# LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship

## **APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER**



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"What Puts Happy in Your Ness?"
Carrie Arnold

Where do you find joy in spite of, not because of? What habits have you cultivated to get you through the unjoyful times? Let's talk about them!"

Carrie has been a jail chaplain, and she currently has a house church.

### April 13

### The Wisdom of Marx" Tony Larsen

In keeping with April's theme of joy, Tony's sermon will examine the spirituality there may be in laughter and humor--including that of Groucho Marx. (Wait a minute. Did you think, from the title, that this sermon would be on *Karl* Marx? Ha-ha-ha!)

Tony is a retired UU minister from Racine, and he's a regular speaker for LUUF.



Happy Easter, Happy Spring

### **April 20 Easter**

### "Rising Into Community" Margaret Rozga

In troubled times, one may be tempted to avoid conflict by isolating oneself. Such times can, more importantly, call us into community for visible and audible affirmation of the good we want to assert and advance. Whether done formally in church or elsewhere in public, these actions are a means of finding joy, growing in grace, and rising to an invigorated sense of possibility.

Margaret Rozga has spoken to us on other Easters! She's a poet some of whose books we have in our library.

### April 27

"Joy in the Garden: A visual treatise celebrating flower gardens throughout art history."

### Jim Neilson

Inspired by Wendall Barry's thoughtful observation that flowers give "unforeseen goods and pleasures that I had not thought to want" and in advance of the flowering of this Fellowship's backyard garden, we'll "visit" some of art history's most beautiful, joy-inducing gardens!

Jim is an art professor at St. Norbert College and regular speaker at LUUF.

Soup Sunday (Pot Luck)
Monthly offering

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Email Kim Everett at kimeverett60@gmail.com

# LUUF BOARD BRIEFS

Dear UUs.

Greetings! The board has some really good news to report:

The **Warming Shelter** has received a total of \$12,147.00 in cash and pledges as of March 5, 2025. What an accomplishment for our Fellowship! It demonstrates that we care and are willing to support important community's needs. Thank you.

#### Other areas of interest:

Certified Builders is schedule to do repairs in April/May.

The first phase of the garden/lawn clean-up is being set in place.

The five year Strategic plan is done.

Planning for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 18th is underway.

Pledges in support of the Fellowship continue to arrive. If you haven't made your pledge for the 25/26 fiscal year, please do, so that Kathie can prepare next years working budget.

The board voted in favor of using our building, if needed, for meetings regarding the immigration/migrant worker social justice issue.

Our LUUF committees, per usual, are doing an outstanding job. The Education Committee under Albert's guidance will continue with the discussion of the value, **Interdependence** Mary Ellen, our new Craft group leader, was instrumental in adding Jim and Joan Dolan to our calendar "to teach us how to paint using watercolors." The Technology committee continues to work at improving our "set-up" and training. The Service planning committee has given us meaningful services on **Trust**. The Hospitality committee now has Decaf coffee on the menu, and Adult Activities has continued to provide good reads, a chili cook-off and activities which enhance our mind and bodies. Thank you one and all. As you can see, we are "rocking" (or pushing) our way into spring!

With Deep Gratitude,

The LUUF Board: Sharon, Sandy, Kathie, Melody, Patty, Albert, Dick & Linda.

### LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST (LUUF) LAY MINISTRY

Theologically, LUUF Lay Ministers are as diverse as Unitarian Universalist among our Lay Ministry you will find a variety of spiritual perspectives and beliefs about the sacred.

LUUF Lay Minsters are committed to serving all Fellowship members and friends, with the utmost of compassion and discretion. If you're in need of a good listener, connection, support and/or resources inside, or outside our Fellowship, in times of illness, or another of life's challenges, or to officiate at dedications, weddings, or

funerals, please don't hesitate to contact any of the following LUUF Lay Ministers:

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A big thank you to our dedicated Fellowship greeters, always smiling and welcoming every Sunday.

How would we ever find out service guide, handouts and get ourselves to our seats in time for Enter Rejoice and Com in.

