# LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

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A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship

## **MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**



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### May 4

## "Imaginative Interpretations of Iconic Images"

### Jim Neilson

Taking to heart the wonderfully pithy phrase (often attributed to legendary wit, Oscar Wilde), "One should either be a work of art...or wear a work of art.", this presentation will celebrate humankind's boundless creativity in recreating classic works of art that truly reveal our splendid capacity to overcome boredom and ennui with humor and imagination...and therein delighting the world with more wonder, joy and awe!

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

### **May 11**

### " A Canticle for Clothespins"

### **Tony Larsen**

On this Mother's Day, Tony's sermon will explore some of the small, odd things in ina person's life that connect us with larger realities--using his own mother as an example. ("She used clothespins for everything," he says.)

Tony is a retired UU minister who speaks regularly for us.

### **May 18**



# Our annual Flower Ceramony (Communion) Mary Jo Urban

This year will mark the 102nd anniversary of the original Flower Ceremony created by Unitarian minister, Norbert Capek, in Prague in 1923. This annual ritual, sometimes referred to as the Flower Communion, celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Please bring a flower to share as a sign of community and friendship We will each leave with someone else's flower as a gift of friendship. Our UU belief in love and justice for all is our hope and essential focus.

**May 25** 

**TBA** 

**Rev. Cheryl Lyman** 

Soup Sunday hosted by the Adult Activities committee.

**Memorial Day Meal** 

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Email Kim Everett at kimeverett60@gmail.com

# **LUUF BOARD BRIEFS**

Greetings! The April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting was busy with a focus on approving the budget and the slate of new board members for the 2025/26 fiscal year. This year's **Annual Meeting** will take place after the service on **Sunday**, **May 18<sup>th</sup> 2025**. Please attend as we need a quorum in order to conduct business.

#### Other areas discussed:

Garden Committee: \$5,000 was allocated for the repair and revamping of the garden area. The AV committee is investigating the purchase of a user friendly workstation that will contain, yet separate, all the different connections.

The Education committee will be discussing the UU Value of **Transformation on Sunday**, **May 14**<sup>th</sup> after the service.

Potluck Sundays stop for the summer but coffee and light snacks will still be available.

Patty Marquardt will follow up with Fox Valley Unitarian regarding their involvement in the migrant worker issues.

Melody volunteered to update phone numbers and addresses for the directory. Please be sure she has your correct information.

Annual Meeting information should be in the mail by May 5<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Joan Dolan has offered to arrange fresh flowers brought to the Fellowship from members' or friends' yards for display in the Sanctuary during the summer months. Please contact Joan if you have flowers to donate (and won't that just be so lovely!)

This is the last **Newsletter** of this fiscal year. The Newsletter will resume in September, 2025. The next Board Meeting is **May 7<sup>th</sup>**, 2025 at 9:30 **A.M.** All are welcome.

In closing, a big **THANK YOU WITH HUGS** goes out to all Members and Friends of our Fellowship who have helped make our LUUF successful and a good place to be. You all are so very much appreciated!

The Board: Sandy, Sharon, Kathie, Melody, Patty, Albert, Dick, and 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:

Linda Hunter <a href="mailto:lhunter740@gmail.com">lhunter740@gmail.com</a> Jim Hollahan <a href="mailto:jim.hollahan@gmail.com">jim.hollahan@gmail.com</a>



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**

May 4—-----Marion Marquardt
May 11—-----Jennifer Hollahan
My 18—-----Mary Jo Urban
May 25—-----Scottie Pedersen

# **Adult Activities**

Coming up in MAY, a group will be attending OPENING **NIGHT of the MASQUERS PRESENTATION OF "CAMELOT"** Directed by our own Claran LaViolette!

Break a Leg, Claran!!







**BOOK CHAT** continues monthly, on the third Monday at 3:00. Days or time may change, please check the Chalice email group and Sunday service for announcement of any changes.

For the MAY 19 gathering, we shall be discussing HAND TO **MOUTH: LIVING IN BOOTSTRAP AMERICA**, by Linda Tirado. Linda did not intend to be a book

Living in Bootstrap America author. She responded to an on-line forum question: "Why do Poor People do things that seem so self-destructive?" Her response went viral; was

picked up by such publications as Forbes, Huffington Post, The Nation. She received \$60,000 and a book deal. She wrote the book while keeping her job at IHOP, in Utah. ( a quick commercial plug here: If you want to buy a book, I suggest you do so via Bookshop.org. It is a website that

donates a portion of each purchase to your designated Indy bookstore - I am registered with

Your Adult Activities Committee will host the MAY 25 SOUP SUNDAY, observing **MEMORIAL DAY**, and those who have sacrificed everything for our Freedoms. (May they not have been in vain .). The committee will

provide the hot dogs @and trimmings; LUUFers are asked to bring a favorite picnic side dish, as well as family stories and memorabilia from War Veterans. The messages and memories of past wars fought so val-



iantly by Americans seem especially poignant this year - we have been handed a very heavy baton to carry. May we succeed!



