



News for Lake Country UUs

Lake Country Unitarian Universalists
rejoice in life, find the sacred, seek justice,
with open minds and hearts.

APRIL 2008

Rev. Linda Berez , Minister
Kerry Duma, Director of Religious Education
Karen Haskell, Choir Director

Sunday Services and Religious Education for Children/Youth—10:00 a.m.

W299 N5595 Grace Drive, Hartland, 53029
At the intersection of Hwy E and Hwy K

April 6: "It's Tough Getting Old—Don't Try It!", by Rev. Linda Lawrence

Are you brave enough to consider some of the challenges of aging—mine, yours, your congregation's?

April 13: "The Joys of Ownership," by Rev. Linda Berez

We'll kick off our annual Stewardship Campaign and pledge drive this Sunday. "I Own This Church" isn't just the theme, but the reality, and ownership has its joys. Our service will feature some great music including two original songs by Lake Country members as well as the opportunity to welcome our newest members. It's a service you won't want to miss.

April 20: "Why the World Needs Harry Potter," by Rev. Linda Berez

The message of Harry Potter, that good can defeat evil, is one that brings us much hope in our lives. All non-magical folk, "muggles," wizards, and witches, are invited to journey into the magical land of Harry Potter for a service that will lift up why we all need a little of that magic at some time in our lives.

April 27: "A Celebration of Transition," presented by LCUUC's High School Seniors

Led by our High School Seniors, this service is a culmination of their religious education and Transition program. We will celebrate their years at LCUUC, as they share special words, faith statements, and music. Join us for what is sure to be a moving and memorable service!

April
**Happy Birthday
Wishes to:**

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| 2 Nadine | 22 Anna |
| 8 Greg | 22 Maya |
| 9 Esther | 22 Tim |
| 10 Dave | 23 Yvonne |
| 11 Rhiannon | 25 Colleen |
| 12 Joanne | 26 Michelle |
| 20 Laurie | |



(Please contact Kirsten J. if your name is not included in the birthday congratulations.)



A Note From Our Minister

Greetings,

This is an amazing place with amazing people! Our Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church community is vibrant with lots of energy and enthusiasm. You probably realize this when you stand in the social hall during coffee hour. Or maybe you can feel it during the polylog portion of our services. Or when you take part in leading a Religious Education class for either our children or adults. Or if you had the opportunity to participate in our first ever Fun and Friends Day last month, which was a lot of Fun and an opportunity to meet new Friends and reconnect with old Friends. This is an amazing community.

Another part of the amazement comes from the tremendous growth we are currently experiencing. In the last two years since the church building was purchased, the congregation has almost doubled in size. Come April 13th we will once again welcome our newest members during the worship service. April 13th will also be the day that we officially kick off our annual pledge drive with our Stewardship Sunday worship service. Eric L., chair of the Stewardship Committee, reminds us all that "we can be true to our best selves when we build this church community together." I encourage everyone to read Eric's message, which appears later in this newsletter, and attend the service on the 13th and also to come to the celebration lunch on April 27th. All of us together, members and friends of this community, help to make the vision of this church a reality.

One of the reasons I believe that our church continues to grow is that we are a liberal religious bastion in a religiously conservative area of Wisconsin. We provide a place of worship that invites you to seek out truth and meaning in your lives. I won't tell you what you need to believe to be a part of our community. My greatest desire is that your beliefs provide hope for you, even at times when life seems less than hopeful. In the spirit of seeking truth and meaning, I invite you to a book group conversation on April 17th at 7 p.m. Instead, as previously advertised, of reading the entire book, *The Battle for God*, I invite you to come and talk about chapter one with me. This book is an important one as it addresses the question of why fundamentalism has emerged as an overwhelming force in every major world religion at this time.

A couple of other things to note: This month's Harry Potter movie will be shown on April 12th at 6 p.m. and I will follow up with the topic of the role of the Harry Potter books in our lives at the worship service on April 20th, not in May as previously advertised.

As spring comes in like a lion, I hope you'll all stay safe and dry. I look forward to warmer weather, flowers, birds singing, and seeing you all in church. Until then, take care.

Linda

Office Hours—Rev. Linda Berez is available by appointment. You may call the church office at 262-369-1703 x500 and leave a message or email her directly at minister@lcuuc.org.

