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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



MARCH 2022

Worship services Services begin at 10am

Come on in: We're Back In-Person and 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 by 8am on Sunday.

Option 2) Join us in the LCUUC sanctuary for in-person worship. We will be wearing masks, recommending social distancing, and following LCUUC COVID guidelines.

Designated Collection for March – Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin

Sunday, March 6, 2022

ABCs of Stewardship –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

When we build community from a sense of abundance, deep care and amazing growth can both happen. Today we will also welcome new LCUUC Members with delight.

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Prayer of Love –Rev. Carin Bringelson

A congregant recently asked me if Unitarian Universalists pray. And if so, when? How? And why? Whatever your relationship to prayer, come reflect on the unique gifts that Unitarian Universalism offers when it comes to this ancient spiritual practice.

Sunday, March 20, 2022

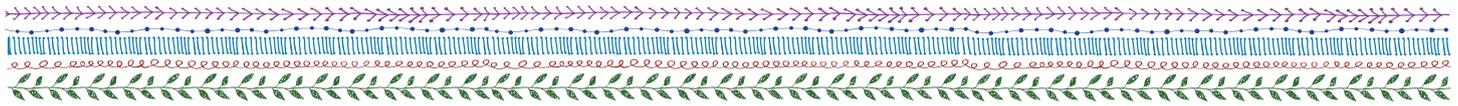
Sacred Reciprocity: Equinox Renewal –Lois Remeikis, LCUUC member

Our 7th Principal reminds us of the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Sacred reciprocity or “ayni” in Quechua encompasses giving back to the Earth as much as you receive from her. We will explore renewing our sacred relationship with the Earth and expand the concept of reciprocity in our lives in this service.

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Not Carved in Stone –Rev. Carin Bringelson

Oftentimes Unitarian Universalists proclaim that “revelation is not sealed.” This week we will explore how this ever-shifting understanding of the universe impacts the ways in which the Seven Principles are revisited and revised.



Carin's Corner:

Renewing Faith is our theme of the month of March. As a former librarian, I'm familiar with renewing my library books when I want to extend my time with some great reading materials. *Renewing Faith* seems a bit more complicated than that!

When it comes to *Renewing Faith*, I suggest that we begin by claiming a faith we want to spend more time with. For some Unitarian Universalists, just the mere word "faith" might cause discomfort or confusion because of how the term has been used to hurt us and others in society at large. And yet, if we reclaim the meaning of the term "faith," perhaps we will feel a shift in our lives.

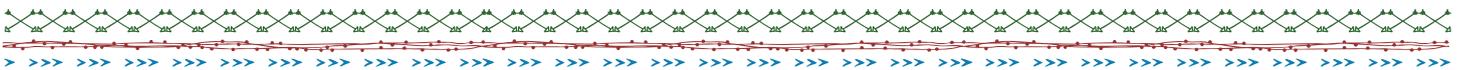
If we were sitting down for a chat, these are the questions I'd be curious to hear your thoughts on:

- What role does "faith" play in your life—and how are you defining "faith?"
- How do you live out your deepest values?
- In what ways are you feeling called to dig back into those beliefs and behaviors that nurture and sustain you most reliably?

Because these times are calling us to engage in "*Renewing Faith*" both as individuals and collectively, we might as well dig into such questions with one another. I'm grateful that we get to be on the journey together.

In Growing Faith,

Rev. Carin revcarin@lcuuc.org



ON BOARD

With March almost here, it seems that spring is right around the corner. As we come out of the hibernation of winter, we continue to work towards in person service with a desire to get back to the in-person community gatherings.

We are slowly winding the way through discussion and negotiations with our neighbors to the South regarding our parking lot easements and look forward to a resolution that will allow us to make some much needed improvements to the current parking lot.

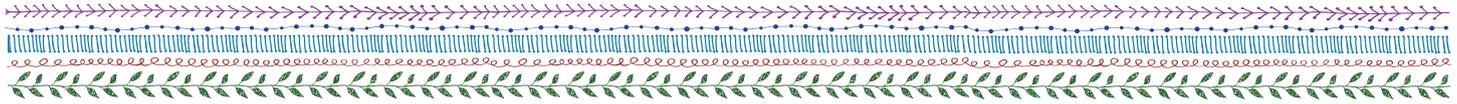
As we move forward with getting back to the community a resonating theme amongst the board is the need for members of the congregation to take up the mantles of our community. We need volunteers! Committees! Work Groups! Board Members, Oh My! If you find yourself with a hankering for engagement....might I suggest taking part in one of these areas and giving back to LCUUC.

With Jack Frost releasing his icy grip on SE Wisconsin (hopefully), we look forward to seeing all of you out and about soon. As always if you have any questions, comments, concerns or just want to show a bit of love don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Carin or one of your board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Quentin Watson

LCUUC Board Members

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LCUUC has joined up with Soul Matters - a network of Unitarian Universalist congregations who follow the same monthly themes. These themes will be woven through all aspects of LCUUC life, from weekly services & religious education, to small groups & individual learning opportunities. Explore what may be a good fit for you - organic growth into sharing and discussion is welcome and encouraged!



