often frenetic pace of the holiday season.

As you can see, there is a lot going on with Music Ministry at LCUUC. Doug & Nancy wouldn't be able to accomplish so much without assistance from all those lending hands with: voice and instruments, working the sound, filing music, wrapping up cords after each service, moving mics around, pitching in with community events and of course, bringing snacks to fuel the worker bees!



Deck the Halls!

It is time to deck the halls at LCUUC! Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, November 24 at 10 am to decorate the inside of our church for the holidays. Many elves make light work!



Regional Assembly

April 5-7, 2019 in St. Louis Missouri

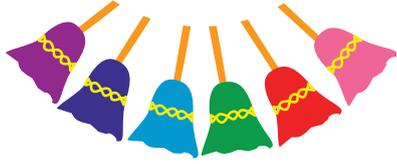
The 2019 MidAmerica Regional Assembly is coming sooner than you think! This year, our RA will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Marriott St Louis, April 5-7, 2019. We will be talking about how we live in the known complexity of our world, and exploring the various intersectionalities we encounter—where historically marginalized identities overlap, work in relationship, and how we as congregational communities can work to be as open and present as possible. RA will include workshops, worship, conversation, music, and more.

The theme is "Intersectionalities"—how we live, work, and relate, as well as share, withhold, and leverage power in our world. Presentations and workshops will explore identities we encounter and embody, the challenges of social inequality, and tools and skills we need in order to work more effectively with one another, as well as the general "nuts and bolts" of congregational life, such as leadership, stewardship, membership, and religious education. Our Keynote Presenter will be UUA President, Susan Frederick-Gray. Join us to explore, share, and worship with fellow Unitarian Universalists.

Location: Marriott St Louis Airport in St. Louis, Missouri.

- Room rates \$105/night
- Free shuttle from airport, parking and internet
- Link to rapid transit to downtown St. Louis.

MORE INFO: www.uua.org/midamerica/ra



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.

- November 4** Timm, Ostler
- November 11** Kroening, Edstrom-Fox
- November 18** Lizdas, Hudson
- November 25** MacBain, Fuller

Community, Committee - Commit!

Are you interested in joining a committee? Are you on a committee, but have not officially signed up? Sign-up today using the easy to use Sharing the Ministry link on the LCUUC website under Community Life. Chairs are looking forward to having you on their committee!

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

SUNDAY MEDITATION

Please join us for Sunday morning meditation which will begin at 9:00am on September 9th in classroom 3. We typically begin with a reading, then meditate together for about 20 minutes. This is followed by a closing reading and a brief time of sharing ending at 9:30. It is a wonderful centering way to begin Sunday.



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.

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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LCUUC calendar

Thursday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 3

6pm Live auction, silent auction ends

Sunday, November 4

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
9am Couples in Recovery group
10am Sunday service
11:30am Family Promise volunteer training
11:30am Stewardship informational mtg
12:30pm OWL bldg closed until 3pm
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Monday, November 5

7pm Building your own theology

Tuesday, November 6

2pm Staff meeting
7pm SOS meeting
7pm Worship Arts committee meeting

Wednesday, November 7

6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, November 8

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

Friday, November 9

7pm Book discussion: Enlightenment
Now by Stephen Pinker

Saturday, November 10

6pm Open Mic/Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, November 11

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
12:30pm OWL bldg closed until 3pm
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Monday, November 12

7pm Building your own theology

Tuesday, November 13

7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

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

Saturday, November 17

10am Reggie Jackson - History & Impact on Black Lives at Parklawn Assembly of God, 3725 W Sherman Blvd, Milwaukee

Sunday, November 18

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:30am Stewardship informational meeting
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Monday, November 19

7pm Building your own theology

Tuesday, November 20

2pm Staff meeting
7pm Board meeting
7pm Social Justice meeting
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, November 21

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

Thursday, November 22

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

Friday, November 23

7pm Book discussion: Enlightenment
Now by Stephen Pinker

Saturday, November 24

10am Holiday decorating

Sunday, November 25

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

Monday, November 26

7pm Building your own theology

Tuesday, November 27

7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, November 28

12pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, November 29

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



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