Child Dedication Service, May 11, 2008—On Mother's Day, any member's children who are new to our community will have the opportunity to be a part of our child dedication service. If you are a member with children, new to the church or newborn, and would like to participate in this service please call Rev. Linda Berez at 262-369-1703 x500 or email her at minister@lcuuc.org, to arrange to meet and plan the upcoming dedication ceremony.

☪ April Calendar of Events* ☪

(all events at LCUUC unless otherwise noted)

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| Every Tuesday | SOS | 7 – 8:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 1 | Mindfulness Meditation Class (last one) | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, 5 | Booth at LC Community Fest* (KM High School) | 10 a.m.–3 p.m. |
| Sunday, 6 | Choir rehearsal | 8:30 a.m. |
| | Treble choir rehearsal** | 9:25 – 9:55 a.m. |
| | Food/needs collection | During the service |
| | In-house equipment sale | After the service |
| | Green Sanctuary | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Book discussion: <i>A New Earth</i> Ch. 1 & 2 (see article on pg. 8) | 11:30 a.m. |
| Monday, 7 | Publicity Committee | 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday, 9 | Social Action Committee | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, 10 | Church Board | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, 12 | Movie: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire | 6 p.m. |
| Sunday, 13 | Choir rehearsal and sing for service | 8:30 a.m. |
| | Treble choir rehearsal** | 9:25 – 9:55 a.m. |
| | New Members Welcome Ceremony | During the service |
| | Local Food Forum (see pg. 8) | 12:00 noon |
| | RE Committee Meeting | 12:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, 17 | Book discussion on <i>The Battle for God</i> *** | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, 19 | Coffee House for Darfur (see pg. 9) | 7 p.m. |
| | Socrates Café (tentatively****) | tbd |
| Sunday, 20 | Treble choir rehearsal** | 9:25 – 9:55 a.m. |
| | Book discussion: <i>A New Earth</i> Ch. 3 | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Choralfest at UUCW (see pg. 8 for details) (LCUUC choir rehearsal 11:30 or 12:00; mass choir rehearsal 1:00 p.m.) | 2:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, 26 | Homebrew Festival (to be confirmed) | |
| Sunday, 27 | No choir rehearsal | |
| | Pledge cards due | |
| | All church potluck | After the service |

* If you are visiting the Community Fest, at Kettle Moraine High School, be sure to stop by the LCUUC booth, number 24.

** In the middle school room.

*** *The Battle for God*, by Karen Armstrong. Chapter one only. Led by Rev. Linda Berez. Call or email to confirm your attendance.

**** An email will be sent to announce if and where Socrates Café takes place.

On Board!

A **congregational meeting** was held on Sunday March 16 to decide two matters. The first was approving Kim S. to be a member of the nominating committee. A position on this committee was opened up when Kay S. joined the church board, replacing Traci L., who vacated due to illness. A second more substantial decision was approving the replacement of the church roof. The new roof will resolve leakage problems that have been burdening the facilities committee, and it will provide much better insulation and thereby lower our heating costs. The new roof will be paid for with current assets that the church possesses. See the article on page 7 for more details.

To provide options to our church membership in controlling the amount and kind of content they receive via email, **two email lists** will be supported: one to provide essential information to the congregation about church business and the second to allow a more open and lively debate to occur. These lists should be in place in early April. More information will be communicated at the time of deployment.

~~We had a problem with our septic system becoming blocked and starting to overflow into the church. Thanks to the quick work of the facilities committee (Greg S., Robert E., Gerry F.) and Kirsten O. and Lynne S., this problem has been resolved for now. The tank was pumped and will be monitored more closely in the future.~~

In other news: the Committee on Ministry completed an evaluation of our interim minister and Linda provided an evaluation of our church. Three new members were approved: Patricia H., Tammara W. and "Erin" J.. A new lease was approved for Lifeways that reduces their lease temporarily because of low enrollment. A cardiac defibrillator, AED, was donated to the church. The purchase of additional tables for the social hall was approved.

Represent LCUUC at the District or General Assemblies! The church can have two delegates at each of these events to vote for us. The district is providing matching funds to facilitate attendance at these gatherings. Also, the board has allocated funds to develop leadership in the church. Please see any board member if you have interest.

Submitted by Karl T.



Calendar Reminder: If you have a church-related event that you're trying to schedule, please e-mail the Church Board Secretary and Keeper of the Calendar at secretary@lcuuc.org to make sure the date(s) you're planning are free of conflicts. This will help to prevent double-booking church space as well as ensure that our social activities aren't competing with one another.

