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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



September 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.

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Dirty, Dangerous and Demeaning –Sue Andrews, LCUUC member

No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country...
By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level - I mean the wages of decent living.

Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 1 – 2pm

Outdoor Water Sharing

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Embracing the Possibility of Healing: Water Communion –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

Outdoor Water Sharing will happen on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, from 1pm - 2pm. Come bring your waters and share your stories outside, getting your photo taken for the slideshow to be played at Sunday's Water Communion worship.

Sunday, September 19, 2021

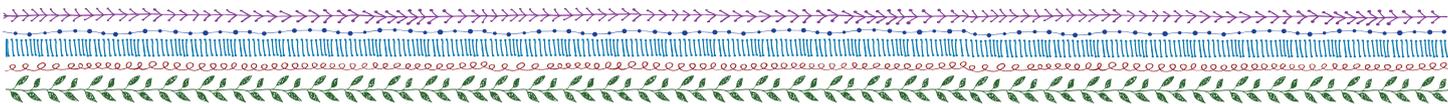
Embracing Imperfection –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

The Jewish High Holy Days focus on atonement for one's sins -- for missing the mark. Might striving to be perfect in our lives be its own sort of trap? And how might we come to forgive ourselves and one another for simply being human?

Sunday, September 26, 2021

The Possibility of Beloved Community –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

The work of creating Beloved Community is ongoing soul work. Is it even possible to attain?



Carin's Corner

One of my highlights this summer happened on August 2nd, 2021. That day in Waukesha I had the pleasure of offering a litany during an interfaith vigil coordinated by SOPHIA — a multi-faith advocacy group of which LCUUC is a member.

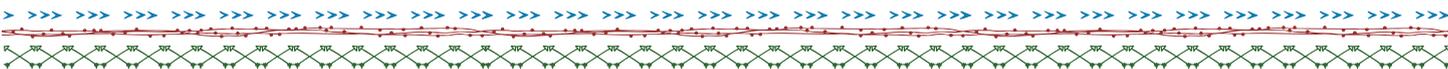
At that prayer vigil, I spoke aloud a series of phrases. Then after each statement, people gathered around would respond by saying, **“Holy Love, hear our cries for equity.”** That response has inspired me in the days since that vigil.

During this month of “Embracing Possibility,” I ask myself questions about what might be possible. What might possibly count as Holy? How can I embrace Love? What might equity look like, if given the chance to thrive? How does our LCUUC community embody the possible? Please be in touch if you are curious about a statewide effort to **“Take A Stance for Equity”** in our local schools.

Of course, I welcome you to be in touch about anything else as well. You may have a variety of responses to “Embracing Possibility,” and I invite you to share them with me. So grateful that we are in this together, letting Love guide us.

In Growing Faith,

Rev. Carin, revcarin@lcuuc.org



Meeting with the Minister

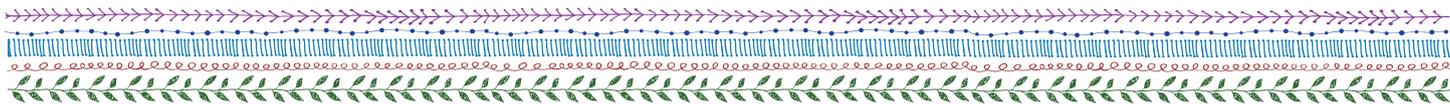
Here are some ideas for how to meet with Rev. Carin:

- eat on the grounds with her at a Bring Your Own Lunch.
- Zoom with her at your convenience.
- schedule time for a phone call.

In whatever way you would like to connect, she is happy to accommodate. Make arrangements by emailing her at 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 for her upcoming availability.

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.



September: Embracing Possibility

Of all our themes this year, Embracing Possibility is arguably most central to our faith. It has distinguished Unitarian Universalists from the start. Historically, when others saw depravity and sin at the core of human identity, we saw potential. When many were preaching that this world was fallen, we fell in love with the possibility of heaven on earth. Theologically, you might say we were the people who believed that God hadn't given up on us and so we shouldn't give up on each other or this world. Psychologically, it's led to us being a people of "why not?" Why not give people another chance? Why not fight what seems a losing battle? Why not risk a little failure?

So that's our religion. But what about us personally? How open have you been recently to "Why not?" How's your faith in possibility doing? As we honor our religion's faith in what's possible, we need to allow space for the reality that trusting possibility isn't so easy for many of us.

LCUUC has joined up with Soul Matters - a network of Unitarian Universalist congregations who follow the same monthly themes. "Companions traveling a new journey together each month."

