

## March 2007 Newsletter

For questions or details regarding any activities listed below, please send an email to [church@lcuuc.org](mailto:church@lcuuc.org) or call our church office at 262-369-1703

### Get Involved/Things to Do

#### April's Movie that Matters

Join us on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for a showing of *Who Killed the Electric Car?* In 1996 the EV1 was available for lease in California; in 2003 a decision was made to not renew any of the leases. What happened?

It was among the fastest, most efficient production cars ever built. It ran on electricity, produced no emissions and catapulted American technology to the forefront of the automotive industry. The lucky few who drove it never wanted to give it up. So why did General Motors crush its fleet of EV1 electric vehicles in the Arizona desert?

*Who Killed the Electric Car?* chronicles the life and mysterious death of the GM EV1, examining its cultural and economic ripple effects and how they reverberated through the halls of government and big business.

*Who Killed the Electric Car?* is not just about the EV1. It's about how this allegory for failure--reflected in today's oil prices and air quality--can also be a shining symbol of society's potential to better itself and the world around it. While there's plenty of outrage for lost time, there's also time for renewal as technology is reborn in *Who Killed the Electric Car?*

For more information about the film visit: [sonyclassics.com/whokilledtheelectriccar](http://sonyclassics.com/whokilledtheelectriccar). As always this film is presented FREE of charge and you are welcome and encouraged to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives, and people you hardly know.

**REMINDER:** The *Movie that Matters* for March is *Outfoxed*, and will be shown on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. This movie speaks to the issue of corporate control of media as mentioned in a recent sermon by the Rev. Dr. Bobbie Groth.

#### Lake Country Community Fest: Help Represent LCUUC!

On Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am – 3 pm, LCUUC will be one of 150 local organizations to have a booth at the Lake Country Community Fest held in Arrowhead High School. The Publicity Committee will display a number of informational pamphlets about LCUUC and its programs, UUism, the Art Fair, and LifeWays Day Care Center. We need 4 more volunteers to help with shifts at the booth. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall or email Michelle H if you can cover a shift. For more information about the event, visit their website at [www.lakecountrycommunityfest.com](http://www.lakecountrycommunityfest.com).

#### Announcing LCUUC's "Coffee House"

What: Live music and dancing  
When: Friday March 9; 7-11 pm  
Where: LCUUC's Social Hall  
Cost: \$7 per ticket

Bring your dancing shoes or just sit back and listen to Sheila L playing jazz, Greg V playing folk/blues and later, for those younger rock enthusiasts, a local jam band. High Schoolers will be adding miscellaneous performances (yet to be determined). Snacks will be provided. Please

come and support this fundraiser for the High School Hurricane Katrina Trip while mingling with fellow LCUUCers.

### Friends, Food and Fun!

Would you like to spend an evening hanging out with other UUs, enjoying hors d'oeuvres, conversation and fun? Then sign up for our “Friends, Food and Fun” evenings. On **March 10**, you can sign up to bring an hors d'oeuvre to a host's house and spend an evening talking, playing games, looking at the stars, playing music, whatever.

Sign up in the social hall to attend and/or to host an evening, and indicate if you'd like to bring your children or attend an adults-only evening. Contact Kerry D at the church office if you have any questions.

### **Other Announcements:**

#### NEW MEMBER WELCOME CEREMONY

We will welcome our newest members as part of our Celebration Sunday on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The congregation will formally welcome new members and covenant with them as partners in the journey for truth and meaning. Friends interested in joining LCUUC can talk with Lynne S or Yvonne F at the church office.

### UU Orientation Class

New members, friends, and anyone thinking about joining the church are encouraged to attend a two-part UU Orientation Class. Part One part will be on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. We will focus on our ongoing spiritual journeys. Part Two will be Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. During this time we will briefly share the history of Unitarian Universalism, as well as LCUUC's history, culture and governance. Included will be information about current programming, what it means to be a member and ways to get involved. It is a great opportunity to connect with others, ask questions and learn about our church. A light lunch will be provided on Sunday for participants. Childcare will be available for those who request it in advance. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please sign up February 25th if you are interested in attending. Contact Yvonne F or Lynne S at the church office if you have questions.