Also, if you are the chair of a committee, please send your committee meeting dates from now through June to secretary@lcuuc.org as soon as they are set. We're running into occasional room conflicts, especially with after-church meetings.

ABUNDANCE AND VITALITY: STEWARDSHIP IN PROGRESS

We UUs know all about putting our words into action. We volunteer, we march, we stand up for others.

We also put our money where our mouth is.

Suppose for a moment that we needed money to fix our failing church roof. I know that you would join me in raising money to make that happen. How wonderful it was to learn at our congregational meeting on March 16 that we don't need that, because the church already has the \$75,000 we need to fix the roof!

Just as we would have joined together to raise money to fix the roof, we need to join together now to increase our support for our church programs.

Our church programs are thriving! We are growing in numbers, and in so many other ways. The church finance committee and church board have prepared a budget for next year that reflects this growth. For example, the budget includes the exciting prospect of hiring a church administrator, so maybe we can begin to get a handle on who's doing what, when, where, and how, and keep the records in order, in our ever-active and vibrant church community.

Can we increase pledging by 41%, as our budget suggests? Only if we want to. This is a church of vitality and abundance. We were generous 11 years ago when we founded this church. We were generous when we overcame so many challenges in renting space, year after year. We were generous when we bought our church building. We were generous when we gave the \$75,000 that will be used to replace the church roof. Why were we so generous? It was not because anyone told us to be. It was because we wanted to be. If each one of us decides to join in to make this happen, we will fund this budget.

What is the right amount to give? That's always a hard question. We are not all in the same circumstances. We have never asked for specific percentages of income. In the past we have distributed a Unitarian Universalist Association Giving Guide, and will do so again this year, which offers sliding scale suggestions. For myself, personally, I am going to look much more closely at that guide this year, to try to follow its most generous suggestions. I don't have to give more to fix the church roof, so I can give more to support the church programs. In my role as Stewardship Chair, I've always said that nobody should give to the point of pain, but everyone should give to the point of feeling it, and feeling really good about it. Yes, feeling really good when my checkbook clearly reflects my values, and in particular my commitment to the mission and the programs of this church community, I feel great!

You will be getting a pledge card and more information about the annual stewardship campaign in the mail in early April. We will have a stewardship-themed service on April 13. (Don't miss it! In addition to a great service, we'll have some great music, including two original songs from our members.) Pledge cards will be due on April 27, and we will be sharing a meal together after the service that day, to celebrate. If you have any questions or concerns about giving to the church, about the church budget, or about the stewardship campaign, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I own this church. So do you. Let's give to the church in a way that reflects our commitment.

Submitted by Eric L., Stewardship Chair



I Own This Church

The Church Stewardship Campaign, on the theme "I Own This Church," has begun and continues through April 27. The following two reflections on this theme have been offered by Mike S. and Kathie G.

Why I am a Unitarian Universalist: because I am an agnostic, irreligious, irreverent human. Unitarian Universalist congregations provide a caring, free-thinking, voluntary and human-centered environment for agnostics such as myself. Since I have joined the Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church in Hartland I have not been told, even once: whom to love; what to think; whom to worship; what reality is; what is right and what is wrong; or whom I must obey. This Church wants me to be me. This Church trusts me to know my own heart and to act responsibly as a result.

This Church does not try to own me as if I were one more wayward child in need of supernatural guidance. This Church does not try to own me as if I were a statistic to prove to the world the kind of voting power this religion has. This Church actually needs me to be me so that I can guide and provide power to the Church. The Church itself is lost without me. It is powerless without me. I own this Church.

Submitted by Michael S.

This month marks the one-year anniversary of my having joined LCUUC. Up to this point I hadn't really thought of myself as "owning" the church, but I've now grown to like the concept of ownership very much. I feel *great* about it, in fact.

I feel great that I am part of a thoughtful and caring community that values individual spirituality, social justice, and compassion but also irreverence. I feel great attending services where sermons, stories, and songs will often inspire but will never be insipid.

I feel great having the opportunity to join with others to explore spirituality and to read and discuss thought-provoking books. I feel great sharing my own skills with the church. I feel especially great to be able to help support the excellent religious education our children are provided.

I own this church, I am connected with others who share in caring for it, and I feel great to pledge it my continued support.

Submitted by Kathie G.