**UU WALKS** Spring has Sprung, and we are WALKING again! Fridays at 1:00, often preceded by optional lunch. Follow the Chalice or announcements during Sunday service for locations.



### Adult Activities

Looking ahead to summer, the WALKS and BOOK CHAT a will continue regularly.

We will be reviving HOME DINNER GATHERINGS, and more information will be coming out shortly. Meanwhile, start making your plans if you would enjoy hosting a small group in your home at a casual summer meal! These, of course, can also be adjusted creatively -ie potlucks, etc. savour every bit of this coming summer! Watch our LUUF Chalice group emails for updates on Adult Activities and summer activities.



## NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

### **Peaceful Protest**

- Exciting Speakers
- Chants
- Drum Circle Open to All Bring a bucket or drum and lawn chair!
- Make and Bring Signs
- · Be Ready to March!

Park Anywhere | Spread Out Walk to Event Plenty of street parking. Progressive Lakeshore People will join Indivisible:

## **Saturday, May 3, 2025** \*11:00 a.m.\*\*- 12:30 p.m.

51 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

Shipbuilders Company Park

8th and Maritime Drive, Near the Fountain

Sign up on Indivisible: <a href="https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/">www.mobilize.us/indivisible/</a> Co-Sponsor: Manitowoc County Democratic Party.

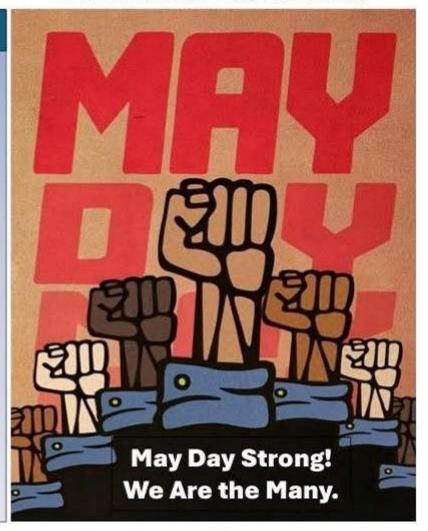
### Save a Union!

Bring an item to share for striking

UAW Br. 291 workers:

- Non-perishable items
- · Baby items
- Coffee
- · Toilet paper
- Snacks
- Personal hygiene items

These workers have not been paid in a long time – just a small strike fund.
This will mean so much to them!



LUUF NEWSLETTER

2025 MAY

# LUUF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND EVENTS PAGES



# WE ARE:

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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 activites.

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.



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

Hope House of Manitowoc County is celebrating **20 years of service to the homeless families.** We started in 2005 as a rotating homeless shelter from church to church. This transferred into a location at St Boniface Church for several years. In 2017 the Board made the decision to have a permanent site at 1000 South 35th Street, Manitowoc.

We now have room for 35 individuals in our house. We have common areas: living room, dining room, playroom and laundry room. We are very pleased to welcome and assist our homeless residents through case management, life skills training, service searches and other independent living preparations. Their school age children are in school during the day, which gives the parent time to work and time to reach out to services and participate in case management.

As a 90-day program we assist, and move the family into independence as soon as they are ready. The barrier to independence is the availability of housing. Our \$20 for 20 years of service campaign will help us provide services and items needed by our families.





### 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:



### 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

Pocket-size notepads

Post it notes

Scratchpads/legal pads

Postage stamps

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

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

4 - Ice Choppers for sidewalks

4 - Snow Shovels

5 - Bike Locks

### CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

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

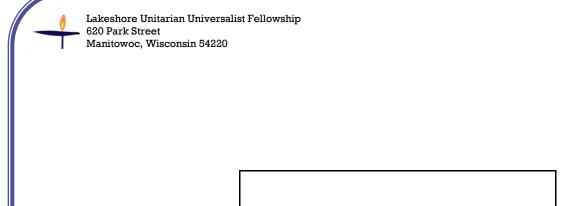
Items may be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9-1:00 at First Presbyterian Church, 502 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Please use the parking lot door with the red awning





Night Market 920, proudly supports Grow It Forward's mission to alleviate hunger and cultivate community resilience by increasing access to healthy, local food in Manitowoc County.

Since 2014, Grow It Forward has led initiatives including the South 14th Street Garden and Greenhouse, Community Food Center located at 1501 Marshall Street and home to Grow It Forward's 56-unit indoor hydroponic farm, food pantry and community meal program, and Harmony Cafe & Juicery located at 921 S. 8th Street.



#### 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."