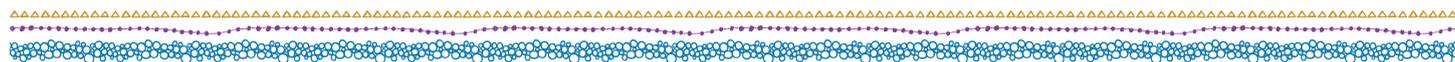
What a great opportunity for our congregation to inspire new avenues of learning, sharing & enriching our lives! In "News for Lake County UUs", the Weekly Upbeat and each Sunday OOS, you'll find suggested:

- Books & Articles
- Movies
- Podcasts
- Small group opportunities

We hope you find these resources:

- Easy to access
- Motivational
- Great for sparking interesting conversation amongst fellow UU's, family & friends

Explore what may be a good fit for you - organic growth into sharing and discussion is welcome and encouraged! soulmatterssharingcircle.com

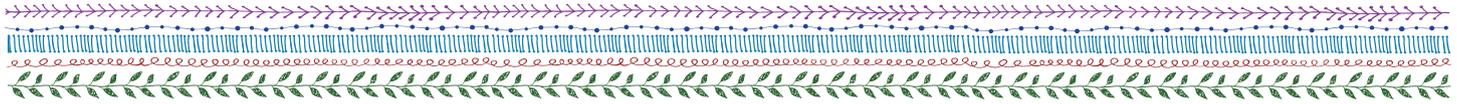


BYO LUNCH GATHERINGS

The membership committee is going to extend the "Bring Your Own Lunch Wednesdays" into September and October. We will be meeting at the firepit area the first and third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome. If you have any questions please call Mark Ubbsen at 262-751-7180.

- September 1, 15, 22, 29
- September 15
- October 6
- October 20





Big Ideas Book Group: Fall 2021

A History of the World in 6 Glasses by Tom Standage

Beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and Coca-Cola: In Tom Standage's deft, innovative account of world history, these six beverages turn out to be much more than just ways to quench thirst. They also represent six eras that span the course of civilization – from the adoption of agriculture, to the birth of cities, to the advent of globalization. *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* tells the story of humanity from the Stone Age to the twenty-first century through each epoch's signature refreshment.

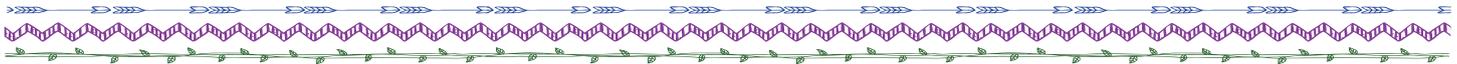
What: Join us for a discussion of this fun and interesting book

When: 7 Fridays from 7-8:30 pm (Sept. 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 17)

Where: We hope to be able to meet in person, so we ask you to sign up only if you are fully vaccinated. However, we will be prepared to switch to Zoom as needed.

Facilitator: Greg Valde

To sign up, please send an email to Greg (valdeg@uww.edu) and/or Leann (admin@lcuuc.org) by September 15. All participants should read the first 2 chapters prior to our first meeting and come prepared to share a favorite idea from the reading.



Stewardship Update 2021/2022

Here we are already nearing the end of summer, and about to start a new church year. Once again it is also time to start thinking about stewardship, and how we can support our beloved community in these difficult times.

I'll start with a welcome to Ric Sternkopf, who has returned to the stewardship committee after having been a key member in the past, instrumental in helping create our unique year round stewardship process. Given how well that process seems to fit our community, it is our intent to continue with it, and enhance it as ideas and needs dictate.

Also important is the annual reminder that it is every member's obligation to turn in a pledge card once each year to indicate contribution intentions. There are still some pledge cards that have not been turned in. Understandably some of us continue to have challenging circumstances, but all that is asked is that we make our best prediction for what we're able to do. The Board and Finance Committee need this input to help predict LCUUC's cash flow.

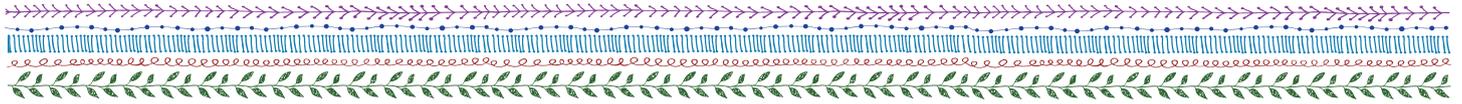
We have all hoped that the pandemic would by now have subsided to the point that face to face meetings would be comfortable for all, but that does not look likely to be the case. The small group Zoom meetings worked reasonably well last year, so for sure that will continue, and some masked face to face small group participation is being considered as well.