March - Welcome to Renewing Faith

Please visit the LCUUC website for individual opportunities revolving around this month’s theme. These include podcasts, movies, articles, books and weekly exercises to promote more in-depth thought and conversation with family and friends.

“Faith is homesickness. Faith is a lump in the throat.” –Frederick Buechner

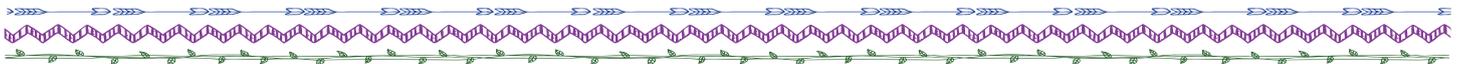
“Once a reporter asked A.J. Muste, "Do you really think you are going to change the policies of this country by standing out here alone at night in front of the White House with a candle?" Muste replied softly: "Oh I don't do this to change the country. I do this so the country won't change me.”
–Mary Ann and Frederic Brussat

How do we renew our faith
when so much is falling apart?
In these fragile days,
we, who assess life through “the fire of reason,”
find so little reason to trust
that everything’s going to be ok.
The climate is collapsing.
Racism so often morphs more than it is removed.
Politics divide more than they unite.
Don’t tell us it’s slowly getting better.
Don’t ask us to deny this feeling of despair that feels so real.
On so many days, we have lost our hope for a better day.

Maybe that’s what the preacher meant
when he spoke of faith
as a hunger for home.
Maybe faith is more about remembering
our longing for what we love and who we want to be,
more than it is an act of restoring our trust
that everything will work out well.

Maybe the peacenik was right:
We must remain faithful to the fight
not because change is guaranteed
but to ensure that we are not changed.

But we do long for it!
Don’t we?
Despite the setbacks and slowness,
there remains something inside that continues to say,
“It can be better!”
“More is possible!”
“I need to believe that goodness is real.”
It’s a longing that lingers no matter what.



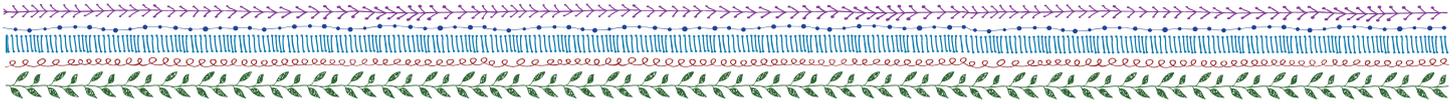
Meeting with the Minister

Rev. Carin would love to meet with you. Feel free to:

- Zoom with her at your convenience
- Talk on the phone
- Take a walk for a talk
- Meet indoors with masks

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 HERE 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.



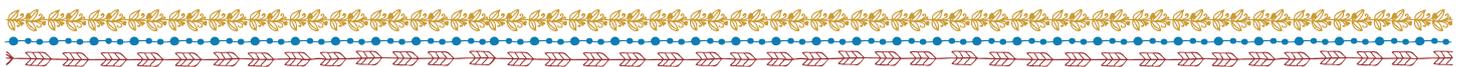
Social Justice

Widening the Circle – Hands On! Sunday, April 3rd

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, when we will work with our hands and hearts to help others. Plans are being made to again make lunches for The Guest House, which feeds those experiencing food insecurity, and there will be at least one opportunity to do some cleanup in a neighborhood in Milwaukee. More details to come! From LCUUC's Social Justice Committee.

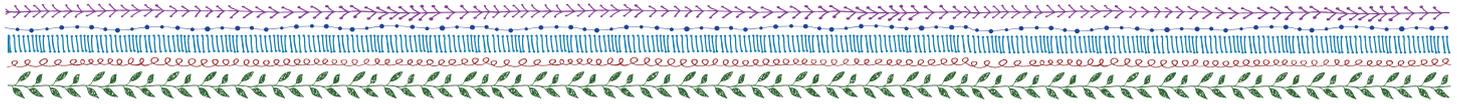
Group Visit to America's Black Holocaust Museum – Sunday, March 27th at 1pm

A few years ago, many of us learned a lot about the Black experience in America from Reggie Jackson, who was the first Griot at America's Black Holocaust Museum. That museum closed, and just recently reopened. Their mission is to build public awareness of the harmful legacies of slavery and Jim Crow in America and promote racial repair, reconciliation, and healing. It envisions a society that remembers its past in order to shape a better future. Join members of the Social Justice Committee on a visit to the museum on Sunday, March 27th. We will meet there at 1pm. Questions, contact Kerry Duma, kerryduma@gmail.com



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This month's collection will go to Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin. Established in 1982, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is the leading hunger-relief organization in the state. Through their support of a network of 400 pantries and meal programs, they ensure neighbors in need across 35 eastern Wisconsin counties know where their next meal will come from.



Religious Education Round-up

Our Soul Matters theme for March is “Renew Faith”. Below is an overview of our weekly lessons offered in our weekly emails.