### We Recycle - We Don't Just Throw It Away

Donate your used ink jet and laser printer cartridges to Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church. We usually receive \$3-\$4 for EACH cartridge you recycle! Put them in the plastic shoebox on the table by the social action bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We also recycle toners—those big cylindrical ones. Those can be put under the table. If you have questions, contact Ginger G at the church office.

### Attention Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee will host the Central Midwest District's Young Adult Conference (“ContinUUm”), March 9-11<sup>th</sup>. For more information about topics, scholarship information or to register, please go to either of the following websites: <http://www.cmwd-uua.org/pdfs/0207-continuumflyer.pdf> or <http://cmwdyan.org>.

## RE News

### *It's Perfectly Normal*

That's the title of an award-winning book available for loan to parents from the RE Office. Subtitled *Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex and Sexual Health*, the book is aimed at ages 10 and up but may help you answer younger kids' questions, too. It covers puberty and sexual health to birth control and AIDS, with full-color drawings that illustrate a range of human diversity—physical, racial, and sexual. The values parallel those presented in the *Our Whole Lives* sexuality education program currently being offered to our older youth. See Christi Ehler, Director of RE, if you would like to borrow a copy.

### Calling RE Teachers, Past and Present: Curricula

The RE committee is making an inventory of our curricula and deciding what to purchase for use in our RE classes next year and beyond. Help us make the most of our budget by checking your bookshelves, cupboards (and under the couch?) for copies of any curricula you are not using this year and return them to the RE Office. Thanks.

### Art Fair Update

We are excited to move along in the process of creating the first annual Lake Country Harvest Art Fair to be held on Saturday, September 8th, 2007, from 10am to 4pm. Currently we are gathering applications from artists hoping to be included. In March a jury will go through the submissions and choose which exhibitors will be showcased this year. In addition to fine art, there will be food for sale, a produce area, live music, and activities for children. The art fair committee has been doing research on events of this type since early summer and recognizes that the possibility of this becoming a significant fund raising activity for the church is huge.

Now for the hard—I mean fun—part. We will need a lot of help. We may need just about everyone in the church and their Aunt Betsy to help in some small or large way. (Many things can be done before the Art Fair, if you won't be in town that day). Soon you will see sign-ups in the church hall for the many ways you can be part of this exciting event. Sign up early; sign up often. Please contact Traci L, Joanne N, or Yvonne F at the church office with any questions, ideas, or offers of support.

**REMINDER:** The Finance Committee and the church board will be reviewing all CAPITAL REQUESTS for the 2007-2008 church year which are SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15th. Requests may be submitted by committees or individuals who have ideas for one-time programs or improvements for LCUUC. For more information, or to see a copy of a sample proposal, please contact Sonia W, the Finance Committee Chair, at the church office.

### Social Action

**Food Pantry Collection:** Our monthly food pantry collection will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> and is designated for the Waukesha Food Pantry, located at 215 W. North Street in Waukesha (just south of the Mountain Village Apartments). Hours are Monday – Friday, 1-3 pm, Thursday 6-8 pm, and Saturday 9:30-11:30 pm. Monetary donations as well as non-perishable food items would be welcome contributions for the collection.

Our February collection for the North Lake Food Pantry was \$179 cash and three bags of food/hygiene items. Thank you to Wendy R for delivering the donation.

## UU-Ministry For Earth/Green Sanctuary

### Christmas Energy Baskets

Many of you donated items at Christmas time to be given to needy families to help them winterize their homes and reduce their energy consumption. We collected enough items for 6 baskets containing window insulation kits, compact fluorescent light bulbs, weatherstripping, foam pads and foam insulation and caulk. All the baskets have been given to needy families, and two of our members helped install the items in a few of the homes. Thanks to all who helped us make a Green Difference in our community!

