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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.



September 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

September 1 Ghost Workers Unite –Sue Andrews/Lois Remeikis and Music by Kellswater Bridge

Every new technological advance opens new doors to the exploitation of workers. Now we have software-driven exploitation. Labor Day, while ostensibly a celebration of American Labor, is rooted in the fight against the exploitation of low wage workers. Labor Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day are the only two U.S. holidays rooted in social justice movements. Both should be occasions for UUs to celebrate accomplishments and, more importantly, to contemplate the work that still need to be done to achieve racial equality and to lift the lives of low wage workers. Kellswater Bridge will bring their music to this service. **Pewaukee Food Pantry**

September 8 Got Water? – Water Communion –Paul Fackler

Water is the ultimate solution on our planet. We use it to mix, dissolve, and clean things. Up to 60% of our bodies are water. As we come together in community--bring some water with you today whether it be from your travels over the past year, from your yard, or from the tap. We will collect the waters, joining them as we ourselves are joined. And we will explore what water is and means for each of us, for our community, and for the world.

September 15 Spirit of Life: Being Present to Our Wild and Precious Lives –Rev. Drew Kennedy

With a series of engaging and heart-warming stories, longtime friend of UUCW, The Reverend Drew Kennedy, will weave together two closely intertwined spiritual concepts, namely, the inevitability of change and the importance of seeking to be ever more fully present to our singularly wild and precious lives. Please join us. Dedication of our new exterior of our building will take place after the service.

The Reverend Drew Kennedy has served in the Unitarian Universalist ministry for more than 40 years, serving congregations in Indiana and New York before coming to Wisconsin in 1986. Retiring after 28 years as Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee in 2014, Drew is now that Society's Minister Emeritus. During his tenure the congregation tripled in size to become the 12th largest UU congregation in the country while continuing a notable legacy of social justice involvement. **Lake Area Free Clinic**

September 22 Location, Location, Location –Carin Bringelson

If we want to weave our Unitarian Universalist beliefs into our lives and become a more effective congregation, then we need to engage with religious practices in four distinct locations. Today we will explore each of these locations and consider how embodying spiritual practices on a regular basis might enhance our lives both as individuals and as a community.

Carin Bringelson joined the First Unitarian Society staff in Madison in September 2018. As a part-time ministerial intern, she will be an integral part of congregational life for two years. Currently Carin is a full-time student at Meadville Lombard Theological School located in Chicago. She graduated from Grinnell College with a bachelor's in Sociology/African American Studies. She has two master's degrees from UW-Madison: one in Educational Policy Studies and another in Library & Information Studies. Her professional life has included working with underprivileged youth, adults with developmental disabilities, and teachers and librarians interested in children's books and young adult literature.

September 28 A God As Big As Lake Superior, Revisited –Rev. David Kraemer

Inspired by the Great Lakes, this service outlines the evolution of the speaker's naturalistic, theological humanism.

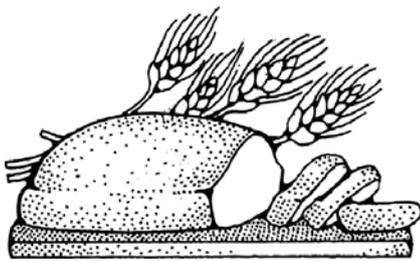
Rev. David Kraemer serves United Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Waukesha, WI, as settled minister. He previously served for two years as interim minister in Sioux Falls, SD, and as intern in Rockford, IL. He is a graduate of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and was ordained in 2015 at his then-home church in Rochester, MN. He is a former journalist, working as a reporter and editor at newspapers in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. He has been an avid canoeist and kayaker, but admits he doesn't find the time to paddle as much as he used to.



UU Orientation Class Sunday, October 13th, 11:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Are you interested in learning more about LCUUC and Unitarian Universalism? Join us for the Fall Orientation Class which will be held after the service on Sunday, October 13th. We will share information about Unitarian Universalism, LCUUC history, church life, ways to get involved and how to become a member.

The session will be from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m., and a light lunch will be served. You can sign up at the Welcome Table in the foyer or online. Please let us know in advance if you will need child care. Contact Yvonne Fort myfort2@wi.rr.com if you have questions.



BREAD OF LIFE Community Meals

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. The meals are provided by area churches at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Hartland. This program is one of the ways our church participates in our area's Interfaith community. Our meal service this year will be on Thursday September 26th. LCUUC is responsible for providing the main dish and volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up afterwards; the desert will be provided by the Hartland Girl Scouts.