Lesson A: Renewing Faith in Promises – The Practice of Covenanting

Lesson B: Renewing Faith in Ourselves – The Practice of Trusting Our Gifts

Lesson C: Renewing Faith in Each Other – The Practice of Joining Forces for the Common Good

Lesson D: Renewing Faith in Simple Things – The Practice of Noticing the Richness We Already and Always Possess

Current Opportunities

Spring Equinox Bonfire

Join us for a bonfire to celebrate the Spring Equinox on Sunday March 20 at 1pm at the LCUUC fire pit!

Youth Group

We have exciting things planned for our youth group. We are going to be shifting away from bi-weekly meetings due to low attendance and instead focus on bigger community events. These events include a trip to the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee, an aquatic ecology field trip, and a camping-con in June. Be on the look out for more information about these events!

RE Enrichment Activities

Look for at home RE activities in the weekly emails! These activities will follow the Soul Matters curriculum and will include a youtube link to the children’s book for the week as well as easy activities to do at home as a family. Interested in receiving the RE enrichment emails? Send Beth Ann a note at dre@lcuuc.org to get added!

Planning for the Future

RE Huddle

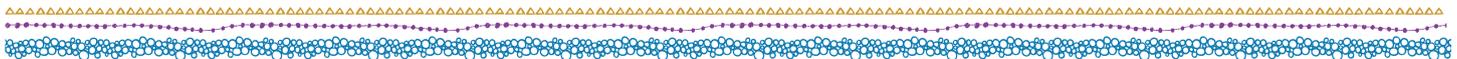
The next RE Team Huddle is Thursday, March 17, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Zoom [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 983 7653 5157; Passcode: 365510)
The Zoom Room opens at 6:15 p.m. for socializing.

RE Registration

Families may register their young person for this year’s Religious Education program at any time.

Interested in volunteering?

We are looking for volunteers for the RE programs. Volunteering would include leading our youth group or leading an RE class. Volunteers will have to submit to a background check and are required to be fully vaccinated and boosted. Interested? Email Beth Ann Wuerl at dre@lcuuc.org.

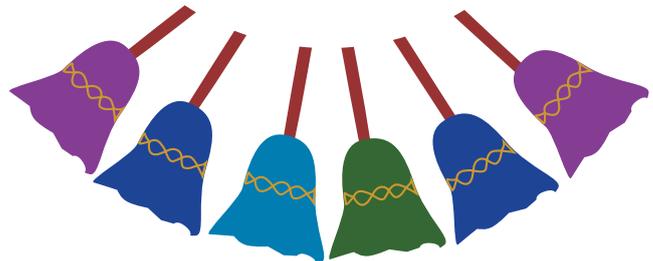


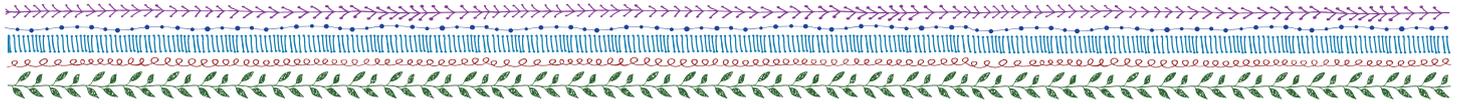
CHURCH CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

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.

March

- March 6 Lynne Smith & Phil Smith
- March 13 Suzette Nelson / Heidi Peterson
- March 20 Mike Wuerl & Beth Ann Wuerl
- March 27 Carol Stark / TBA





Covid Safety Precautions

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The LCUUC Covid Work Group met in February 2022 to update recommendations to the LCUUC Board. Upon review of these recommendations, the LCUUC Board announced the following changes that are in effect until further notice.

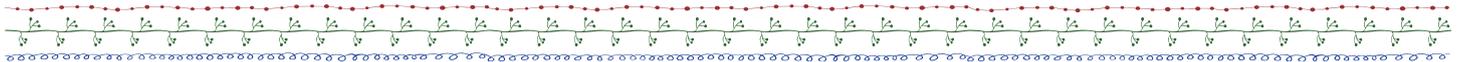
For those people entering the building on church business at other times during the week, the following are the continued expectations when others are also present:

- We recommend that all eligible people get a vaccination and booster shot (unless medically contraindicated)
- Stay home if you aren't feeling well or if you know you have been exposed to Covid-19 recently
- Wear a mask in the building if you are over 2 years old
- People outside of family units are recommended to stay physically distant from one another; get consent before hugging
- Turn on the HEPA filtration units as high as is tolerable in the rooms that are being used
- Please do not eat or drink in the church building at this time
- We recommend sanitizing your hands
- Post-worship social time may occur indoors with social distancing and masking
- 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.
- Please do not sing as a congregation until further notice
- 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) and the overall risk level of Waukesha county per Covid ActNow.

The Covid Working Group will meet again on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Contact Rev. Carin or Lisa Alvarado with questions.



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

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* All staff have mailboxes in church office

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Cleaning: Kaya Rollins

Congregational Administrator: Leann Rigoli
admin@lcuuc.org (262) 369-1703
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Interim RE Coordinator: Beth Ann Wuerl
dre@lcuuc.org