### **GREETER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL & MAY**

# **Adult Activities**

Jim Dolan, LUUF member, artist, and teacher, generously shares his talents with members and friends Wednesday afternoons at LUUF. Yesterday, after beginners as well as experienced students prepped their study-of-the-day, Jim explained and demonstrated how the magic happens: water, brushes, palette, tubes of paint- mixing and blending and how to get just the right color, making light and shadow and texture happen- on paper. Jim answered the many questions clearly and patiently. After students returned to their own canvases, Jim's wife Joan Dolan, artistic herself, circulated to answer more questions, share knowledge, interpret and encourage each artist's individual approach to the day's art project. Thank you Dolans!!!













Our next Gathering will be on MONDAY, APRIL 28 at 3:00 at The Fellowship. Our selected book for discussion is **THEHOMECOMER** by Kao Kalia Yang - author, speaker, and teacher who lives in Minnesota and writes this Hmong Family Memoir from her first hand

experience. In search of a place to call home, thousands of Hmong families made the journey from the war-torn jungles of Laos to the overcrowded refugee camps of Thailand and onward to America. But lacking a written language of their own, the Hmong experience has been primarily recorded by others. Driven to tell her family's story after her grandmother's death, *The* 

*Latehomecomer* is Kao Kalia Yang's tribute to the remarkable woman whose spirit held them all together. It is also an eloquent, firsthand account of a people who have worked hard to make their voices heard.

UU WALKS will resume on FRIDAY, APRIL 4. We shall meet for lunch at Wagners Restaurant in Francis Creek at noon, and the walk will begin from the City Park at 1:00, following north along the Devils River Trail.





GAME NIGHT will be at the Fellowship on **THURSDAY, APRIL 17**. **Gather at 6:30** and we'll test our drawing and thinking skills with some spirited PICTIONARY competition!



Sheri Fairman, owner of Dementia Care Solutions, will lead an information session on brain changes on Monday, April 21st from 1:00 to 4;00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sheri was very

well received when she spoke to the fellowship February 9th. The session will include what happens to our brains as we age, what are normal changes, and what may indicate further assessment is needed. She will tell us how to continue to engage with and include those with brain changes. Sheri believes there are ways to thrive in spite of challenges. The cost will be covered by the Fellowship. This is free to all interested in attending.

### All Welcome to Join the UU Values Discussions

After the service at 11:30 on the following Sundays:

4/13 Equity

5/11 Transformation

Join us!
Your Education Committee



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Q&A Day at the Arboretum is March 29! See our website for details.



### Order at www.VDBA.sale

Quantities are limited - some plants have low stock. Order deadline for field-dug trees is April 13.

### ORDER BY **APR 25**

Pick up orders SAT, MAY 3



VAN DER BROHE ARBORETUM

3800 Lincoln Ave (Hwy 42) Two Rivers WI



### "The Accidental Hero" An Author Event with Pat Dewane



### **Manitowoc Public Library**

Balkansky Community Room AB

Thursday, April 17, 2025

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Like a buried treasure, Lieutenant Colonel Matt Konop's unread WWII manuscript sat undisturbed in a Two Rivers basement for 23 years. In 2007, his grandson, Pat Dewane, turned it into a one-man show that has caused a sensation across the United States. On the last week of WWII, Konop freed the same Czech towns and villages his grandparents had left for rural Kewaunee County in the 1860s. This remarkable coincidence caused the Czechs to parade him around town as their "liberator," an American officer who spoke their dialect, looked like them, and had a local surname. Konop would never be the same, as the truth of his Bohemian identity was revealed in the middle of America's great moment on the world stage. Dewane will read from his book, *The Accidental Hero*, in Manitowoc Public Library's Balkansky Community Room at 6 PM on Thursday, April 17. Pat will recount his grandfather's odyssey, as well as sharing some of the revelations that have found him personally in the United States and the Czech Republic.

# **LUUF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE** INFORMATION AND EVENTS PAGES



# WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

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We are called to put our UU values and faith into action to build a world that is peaceful, compassionate, just and sustainable.