Stewardship Sunday

APRIL 27th

Potluck Lunch

(after the service, in the social hall)



New Member Welcome

On April 13th, LCUUC will welcome new members as part of the worship service. The congregation and new members will covenant to be partners in the search for truth, meaning, and justice within a caring community. Friends interested in joining LCUUC should contact Yvonne F. or Lynne S. at the church office.



Building Improvements Are on the Way!

At a congregational meeting on March 16, church members passed a motion to contract with Herrera Roofing to replace our roof, at a total cost not to exceed \$80,000. Payment for the roof will not require any fundraising, as we already have sufficient funds.

The contract is for \$73,017. Following discussion, we passed a motion that allowed for the possibility of additional costs should we need to replace any existing insulation or plywood underlayment. Members at the meeting who had knowledge and/or experience with building projects such as this agreed that \$80,000 total for the project should be sufficient to cover even the worst-case scenario of all existing insulation and plywood needing to be replaced.

Why don't we need to raise funds for this?
Thanks to the successful capital campaign when we purchased the building, the substantial grants we received from the UUA and Chalice Lighter's to support our growth, and the success of fundraisers such as the Art Fair and Silent Auction, we are in position to make this needed capital improvement now.

Assuming the roof will be completed and paid for, we project having a cash reserve of nearly \$37,000 as of June 30, the end of the church's fiscal year. This compares well with our target of \$35,000 (three months operating expenses) for the cash reserve at the end of this budget year.

Will the church need to raise more money?
Yes—but not for the roof. Our Stewardship Chair, Eric L., spoke briefly about the impending stewardship campaign, when we will ask you to make pledges for the July 2008–June 2009 church fiscal year. In order



to grow toward having a full-time minister, our preliminary budget calls for increasing operating expenditures by 15%. But, anticipating that our fundraising, grant, and rental income may be substantially lower next year, we could need total donations to increase by as much as 41% in order to go ahead with the proposed expenditures. Our membership growth will cover some of this. More details will be forthcoming during the April stewardship campaign.

A few notes regarding the new roof: Instead of using the same type of roofing as was on the building (BUR—built-up roof), the new roof will be made of a TPO (thermoplastic olefin) layer on top of much-needed additional insulation. This should yield a longer-lived, lower maintenance, Energy Star-rated roof at a lower initial cost than the more familiar BUR type, and it includes a full 20-year parts and labor warranty backed by the TPO manufacturer! With this replacement, we expect to save \$4–6,000 in annual operating expenses for roof repairs and heating expenses!

Be sure to thank Greg S. and the Facilities Committee members for the tremendous amount of work that they have put in—to maintain our building with the leaky roof, to identify our best options for a new roof, and to help make a new roof a reality!

Submitted by John S., Treasurer

Get Involved / Things to Do

Book Discussion

Come join us for a discussion of Eckhart Tolle's book *A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*. It is not necessary to be connecting to Oprah's ongoing weekly webcast with the author or to have read the book. Come and see what it's all about! We will meet on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:30 a.m., starting on **Sunday, April 6**. Contact Kay S. or Dian E. at the church office with questions. At the first meeting, we will discuss Chapters 1 and 2.

Local Food Forum

On **April 13** at noon, a representative from Full Harvest Farm will be presenting on **Community Sponsored Agriculture (CSA)**, here at LCUUC. Come learn how buying locally grown food and participating in a CSA this summer can be good for your health, the growers, and the earth. Full Harvest Farm has drop-off sites in Hartland/Pewaukee and Waukesha. Information will also be available from other farms and food producers in our area. The presentation and information fair is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by The Green Sanctuary Committee. For more information or to let us know of area farmers or CSAs that may wish to participate, please contact Kristin S. at the church office.

Looking for Bakers!!

LCUUC is hosting Choralfest this year on Sunday, April 20th at UU Church West. We are looking for volunteers to bake sweet finger foods (such as cookies). These items should be brought to *OUR* church that morning (April 20). They will be delivered to Church West for the event. How easy can this be!! If you can help out, please contact Chris W. at the church office so she knows how much to expect.



Choralfest 2008

A Concert of UU Church Choirs

Presented by the South East Wisconsin
Unitarian Universalist Congregations
(SEWUUC)
and hosted by Lake Country UU Church



Sunday, April 20

New Time!