The meals are served from 5:30pm - 6:30pm on the 4th Thursday, January through October and on the 3rd Thursday, November and December. Meals are prepared by area churches and organizations and served at St. Charles Parish and School, 313 Circle Drive, Hartland. 2019 dates for the rest of the year are Aug. 22rd, Sept. 26th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 21st & Dec. 19th. If you or someone you know could use some fellowship and a good healthy meal, please invite them to join in for a meal.

And please contact Gerry or Esther Flakas (gerflak@aol.com or 262-646-2703) if you would like to help with the food preparation, serving, and cleanup on September 26. Plan to arrive at St. Charles church around 3:30, and finish up around 7:30.

Thank you, Gerry & Esther



Grace Notes

I am honored to have the opportunity to share my love of music with everyone at LCUUC. I believe Music teaches, music inspires, music defies the boundaries of race, religion, culture, and politics. And, most importantly, music heals.

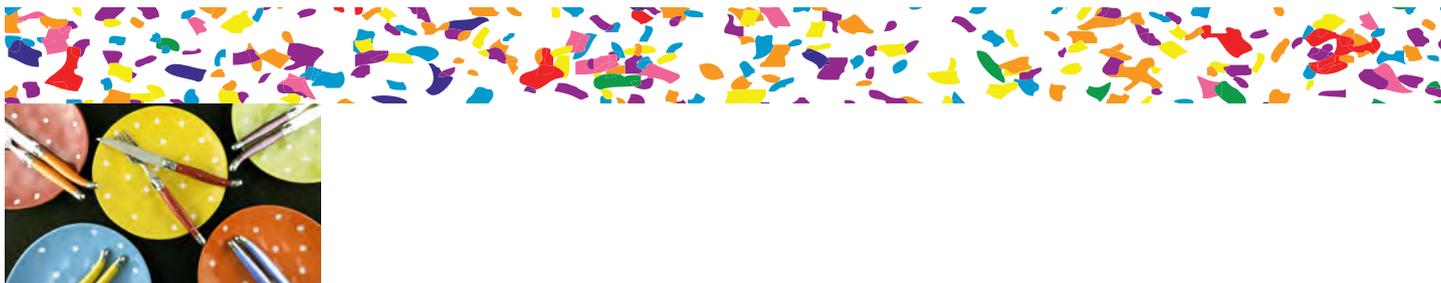
I am always interested in everyone's ideas and feedback. I look forward to collaborating with any, or all, who are willing. Feel free to be in touch with any ideas you might have for music. Let's make a joyful noise together!

Kenn Fox



Capital Campaign

It has been several years of hard work and generous contributions from our members. Finally our vision for the exterior will become a reality in August. Please join us for a dedication and cake on September 15th after the service.



Now is the time to sign up for the 2019–2020 LCUUC’s Circle Dinners!

If you are not familiar with Circle Dinners, they are a great way to meet or get better acquainted with others in our LCUUC community. Newer members are especially encouraged to sign up.

What is a Circle Dinner? Four weekends are pre-selected (one each in November, January, March and May). On that weekend, participants gather in groups of 8 to dine, talk, laugh and just have fun!! The host generally provides the main dish, and guests contribute additional items. This will be coordinated by the individual host. Accommodations can be made for those with food allergies or restrictions - just let your host know ahead of time. The guests are rotated for the next gathering and everyone hosts at one of the dinners with their partner.

The gathering can be hosted in your/your partner’s home, or you can reserve a room at LCUUC for the event. As host, you may choose to host a brunch or supper on Saturday or Sunday.

Participants may sign up as a twosome or as an individual. Please do not be discouraged if you are a single. You will be paired with another single, or connect on your own with another member and create your own twosome.

We also need substitutes as schedules change and sometimes regular participants cannot participate. If you cannot commit to all four dates, please sign up as a substitute. If a guest or couple cannot make a dinner, a substitute will be contacted to complete the 8 guests. Substitutes may also sign up as an individual or as a twosome.

The pre-selected weekends for the 2019-2020 season are: November 9/10, 2019 January 18/19, March 21/22, and May 16/17, 2020.