In the tradition of UU's, our Fellowship, it's members and friends live our UU principals by participating in many social and human concerns endeavors. Social Action is the lifeblood of our Fellowship. It nourishes us spiritually and enriches our community.

LUUF's Social Justice committee sponsors many different ways to make a difference in the world through social justice and community outreach. We work with partners in the community at various concerns throughout the community and are often well represented. We have a strong commitment to social justice, supporting and encouraging our members and friends to be involved in some way with our social justice outreach activities.

Our Fellowship offers members and friends many hands-on opportunities to create social justice

### **Hope House of Manitowoc County**



Hope House, a program of Lakeshore Interfaith Hospitality Network and an affiliate of Family Promise, is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide immediate shelter and guidance to homeless individuals and families. Contact Kim Everett kimeverett60@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Information and training will be provided.

### <u>InCourage - Domestic Violence Center</u>

Provides shelter, crisis intervention and supportive services for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and their families, with a commitment to safety, respect and self-determination.



### **Painting Pathways**



Painting Pathways Clubhouse empowers adults with diagnosed mental illness by building community, supporting recovery and changing lives.

### Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry (TREP)

Food assistance for those in need. Serving Two Rivers, Mishicot, and surrounding areas.



### The Haven of Manitowoc County



The Haven of Manitowoc County provides shelter for homeless men for up to 90 days and offers a program to help them regain their independence

### TREP Food Pantry



Lakeshore UU members and friends will once again collect and donate non-perishable foods to TREP (Two Rivers Economical pantry). Canned, in a jar or boxed food (NO fresh food items) will be accepted. You'll find a box in the front entryway of the Fellowship beginning Oct. 1st . Please drop off any donations when you arrive for Sunday Services. Melody Hanson has agreed to deliver the donations to TREP. Thank you for your help.

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Hope House LUUF Evening Host volunteer dates for 2025 Mark your calendars. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Hope House, please contact our coordinator Nancy Slattery at: (920)412-4725

### **2025** dates

May 4- 10 - June 22-28

Aug 10- 16 - Sept 28-Oct 4 - Nov 16-22

### **Evening Hosting at Hope House (5-8 pm)**

Evening hosts socialize with guests, welcome newcomers, and assist parents with children's needs. Evening hosts may conduct children's activities, help with homework, or assist a guest with a particular need.

### Online training will discuss various topics such as:

How our program works and why it is so effective. How you can volunteer and be a part of helping families become stabilized.

Understanding your role as a volunteer. Sensitivity issues to be aware of when volunteering with our families.

### PAINTING PATHWAYS WISH LIST







### WHY VOLUNTEER AT INCOURAGE?

Choose from a variety of opportunities. We find the right fit for you!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Play indoor or outdoor games, do crafts, plan activities with the children Teach a craft or skill or share your talents.

Plan family fun nights, such as game or movie night

Make a meal or snack

Assist children with homework.

Shelter Assistant/Crisis Line:





# JOIN US APRIL 19TH, 2025 RED ARROW PARK 1931 S 9th St, Manitowoc, WI 542 9 am to 1 pm

Walk or run the SAAM 5K FUN RUN on April 19th starting and ending at Red Arrow Park. The 5K starts at 9 am & ends at 12:00 pm. Your participation supports survivors of sexual assault as well as supporting InCourage which is Manitowoc County's Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Center. Each **registered** participant also receives a swag bag, banana, bagel and bottle of water! Just register by April 10th to get T -shirt and swag bag.

