



LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship

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January 7 "Growing Pains Love Is Always Changing" Rev. Karon Sandberg

If we did not continue to grow and learn about ourselves and those we are in relationships with those relationships would never last. Could that also be true for our neighbors, politicians and those we are challenged by in our lives?

Rev. Karon Sandberg is an ordained UU minister who has spent her ministry as a hospice chaplain. She marveled at the sacred lessons her dying patients taught her about how to live. Now in retirement she's working on a book about these lessons and speaking monthly at various UU congregations. She and her husband, Joel, are having fun hiking state and county parks, listening to live music in their community and marveling at how their adult children's lives are unfolding.

January 14 "Liberating Love: What Does It Look like?" Carrie Arnold

Maybe the feel of a baby in your arms...your dog or cat snuggled up beside you...your favorite song...sitting along Lake Michigan...your spouse...your best friend...being part of a covenantal community...

FROM what does liberating love free us? FOR what does liberating love free us? Come join the conversation as we welcome new members to the Fellowship.

January 21 Love that Sets Captives Free: Martin Luther King's Theology of Love" Pat Hanson

We celebrate the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. on the third Monday in January. As most are aware, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was part of a broad effort of like-minded folks, mostly people of color, working to dismantle segregation in the Jim Crow south. Using his own words and thoughts, many collected by Stanford University's The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute, we will explore how Dr. King's theology of Love was inextricable from his social action. (As the Institute asserts: "For Dr. King, the concept of agape [love] stood at the center of both his spiritual belief in a knowable God and his assertion that love and nonviolence were essential to remedying America's race problems. He defined agape as 'purely spontaneous, unmotivated, groundless, and creative. It is the love of God operating in the human heart'". Join us as we get more familiar with Dr. King's potent theology of Love which still liberates, animates and activates justice nearly 60 years after his death.)

Pat Hanson provides psychotherapy for individuals, couples, and families at a licensed outpatient mental health clinic, New Day Resource.

January 28 "The Art of Awakening to Love" James Neilson

A visual presentation of classical and contemporary artwork addressing the theme of "liberating love" (as in one arising from the drowsiness and slumber of loneliness, isolation and anonymity by the promise of love). A veritable smorgasbord of images addressing the power of love to revive the spirit and awaken the hearts of one and all.

Jim is an art professor at St. Norbert College, one of our regular speakers.

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LUUF Board Briefs from Dec. 6th meeting:

Building Use policy has been revised: Instead of a set fee for usage of the Fellowship by outside parties, we will now request a \$25 donation.

LUUF brochure needs to be updated later in the spring.

Kathie Fishbeck and Dick Urban will look into purchasing a more economical laser printer for Fellowship usage.

The Facilities committee will contact an electrician to fix the lighting on the front porch.

Linda Wenzel reported that Soup Sunday will be held on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The annual \$1,000 contribution for each of our designated charities will be given on December 24th, 2023.

The board began discussing leadership for 2024/2025.

Next board meeting is Wednesday, Jan.3rd @ 9:00 A.M. at the Fellowship. All are welcome.

***HAPPY NEW YEARS AND GOOD WISHES TO ALL
AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO 2024!***



**Christmas Eve service, with representatives of the
5 charities we support throughout the year.**

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 Ministers 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 lhunter740@gmail.com Jim Hollahan jim.hollahan@gmail.com

GATHERINGS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ADULT ACTIVITES

BARBARA NEELY



Book Chat will be gathering at The Fellowship on January 15, 2024, at 3:00, to discuss BLANCHE ON THE LAM by Barbara Neely. For the rest of the year we shall be concentrating on authors, stories, and issues of African Americans, fiction and non-fiction. Each participant is encouraged to bring book suggestions to the meeting, at which time we select the next reading.

Taking the walk indoors for winter. Join the group at Citizens' Park in Manitowoc. We'll walk in circles from 9:30-10:30, and then those who are interested will gather at The Harmony Cafe (Grow It Forward), newly relocated to 921 So. 8th St. in Manitowoc.



CHINESE NEW YEAR. January Soup Sunday - January 28 - will be a CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE DRAGON. ☐☐☐ You are "encouraged" to bring your favorite Chinese foods - or, do a little research and try something new and exotic!! And, yes, go ahead and haul out your old Chinese Pajamas, Nehru collars, etcetcetc.



Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.

1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Unitarian Universalists recognize our responsibility to reflect, learn and act how we may inadvertently contribute to racism in our community and beyond. In June at the 2020 Lakeshore UU Fellowship Annual meeting, we formally endorsed the following as our

8th Principle: "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."

Honoring our Principle's

The inherent worth and dignity of every person

We know that December was a busy month, so a reminder about name tags.



Last August I spoke at a Sunday service about issues related to LGBTQ communities, and attempted to make my case for including our preferred pronouns on our name tags (she, her, hers; they, them, theirs; he, him, his) in order to normalize the sharing of pronouns among folks in our gatherings. The link to my presentation is included below. At the conclusion of my talk I encouraged folks to ponder their decision before making one. As the new year approaches, I am hoping that people have, indeed, considered my proposal, and would like to have the pronouns added to their name tags. This practice has become standard practice at UU Fellowships around the country, at its regional and national gatherings, and at gatherings of most conferences, conventions, and gatherings of organizations that embrace diversity.

Our name tags are made by Manitowoc Trophy, and cost \$6.50 each. If one prefers to keep their current tag and add a small tag attached at the bottom, the cost for the small attached tag is \$5.00 (They will attach it for you). If cost is an issue, please be aware that funds are available to pay for your tag (either option).