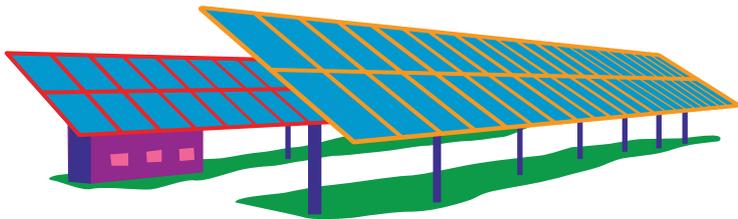
Please sign up via email by contacting Carol Gau: carolgau83@gmail.com

In order to provide the list to all participants in a timely manner, please sign up by September 21st.

If you have a specific month you prefer to host, please also include that. May is a popular request since an outdoor gathering is possible. Preference will be given on a first come, first served basis; consideration will also be given to those who hosted in May the prior year.

If you have questions, please contact Carol Gau. Circle Dinners have been a tradition of LCUUC for many years. We love to see new faces joining the fun. There is no limit to the number of members who can participate.

Thank you!!! Carol



Ministry for Earth

The Ministry For Earth Committee encourages your participation in the GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE SEP. 20–27 globalclimatactrike.net
*Additional ideas on how to stand with the young Climate Strikers can be found [HERE](#)

As a show of solidarity with the young people who have created this action we will be organizing a group photo after the church service on September 22nd. Please feel free to bring posters or signs to help us demonstrate our the solidarity on the need for action the climate issue.

The Ministry For Earth Committee meets monthly after the Sunday service. We are always looking for additional committee membership and ideas on that can improve our ministry.

Contact Ray Grosch (yar.grosch@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings and welcome back to all our LCUUC families. I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are ready for a great year ahead! Religious Education (RE) classes will resume on Sunday September 15th this fall. We look forward to welcoming your children and youth into the loving, supportive community of our RE Classrooms. As you return, please

know that in our RE program, we provide a place where children can feel a sense of safety and trust in their exploration of faith, ethics, spirituality and community. We will teach them about our Unitarian Universalist principles & sources, as well as bring the wisdom and teachings of the world's great religious traditions into the classroom. We will offer ways for your children and youth to contribute to the larger community and act in socially responsible ways.

Religious education is a partnership between the congregation, its children and their parent(s), and the important adults in their lives. It is a continuing journey, which we are all on, regardless of age. In our RE programs, our classes are hands-on, participatory and fun. Our religious education program is a rich one fostered by the talents and attention of many caring adult volunteers who can't wait to get going this year!

Parents, it's important that your children attend classes regularly. This encourages friendships based on common beliefs and a shared journey and helps our teachers and other adults in the congregation get to know them. When children and their parents attend regularly they take the songs, the stories and the ethical and spiritual lessons home with them. They become part of a community here at LCUUC! Conflicts in commitment are bound to happen to all of us during the year, but please remember that your child has a spiritual home here at LCUUC.

Registration materials will be available online through our LCUUC website or in person at the RE registration table in the social hall in September. Please be sure to register your children before 9/15 when RE classes begin. You will also find a description of each classroom planned curriculum and age grouping on our LCUUC website. You as parents will also be able to select how you can contribute to the RE programming this year during our registration process. We have a need of 16 teachers each year in total, along with many other volunteer opportunities. Our volunteers make the RE class experience amazing for our children and teens each year. Anyone who has attended LCUUC regularly for six months or longer is able to volunteer to assist with RE classes, once they submit for a background check. There will be a mandatory teacher information meeting after the Sept. 8th Water Communion service to discuss classroom assignments this year and to fill-in administrative paperwork. Please plan on attending if you will be teaching this year and look for an email invitation from me in your inbox.



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



Big Ideas Book Group: Fall 2019

Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow

Yuval Noah Harari, author of the critically-acclaimed New York Times bestseller and international phenomenon *Sapiens*, turns his focus toward humanity's future, and our path toward upgrading humans into gods. He describes how *Homo Sapiens* have conquered the world, found meaning, and lost control.

Homo Deus explores the projects that will shape the twenty-first century—from overcoming death to creating artificial life. It asks the fundamental questions: Where do we go from here? And how will we protect this fragile world from our own destructive powers? Is this the next stage of evolution: *Homo Deus*?

What: Join us for a discussion of this provocative and important book

When: 6 Fridays from 7 pm-8:30 (9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20)

Where: LCUUC

Facilitator: Greg Valde

To sign up, please send an email to Greg by September 15. valdeg@uww.edu. All participants should read the first chapter prior to our first meeting and come prepared to share a favorite idea from the reading.



INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY: AN HISTORICAL SURVEY



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Heraclitus



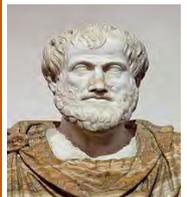
Parmenides



Socrates



Plato



Aristotle



Plotinus



Augustine



Aquinas



Ockam



Descartes



Spinoza



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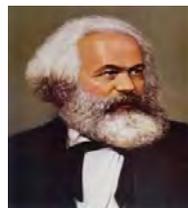
Jacobi



Fichte



Hegel



Marx



Nietzsche



Husserl

Come and join us here at the **Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church**, at the corner of County Roads K & E in Hartland, Wisconsin, classroom #3, from **5:30pm–7:00pm, EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY: September 11th through November 20th, 2019**, to discover our historical roots of the way we think in western culture. Thirty dollars is suggested as a donation to the LCUUC. The instructor receives no compensation. All are welcome. Purchase of a textbook is **not** required.

Gus Santo is the Instructor.

Interested? Register for this class with the LCUUC's office by calling 262-369-1703 or by e-mail at admin@lcuuc.org. LCUUC members can also donate their registration fee by going on-line to the church's pledge and donation website.

Φιλοσοφία βίου κυβερνητής: "Philosophy is the guide of life."



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social Justice Committee: The "Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs" collaboration is continuing to encourage input from its 5 congregations' "Deep Divers" to formulate the next steps for study and action. In addition, preliminary planning is emerging to develop the topic of "Reparations" to be made available to our 5 churches sometime in the fall.



Time, Talent and Treasure Auctions Mark your Calendars!

Silent Auction Sunday October 20th thru Sunday, November 3rd

This silent auction will primarily feature events that will be held between November and April

Silent Auction Saturday, April 5th thru the Live Auction on Saturday April 18th

This will feature donated events that will be held between May and November
Business donations, as well as "treasures"

Events that have been offered in the past include
Dinners, Themed parties, Ski outings, Hot tub parties,
Campfires, Workshops.

Put your thinking caps on!
More details to follow.

Submitted by the FUNdraising Committee Co-Chair Lynne Smith



From the Board

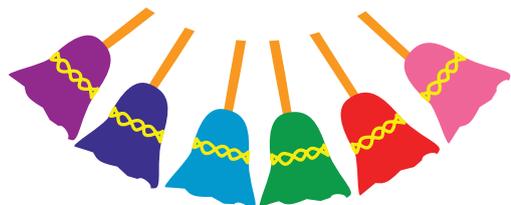
The Board began its new term in July. Please welcome new members George Ehrhardt, Julie Krill, and Amy Seay! Paula Hillmann has agreed to fill the Vice President position vacated by Craig Howard because of his move out west. Thank you, Paula! Here is a snapshot of what the Board is talking about and working on currently.

Board members are falling in to place as Committee Liaisons, and Leann Rigoli is in the midst of training Committee Chairs as to how things function in the office in regards to their committee. On a happy note (yes, pun intended), Kenn Fox has accepted the position of Music Director, and we also have a strong candidate for Accompanist. In the Caring Circle, Barb Adams is graciously taking Diane MacBain's place as Chair. The Membership Committee is investing time in considering a bylaw revision to clarify language regarding membership. In Worship Arts, kudos to the committee for finding ways to reach ministers to provide pulpit supply, and also reaching out to the congregation for ideas and speakers. The Board is also working on drafting a Policy Regarding Disruptive Behavior.

On the financial end of things, we ended the year slightly ahead on income (101%) and slightly behind on expenses (98%) thanks to matching grants. Payroll required a draw on savings in July, but that has declined significantly since then.

In the Ministerial Search we had two candidates but, unfortunately, they were both in the final round of candidating with another church by the time we learned of their interest in LCUUC. Megan Fedders is diligently trying to find out why the UUA isn't releasing candidates' names to us sooner.

LCUUC Committee Chair Training will be on Saturday, August 24th, from 9-11am at LCUUC. This will be a great opportunity for leadership to come together to discuss the New Year!



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.

SEPTEMBER

September 1	Rob & Kim Suhr
September 8	Chris & Beth Peske
September 15	Erich & Tracy Moraine
September 22	Matt Peterson / Martin
September 29	Dorn / Staudt



The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR can be found
HERE



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LCUUC Staff & Hours

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* All staff have mailboxes in church office

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Office Hours: Tuesdays 8:30am—4:30pm

(Also available by appointment—please contact her directly)

Office Manager: Leann Rigoli

admin@lcuuc.org (262) 369-1703

Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri 8am-4pm

Cleaning: Jiana Greene

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.