### Register at:

ttps://saam5k.square.site/product/register-for-the-saam-5k-fun-run-



### MANITOWOC WARMING SHELTER

Located inside of First Presbyterian Church 502 N 8 Street Manitowoc, WI 54220

920.629.5820 manitowocwarmingshelter@gmail.com www.manitowocwarmingshelter.org

### 2024/25 SEASON WISHLIST

As of October 15, 2024

If you are interested in donating something not on our list, please contact us first so we can check our inventory. We will publish an updated list in October which will include food items

Bus tickets (Station, 915 S 11th Street)

50 - \$25 Gift cards for Kwik Trip

50 - \$10 Gift cards for local fast food

50 - \$10 Gift cards for drugstores

Travel size body wash

Travel size Shaving Cream

Travel Size Body spray

Travel Size Shampoo

Travel Size Deodorant

Pocket combs

Small hairbrushes

New Sports Bras in all sizes

4 - Ice Choppers for sidewalks

4 - Snow Shovels

5 - Bike Locks

Pocket-size notepads

Post it notes

Scratchpads/legal pads

Postage stamps

Snack-size resealable bags

Gallon-size resealable bags

Backpacks (used are ok if clean)

Duffle bags (used are ok if clean)

Sleeping bags (low temperature)

Cereal (surgery is requested)

Chewy Granola Bars

Snack Cakes

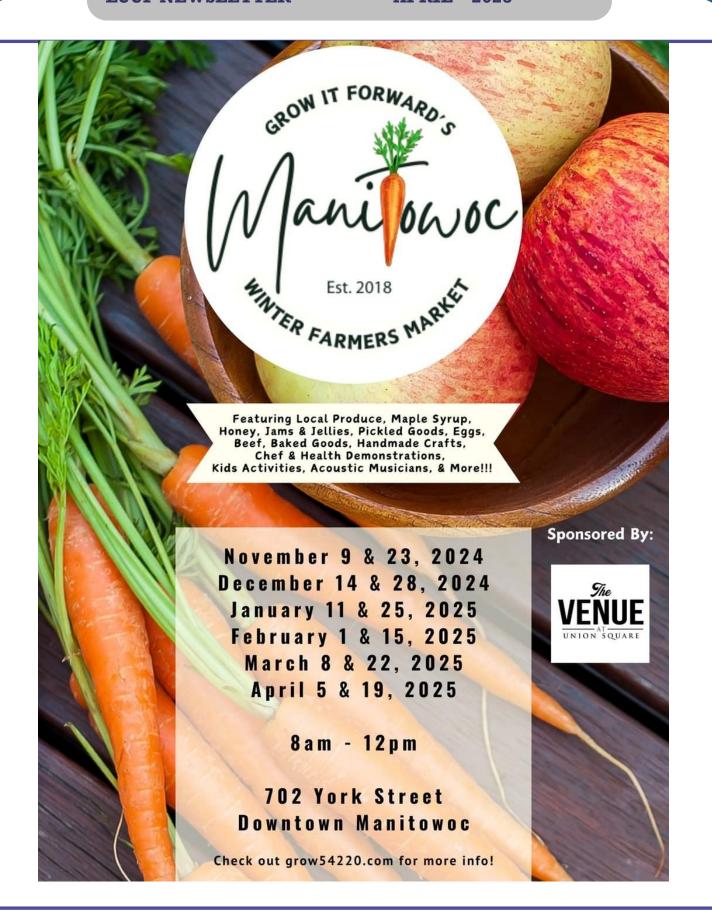
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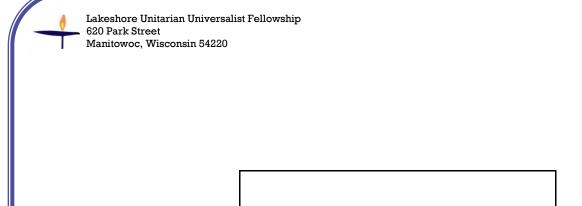
Please note "Warming Shelter"



Additional Items can be found at our Amazon Wish List https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RAZSMBT64K5Q?ref =wl share

Items may be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9-1:00 at First Presbyterian Church, 502 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Please use the parking lot door with the red awning





### LAKE SHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MISSION

As a welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship, We unite to create a community which stimulates a free exchange and Exploration of ideas, foster spiritual and intellectual growth, and serves as a base for active outreach to benefit the world around us.

### AS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS, WE AFFIRM AND PROMOTE THESE PRINCIPLES

The inherent worth and dignity of every person
Justice, equality and compassion in human relationships

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process

The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

We affirm and promote journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