2:30 pm

*Performed at Unitarian
Universalist Church West
13001 W. North Avenue,
Brookfield*

Participating Choirs:

Bradford Community Church (UU),
Kenosha
First Unitarian Society, Milwaukee
Lake Country UU Church, Hartland
Unitarian Church North, Mequon
Olympia Brown UU Church, Racine
UU Church West, Brookfield
United Unitarian & Universalist Society,
Mukwonago

Social Action / Green Sanctuary



Food/Needs Collection

Our April 6, the **food/needs collection** during the service will be for the Pewaukee Food Pantry. This pantry is located at 642 Main Street in Pewaukee in the lower level of the church. It is open Wednesdays and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Household cleaning items such as laundry detergent, brooms, etc. are welcome at this time of year in addition to the usual food pantry items that you might have in your household. Monetary donations are always welcome for the pantry to fill out the needs for meats and refrigerated items. We are also looking for someone from the congregation who could take the donated items to the pantry. Please contact Helen B. at the church office if you are able to do this.

Thanks to the congregation for a generous monetary donation and items for the March food pantry collection, which was donated to the Kettle Moraine Food pantry in Wales, WI. Yvonne F. from the congregation was generous with her time in taking the contributions to the location.

We would like to thank and recognize our volunteers— Dave and Mona C., Betsy and Rick C., Jason, Caitlin, and Logan W.—who helped out with the **Outreach Meal** in Waukesha on Friday, Feb. 22, 2008. This meal is served to those in need at Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County at their facility near downtown Waukesha. The next scheduled date for LCUUC to send volunteers is Friday, August 29. Contact Helen B. if you would like to volunteer or have questions about the program.

The **Social Action Committee** will next meet on **Wednesday, April 9** at 6:30. This committee needs a few more members who care about social justice and want to help chart LCUUC's course in working to help our world. Can you join us? Please come to the meeting.

Coffee House for Darfur

Mark your calendars for April 19 and join us for an evening of music at another wonderful "LCUUC Coffee House." There will be a number of bands and singer/songwriters performing at this event, which is being held to raise awareness about and funds for Amnesty International's work to stop the genocide in Darfur.



Members of our congregation designed and painted artistic plates that will be sold at this event, along with baked goods, coffee, and tea. Take an evening to enjoy some good music and to help our neighbors in Africa.

Green Sanctuary

Interfaith Earth Network

This is an outreach of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, which we support with a portion our annual denominational dues. The Interfaith Earth Network third quarterly conference will be held on **Sunday April 13** at the Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E. Park Place, Milwaukee. The session begins at 1:30 p.m., and includes a pizza dinner (NOTE: This shouldn't interfere with the CSA program at LCUUC that day; if you're late for the Conference they'll still let you in). The theme of this conference is Water, and there will be afternoon and evening workshops on various topics related to the spiritual and practical aspects of fresh water, including workshops specifically for youth. In addition, 14 organizations that do Earth-friendly work will be represented, with opportunities for conversation and information on how you can partner with them. Please see the poster on the Green Sanctuary bulleting board for more information.

Cost is \$25 per participant. See Gerry F., or sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulleting board.

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Fluorescent Lamp Recycling

Fluorescent lamps (CFLs and tubes) should be recycled rather than just thrown away when they die. There is a box in the Social Hall for recycling your "dead" CFLs. Place "dead" CFLs in the box carefully so they don't break. If you have "dead" fluorescent tubes, please mark them and put them in the "BAD" box in the blower room. They will be recycled at the Waukesha County recycling facility when enough have been accumulated to make the trip worthwhile.

Local Food Forum

Don't forget the food forum on **April 13** at noon, sponsored by the Green Sanctuary. See pg. 8 for more details.

Want to Participate?

The Green Sanctuary Committee is open to all who are interested in things "green." We welcome your ideas and energy. Feel free to join in with our next meeting after church on **Sunday April 6**.

Fun and Friends Day a Success!

Eighty people gathered at LCUUC on Saturday, March 15 for a full day of activities. Everyone had an opportunity to get to know each other better and to relax and have fun. The children had a great time decorating Easter Eggs and going on a Letter Box hike to the park, and adults and children got in touch with their creative sides by doing self portraits and painting ceramic plates for the Darfur fundraiser. There were lots of games, delicious food, and as always, a great talent show.