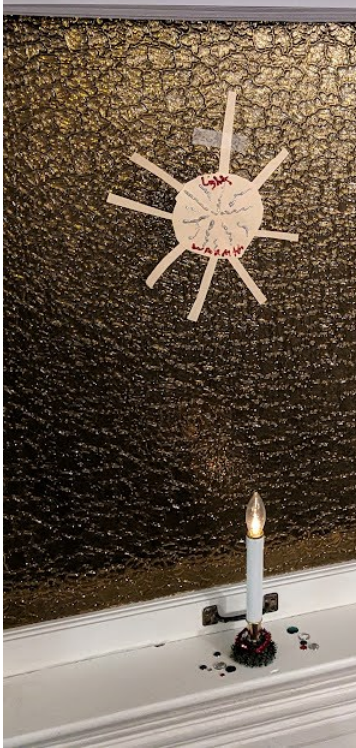
I encourage you to contact me or Manitowoc Trophy to place your order, indicating your preferred pronouns. Manitowoc Trophy's email address is: orders@manitowoc trophy.com, their phone number is: 920-684-7318, and their web site is www.manitowoc trophy.com. If you contact them, refer to the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist account, as they have the template for the badge stored. The store is located at 2402 Washington Street. When placing your order, it may be helpful to refer to the samples below which were produced by Manitowoc Trophy in January of 2023.

I'm hoping many will make this choice soon, so that as we begin the new year, we will have taken this small, but important step in our journey toward true inclusion and acceptance of all people who might visit or be a part of our community.

My email address is jrfease@ymail.com, and my phone number is 715-493-6443, should you want me to assist in purchasing a new name tag.

I'm grateful to be a part of the Lakeshore UU Fellowship, and look forward to our continued journey toward being effective champions of justice, both locally and globally.

By John Fease



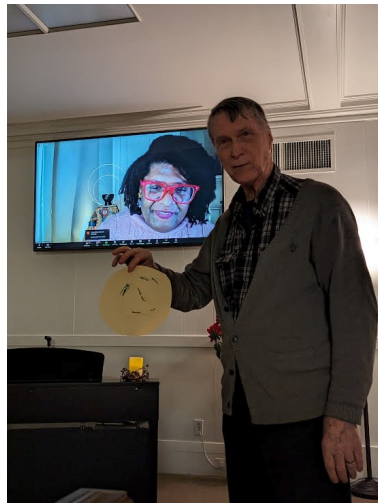
Thanks to all our gathered for the Ministry of Earth Solstice service and art project.

Special thanks to Jim Hollahan for managing the Zoom technology and bringing art supplies.

Thanks to Bev for encouraging this gathering.

Thank you to Claudia for the beautiful winter holiday decorations.

We had a wonderful evening encouraging the sun to return. Our days grow longer, the sun will return. With a little help from a few carefully created and placed suns. A fun gathering for darkest day of the year.



LUUF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND EVENTS PAGES



WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE
ANOTHER AND THE EARTH



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 principles 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.

InCourage - Domestic Violence Center

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 2024.
Mark your calendars. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Hope House, please contact our coordinator Nancy Slattery at: (920)412-4725

**February 11-17, March 24-30, May 19-25,
 July 7-13, August 25-31, Oct 13-19, Dec 1-7**

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.

You can discuss what it's like to be a Hope House Volunteer with Kim & Jim Everett, or Mary Jo & Dick Urban. We could use a few more LUUF volunteers.



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:

**For a complete list of opportunities at InCourage, visit their website at:
www.incouragewi.org/volunteer-page/
Or Call 1-920-684-4661.**

LUUF VOLUNTEER DAY AT INCOURAGE

On Wednesday, January 17, at 10 AM, Lakeshore UU members are invited to participate in a volunteer day at domestic violence. On that day, we hope to sort and organize clothing donations, sort and organize blanket donations, clean the linen room, the kitchen and the pantry, depending on the number of volunteers. If you are able to help out for all or a portion of the day, please reply to Mary Ellen Beebe at mbeebe48@gmail.com.
Thank you so much. Any help will be appreciated.

InCourage, the Domestic Violence Center, and one of our chosen charity recipients, will be holding its annual fund raiser, The Domestic Chef, on Saturday, February 24, at The Venue in Manitowoc. LUUF Board of Directors has made a donation for this event, and we would love to assemble a table of ten persons for this fun and worthwhile evening!

Tickets are \$75 per person. A sign up sheet will be available at the Fellowship shortly.



The
VENUE
AT
UNION SQUARE

The Venue at Union Square
702 York St, Manitowoc, WI 54220
4-5pm - Cash Bar & Silent Auction
5-7pm - Dinner w/ 20+ Chefs
7-7:45pm - Live Auction & Speakers
7:45-10pm - Live Music w/ Jukebox Dave

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valerie.oswald@incouragewi.org



**Great Decisions returns to the Manitowoc Public library Monday nights
February 5 - March 25, 2024, Mondays, 6-8PM Balkansky Community Room**

A project of the Foreign Policy Association, is a grassroots world affairs education program which brings together Americans from across the nation to discover and discuss foreign policy issues. Over the course of eight weeks, scholars will introduce each issue, and participants may explore their own views and those of the group.

The Great Decisions Series is free and open to the public, and will be streamed online on MPL Facebook & MPL YouTube.

Save your Mondays in February and March for learning



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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.

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LOVE**