In any case, the links on the church website will enable you to see the usual stewardship information online, and also enable you to fill out your pledge card online. Everyone will continue to have their own pledge anniversary month, which will define the start of the twelve month period during which their contributions will be credited towards their pledge.

When the time comes for you to pledge, please show your support for our community, and for the LCUUC mission of promoting spiritual growth in compassion, wisdom and understanding, with an increase in your pledge. We will all be most grateful!

Thank you for all you have given in the past, and be well!

John Kuhn and Ric Sternkopf, your stewardship team



ON BOARD

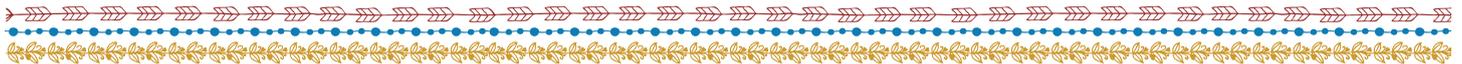
First of all, please welcome new Board members Mieke Craven, Dave Harker, and Quentin Watson. We truly appreciate them carving out time in their busy lives to serve on the Board. Returning Board members are Lisa Alvarado (in her new role as President), George Ehrhardt, Harry Nichols, Gail Ostler, Amy Seay (continuing as Secretary), and Brynn Vukelich (in her new role as Vice President). We are also thrilled to welcome to LCUUC our new Music Director, Davey Harrison, and his wife, Marie. The Board continued to meet over the summer and there was no lack of things to discuss! Here is just a handful of topics we covered.

- A lot of hiring activity ... still looking for a DRE and Choir Director
- Rev. Carin's contract renewal ... when will she see the church filled with people?
- Building & property use ... many thanks to our COVID-19 Workgroup for their diligence
- Livestream broadcasting of worship services ... likely to begin in September
- Parking lot easement issue ... working toward a resolution with our neighbors

LCUUC Board Members	
Lisa Alvarado, President	George Ehrhardt
Brynn Vukelich, Vice President	Dave Harker
Amy Seay, Secretary	Harry Nichols
Tim Fuller, Treasurer (ex-officio)	Gail Ostler
Mieke Craven	Quentin Watson

All of that and so much more. Please reach out if you desire more detailed information and/or find the Board meeting minutes in the "Member Access" part of LCUUC's website. Remember, anyone is welcome to attend Board meetings. They take place the 3rd Tuesday of each month and begin at 7:00pm. We are still using the Zoom format, so you can join us from the comfort of your home. We love having guests!

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Seay, on behalf of the LCUUC 2020–21 Board of Trustees



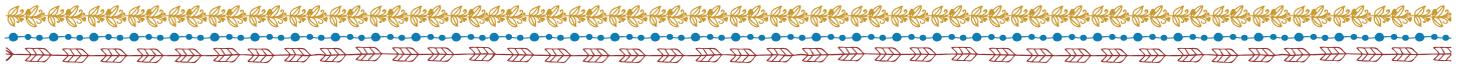
BLM2WUUS REPARATIONS WORKSHOP

Rescheduled for

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 10 AM - 1 PM

SAVE THE DATE!!!

More details will be forthcoming. Sara/Bud Hudson sbhudson@hotmail.com



SINGING! SINGING!

Thursday, September 2nd, 6:30–7:30pm

Our choir will rehearse again on Thursday, September 2nd from 6:30 - 7:30. Come a little early or stay a little later and catch up with your friends. Everyone is welcome to come sing for the evening whether you plan to be a regular part of the choir or not. Contact Tracy at tracywren@yahoo.com with questions or if you would like to participate but cannot come to rehearsal because of the pandemic.

Covid Safety Precautions

The Covid Work Group met in mid-August, reaffirming LCUUC's decision to be guided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the overall risk level of Waukesha county per the Covid ActNow website. The Delta variant and the fact that vaccinated people can spread Covid have caused LCUUC to update the Use Plan which currently are as follows:

- LCUUC requires mask-wearing by all people who are ages 2 years or older when attending indoor gatherings at the church.
- All LCUUC staff and volunteers who have contact with numerous people (i.e. worship leaders, musicians, ushers, religious education teachers and assistants) are asked to become fully vaccinated if they aren't already.

This pandemic continues to change quickly, so stay tune -- the LCUUC Use Plan will be updated as needed. The Covid Working Group will meet again on September 9, 2021.



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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.

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

LCUUC Staff & Hours

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Zoom Worship Technitian: Marc Nadal

Cleaning: Kaya Rollins