Many thanks are in order to all who helped make the day such a success: Chris W. and Kerry D. for organizing; Kristin S. and Patty W. for organizing the Letter Boxing; Anna F. for coordinating the plate painting; Janica Y. for leading the self-portrait activity; Dian E. for leading the Chi Gong class and helping with the book discussion; Linda B. for her sessions on Everyday Spiritual Practices and helping with the book discussion; and Al H. for running the talent show.

And the day wouldn't have come together so well without the help of Terry C., Karen H., Sonia W., Patty K., Dave C., Mike W., John S., and everyone who participated in the talent show. You get the idea—we are a church full of wonderful, helpful, engaged people.

Thanks to all who came and participated!

Ongoing Collection of Pictures

The Publicity Committee is in the process of organizing photos that have been brought in. If you have photos of church events and have not had the opportunity to bring them in for archiving, it is not too late. Just drop them off, no matter the format (printed, on CD, etc.), after having clearly identified them (include your name and if at all possible identify people, place, and time of picture).

Also, please return your signed Release for Use of Photographs form (this was sent via email to the list and is also available in the church office). Signing this form will allow us to use your photos on the website or perhaps in some type of printed advertisement. Refer any questions to Al H. at the church office.

Elsewhere in the UU and Local Community

Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground

Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground is holding its Founding Convention on Sunday, **April 13** from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee Midwest Airlines Center (400 West Wisconsin Avenue). Common Ground is a group of people working together to address critical social issues like health care, jobs, and crime. Its members come from all races, religions and political backgrounds, but they share a common mission: To replace despair with hope in our community.

If you would like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall, as they are expecting over 2,000 people. For more information on the group, visit their web site at <http://www.commongroundwi.org>.

Interfaith Senior Programs

Interfaith Senior Programs is gearing up for the spring season and needs your help! Interfaith is in need of individuals, families, businesses, and congregation groups for the 2008 Spring Ahead Day. Come help a neighbor in Waukesha County on Saturday, **May 3rd** (an alternative date may be arranged if needed). Volunteers will help by raking leaves, washing outdoor windows, cleaning gutters, installing screens, trimming bushes, etc. If you or a group would like to volunteer, please contact Carrie Lee Anderson at (262) 549-3348 X228 or carrieleea@interfaithwaukesha.org. All participants will need to register **to volunteer by Friday, April 11th**.

Travel Group Forming at UUCW

Do you like to travel but don't like to travel alone? Would you like to save money when you travel? A new group is forming at UU Church West, Brookfield, to plan group trips for members of the church community. This group will present several advantages to those who participate:

- We will work with a church member who is a travel agent who can describe different possibilities to us. We can consider different types of trips such as those within Wisconsin, those within the United States, or foreign trips.

- We can learn about the possibilities of different trips, pro and con, and make informed decisions.
- We can have a professional help in planning the trip yet retain the flexibility of small group control. We also can save money through group travel rates.
- We will be traveling with people who we know and with whom we share values.

We plan an initial meeting to discuss possibilities. There will be a presentation on different travel options and how we can best work together.

Obviously, the more people who participate, the more choices we will have. We will have more meetings, from time to time, as the group grows and we have more information. If you are interested, contact the UUCW office.

Adult Ed and Online Spirituality from the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

Below is a sampling of the 2008 winter online courses available at the Church of the Larger Fellowship, www.clfuu.org/learn.

A Chosen Faith: Self-Study Guide (ongoing): A guided examination of Unitarian Universalism, based on the book *A Chosen Faith* by John Buehrens and Forrest Church. Full participation in this course requires having the book, available from the UUA bookstore at www.uua.org/bookstore. Free.

For New Unitarian Universalists (ongoing): This is a four-week introduction to Unitarian Universalism. It covers basic UU beliefs, history, and organization. There are opportunities to ask questions and to discuss the readings. What makes Unitarian Universalism a religion? What makes the Church of the Larger Fellowship different from other UU congregations? How can a new member connect to this congregation which never meets in person? Free.

For information about these courses and more, contact Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) at www.clfuu.org/learn, call 617-948-6150 or email re@clfu.org.

WHO'S WHO AT LCUUC

If you have any questions regarding Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church, feel free to call 262-369-1703.

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|------------------------|---------------|
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church is a religious community that encourages spiritual growth in compassion, wisdom and understanding. We draw inspiration from the principles of Unitarian Universalism, diverse religious sources, and the breadth of human experience. We seek to live in accordance with this inspiration, working for positive change in our community, country and the world.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit all articles by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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Or email to: newsletter@lcuuc.org



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