LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP



A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



SERVICES: SUNDAY 10:00 A.M

620 PARK STREET, MANITOWOC, WI 54220 PHONE: (920) 686-0643

mail: luuf.parkstreet@gmail.com

Website: <u>www.lakeshoreuufellowship.org</u>

acebook: Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

LUUF LAY MINISTERS

inda Hunter hunter740@gmail.com

nunter 140@gmail.com

im Hollahan

<u>im.hollahan@gmail.com</u>

LUUF BOARD

President: Sharon Titel
Vice-President Chris Linn

Treasurer: Kathie Fishbeck

Secretary: Ginny Finnel

Members at Large:

Dick Urban Linda Wenzel Patty Marquardt Tom Clark

September 7 "Mingling of the Waters" Mary Jo Urban

The annual "Mingling of the Waters" is a Unitarian Universalist tradition, marking the end of the summer season. With the new theme of 'Building Belonging', we will celebrate this ritual created to speak to our connectedness to one another. Please bring a small container of water, actual or symbolic, from a place that speaks to you. We will mix our waters together, as we come together, as a beloved community.

September 14

"Cherished belonging...coming home to who we truly are"

Carrie Arnold

Greg Boyle is a Jesuit priest and founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. He has worked for over twenty years with gang members coming out of prison and his extensive experience has helped him to come to a new understanding of what compels "good" people to do "bad" things. He is a prolific author and his current book, Cherished Belonging, elaborates on his understanding that every one of us, everyone, is unshakably good and our only mission in life is to love.

It is when we lose sight of our inherent goodness that we act in ways that are broken and not reflective of that love. As Father Greg says, "no one healthy does that."

My experience as chaplain in the Brown County Jail taught me similar lessons that I believe apply to all of us. We can't be love if we don't believe we are worthy of love.

Let's come and talk about how we can walk each other home to our core Goodness and help to create communities of cherished belonging that promote the flourishing of all.

September 21

" Does Power Corrupt?"

Rev. Tony Larsen

Or is it a necessary component to a worthwhile life? And what does it have to do with today's political climate?

Tony is a retired UU minister who is a regular speaker and director of the Pop -up choir.

September 28

"Belonging to a World Wide Family"

Jim Neilson

In a time of uncertainty and division, photography has the power to bridge gaps and highlight the common threads that weave us together. Photography has the ability to capture the rich tapestry of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that make up our shared humanity.

A small collection of photos that celebrate the art and beauty of *belonging* to a world-wide family.

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

Pot Luck, final Sunday of the month.

Save a tree, save paper, save money Sign up to receive your LUUF newsletter electronically

Email Kim Everett at kimeverett60@gmail.com

ArtAtLUUF

Art has always been a part of what we do at LUUF. It started with a quilt, now a defining emblem, and over the years many different things have adorned our walls. Our sanctuary has a special feel recognized by everyone who walks into it. Part of the comfort is that blank space is OK. It's restful. We currently have art-most of it on loan and only meant to be temporary- elsewhere in the Fellowship that goes to who we are and what is important to us. The Art Committee's initial thinking was that any art we brought in must be meaningful and address our sense of place. While there's been no rush to add more, we knew at some point we would invest in art meant to belong to all of us in the fellowship.

Now's that time. Enter "Really Big Prints," an adventure of art expertise and experience coordinated by the Manitowoc campus of UW and the Hamilton Wood Type Museum in Two Rivers. Carting 4' x 8' sheets of plywood with them, artists from around the state and elsewhere who had each spent weeks or months chiseling out a "really big" woodcut, came together for a few days in July with lots of ink and a steam roller to produce an astounding collection of prints. They are now on exhibit at the Rahr-West Art Museum- but only until September 21st. The making of art is often solitary. This coming together for the making, seen by anyone who wanted to see it, is art itself. You may feel it when surrounded by the work shown together now but likely never again.

One of the "really big prints" will be the property of LUUF when the exhibit closes. The artist is Erin Lueck from Watertown; she named it "Awaiting the Awakening." To her, in her words, it carries meaning about the connections of humanity and the earth and the future, not unlike our "interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part," our seventh principle. As to sense of place, it was made here, the cities that produced everything from submarines to frying pans, in community.

Art can help us think new thoughts; they'll be as individual as our own unique journeys. Seeing "Awakening" at the Rahr is an art experience. Then imagine it in the upper hallway at LUUF on your way to coffee after service. Coming soon!

Your Art Committee

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



Orientation to Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will be held on Thursday, Sept 25th at 3 p.m.

UU member orientation is a class or event held by a Unitarian Universalist congregation for newcomers to learn about the faith, history, theology, and community practices, as well as about congregational life and membership requirements. The goal is to help individuals decide if they wish to formally join the congregation by signing the book.

For all of those who have been attending services and other activities and want to know more about how we operate. OR just want to know what we stand for and how we do it. The orientation will introduce you to the particular traditions, programs, and practices of Lakeshore UU Fellowship (LUUF).

Orientation covers:

Unitarian Universalists nationwide,

Our congregation specifically,

What do members and friends get out of attending the Fellowship,

What do members give to the Fellowship,

Opportunities to get involved in areas that interest you, plus general information about our congregational year.

Usually a one hour meeting with a tour of the building afterwards.

Those who wish to join as a member of the Fellowship will be offered the opportunity, those who wish to remain Friends are welcome also.

You may receive an invitation, but if you don't and want to come, let Kathy Bernhart or Sharon Titel know.

Message from Communications Committee:

Hello,

Hopefully, most of you noticed that for a brief time, a "Lakeshore UU Weekly Update" appeared in your inbox on Monday morning. In response to several requests about the number of redundant emails received by "Chalice" email group recipients, we did this on a "trial run basis", with several goals in mind.