### Green Sanctuary Committee Report

The committee met on February 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss ideas for the coming year, including participation in the WE Energies “Energy for Tomorrow” renewable energy program, community outreach forums and possible participation in the Hartland July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, landscaping and gardening, a bicycle rack, more energy conservation ideas, and solar energy. We are planning to present the April 22<sup>nd</sup> “Earth Day” service to inform the congregation about “Green Sanctuary” and its benefits. Our next meeting will be at 7PM on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at LCUUC. Anybody interested in learning about or participating in this program is invited to attend. Please contact Gerry F at the church office for more information.

### LCUUC has a Bright Idea!

The Green Sanctuary Committee needs your help in our continuing quest to live a little lighter (pun intended). In a recent Energy Audit of our building, 17 incandescent bulbs were found that could easily be replaced with Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs). CFLs only use 25% the energy of incandescent bulbs, while lasting up to 10 years. In typical use a CFL will save \$20-30 and 600 lbs of CO2 per bulb!

How can you help? The Green Sanctuary Committee will have a donation box near the Social Action board starting March 4<sup>th</sup> for those that would like to purchase CFLs for the building. We need seventeen 14 or 15 watt (60 watt equivalent) CFL bulbs. Bulbs are available at most hardware stores, and the Ace Hardware in Delafield is offering an instant \$2/bulb rebate, bringing the cost down to \$.99! Should a surplus of bulbs accumulate due to overwhelming generosity, the Green Sanctuary Committee will donate them to a local charity. Questions? Please contact Robert F at the church office.

## **“Plant a Seed; Help it Grow”**

### Top Ten Reasons to Support LCUUC

- 10.** Maintaining our new home in the Lake Country
- 9.** Creating adult programming to strengthen the spirit  
(*e.g.: Mindfulness group, book groups, Save Our Selves, Choir*)
- 8.** Working for social justice (*e.g.: Social Action Committee Projects, Make a Difference Day, Food Pantry Collections, Outreach Meals, Mother’s Day for Peace*)
- 7.** Developing an environmentally conscious church and congregation (*e.g.: Green Sanctuary*)

6. Connecting to the community through deep thinking (*e.g.: Socrates Café, Movies that Matter*)
5. Meeting members and friends through fun-filled events (*e.g.: “Foods, Friends and Fun,” UUBrewfest, Lunch Bunch, Third Sunday Outings, Bunco Night, Potlucks*)
4. Providing quality speakers to light our spiritual paths (*e.g.: Worship Services, Polylog*)
3. Establishing a supportive community for all spiritual seekers (*e.g.: Welcoming new members and visitors, Caring Circle outreach*)
2. Building a strong spiritual foundation for members, friends, and children (*e.g.: Religious Education, Transitions Program, Our Whole Lives*)
1. Growing from diverse perspectives, and each person’s own top ten list

On Sunday, April 1, 2007, we will come together for Celebration Sunday to reflect, reaffirm and commit to the vision of Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church (LCUUC). We have planted the seed of LCUUC in the Lake Country area. It is time to work together to nurture that seed so it can grow.

In preparation for Celebration Sunday, we have set aside the month of March for a time of reflection and renewal. Throughout the month, you will hear and/or read various testimonials from LCUUC members. We hope you will reflect on your own reasons for joining, supporting and valuing LCUUC. On Saturday, March 24, members and guests are invited to Bunco Night. This will be a night filled with dice, mingling, laughter, food and camaraderie. In the middle of March you will receive your annual pledge card and a suggested giving guide from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Please reflect on the value you find in LCUUC and indicate your contribution on the pledge card. On Celebration Sunday, pledge cards will be collected during the service.

Together, we can make LCUUC bloom and grow.

### **In a Nutshell**

*We asked Patty, Hal and Jesse K why they became recent members of LCUUC.*

We joined LCUUC to be able to reach for a sense of organized religion without all of the customary ideology. We were hesitant to join any church that contained virtually any degree of dogma, and LCUUC seems to come closest to a “practical” approach to spirituality. We felt a need for some level of fellowship to break the social and political isolation we felt in this ultra-conservative area of the state. Perhaps most importantly, we felt a strong need to expose our son to religious education that encompasses multiple belief systems.