Decrease the number of emails each of us receives in our inboxes daily.

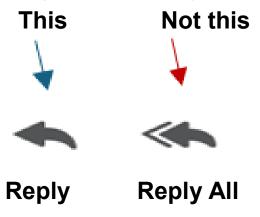
Provide an easy way to access fellowship news and inform and remind all of upcoming events. (Details about upcoming events will be repeated weekly until the event actually occurs).

Avoid long and repetitive "email strings" addressing the same matter.

In order for the weekly update to be efficient and effective, members, friends, and particularly committee chairpersons are asked to send messages about news and events they want to share directly to the communications committee so it can be passed on to the group in an efficient manner on a weekly basis.

If you would like to see the Weekly Update continue, please let us know. We would particularly like to hear from our various committee chairpersons. Please send an email with your preference to amanuensis_vlf@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

In the meantime, when you respond to the sender of a group email, please do not click on the "reply all" button. Instead, click on "reply" (see below). Then, look at the email address that appears after the word "to" at the top of your reply and confirm that the name of the individual sender, not the group email address appears there. Then send your reply. This will result in your reply going only to the sender of the original message and not to everyone in the group.



Ginny Finnel, Communications Committee

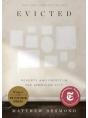
Adult Activities

Adult Activities slows a bit during the Summer months, but a few diversions were available, thanks to all who participated and planned summer events.

Summer Suppers encouraged successful get-togethers for several folks - always delightful to share a meal with New Friends and Old Friends! A little swimming and lunch at Joel & Marion Marquardt's home, which has become a summer tradition. Grand Finale of the Summer was a very successful visit and guided tour of the Christopher Farm and Gardens near Sheboygan with 14 UU's enjoying a perfect day walking amongst the beautiful gardens - a delightful experience as reported by those who participated!



Book Chat continued, as we read and discussed HAND-TO-MOUTH by Linda Turido; THE DEATH AND LIFE OF THE GREAT LAKES by Dan Egan; LAFAYETTE IN THE SOMEWHAT, UNITED STATES by Sarah Vowell; for August each one contributed reviews of favorite books - a wide variety, to be sure, and each one thought-provoking, certainly!



Currently, we are reading EVICTED, Poverty and Profit in the American City, by Matthew Desmond - an in-depth look into eight Milwaukee situations of near-homelessness and the landlords who profit from the Poorest. It is tragic, but it is Real. The Discussion of this book will be **Monday, September 15, at 1:30 P.M.**

Looking forward, a few events appear on the calendar for Fall: BOOK CHAT will continue, as mentioned above.

A Cemetery Walk/Play Reading will surely be a highlight in Octoberwatch for further information as our in-house Thespians, Claran and Chris, assemble the Cast for The Spoon River Project!





Bev Rawling continues Capacitar's-Wellness Practices-Body, Mind, & Spirit, the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Next session will be Wed. September 17th @ 11:30-12:15.

The practices include easy to learn Tai Chi and Pal Dam Gum movements, chants, and other healing practices from ancient cultures and current research. To learn more about Capacitar International, visit their website at: https://capacitar.org/

Contact Bev at: Text- 920-374-6323 Call-920-693-8941 Email-circleofsong@tds.net



VOCES de la Frontera SEPT 20 **2025**

DO YOU WANT TO

LEARN HOW TO

SUPPORT

IMMIGRANT

FAMILIES

IN YOUR

COMMUNITY

WHO ARE

LIVING IN FEAR?

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE
EVENT LED BY VOCES DE
LA FRONTERA - A WISCONSIN
BASED NON-PROFIT DEDICATED TO FIGHTING FOR IMMIGRA-



NT & WORKERS RIGHTS!

GREEN BAY 10AM LEICHT PARK, 128 DOUSMAN ST

OSHKOSH 10AM

SOUTH PARK, 1300 GEORGIA ST SHELTER #2

MANITOWOC 1PM

WASHINGTON PARK - 1115 WASHINGTON ST

OCONTO 1PM

HOLTWOOD SPORTING COMPLEX - PAVILION A 400 HOLTWOOD WAY

HEAR FROM LOCAL
BUSINESS OWNERS ON
HOWESSENTIAL IMMIGRANTS
ARE TO THEIR OPERATIONS!

YARD SIGNS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION: "NO HATE. NO FEAR. IMMIGRANTS ARE WELCOME HERE!"

SIGN UP!





LUUF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND EVENTS PAGES



WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

ISTRONGER TOGETHER

HER AND THE EARTH



₩ UUA.ORG/IMAGES



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

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

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

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 8th Street, Please use the parking lot door with the red awning

Van Der Brohe Arboretum Inc

Garden Wine Walk 2025



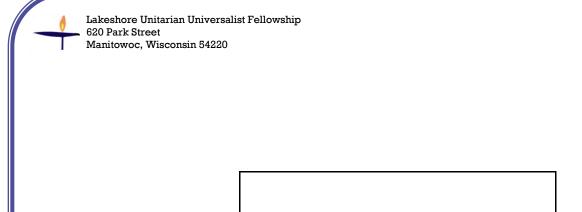
As autumn colors peak, guests will stroll through our scenic grounds, stopping at nine Franciscan Garden wine stations to sample a selection of local wines & appetizers. It's a peaceful, picturesque way to experience the arboretum in fall.

Tickets include 9 wine samples, appetizers & souvenir glass. Additional wine will be available for purchase. Event for guests 21 years and older.

Bonfire - 6 p.m.

As the sun begins to set, we'll gather around the bonfire to unwind and enjoy the evening. Bring your own lawn chairs and sip your favorite wine by the fire while enjoying the cozy glow.

Get your Tickets at: https://givebutter.com/VDBAwalk2025



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."

