



# LCUUC NEWSLETTER

**Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church  
W299N5595 Grace Drive Hartland, WI 53029**

# MAY 2025

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Join us in the Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church sanctuary for in-person services. For an order of service, go to [OOS](#). Sunday services are at 10am. Email joys and sorrows that you want shared aloud during worship to [candles@lcuuc.org](mailto:candles@lcuuc.org) by 4pm on Fridays. Masks are welcome but not required. Contributions in the Sunday basket collections will be used to support LCUUC except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month contributions which go to the designated charity/social justice program.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### **Sunday, May 4 "Imagine the Possibilities," with Rev. Matt Aspin, LCUUC Minister**

When you close your eyes and imagine the best the world could be...what do you see? How does it feel? And what would it take to make that dream a reality?

**SECOND HOUR: PARADE PLANNING MEETING**

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### **Sunday, May 11 "Earth Mother," with Rev. Matt Aspin, LCUUC Minister**

The original peoples of this land viewed the earth as our mother. Join us on this Mothers' Day as we seek to honor the source of all life and consider our responsibilities for the gifts that we have been given.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LAKE AREA FREE CLINIC**

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### **Sunday, May 18 "Volunteer Recognition: Many Hands," with Rev. Matt Aspin, Minister**

There is much to do. Many hands make light work. They also strengthen the community.

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### **Sunday, May 25 Potluck Picnic**

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## AUCTION ACTIVITIES!

LCUUC members are enjoying all sorts of fun fellowship like birdhouse building, learning pickleball, Karen's concert, and gardening. Thanks to all of our auction donors and participants. **HAPPY SPRING!!!**

## **HAVE FUN, SHARE TIME WITH OTHERS, AND HELP THE CHURCH – VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME IN MAY!!**

Do you enjoy gardening? -- Adopt-a- Plot with a friend!

Do you sing or play an instrument? -- grace our community with your talent during a service!

Do you like working outside? -- Join our community in cleaning up our grounds or adopting a highway!

Each spring we ask our members to share your time and talents while having fun and building our community. Doing so not only helps the church; it helps you create connections, have lots of fun, and have a sense of purpose.

Many of the activities are flexible with your schedule as they are done on rotational basis, such as:

- making coffee before service,
- ushering,
- greeting our visitors,
- teaching our children,
- running the sound board and zoom, and many others!!

Check out the social hall and talk to Committee and Workgroup members about the ways they contribute to LCUUC. Help build our growing community.

## **VOLUNTEER!**



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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 at 7pm at First Congregational UCC in Hartland**

## **The Singular THEY...**

**An INTRODUCTION to Understanding Gender/ Gender Identity in Today's World presented by Jeff Rabe**

A workshop designed to help adults better understand the rapidly evolving spectrum of GENDER, this workshop uses the Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education Curriculum for adults to explore biological sex, orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and pronouns. The OWL curriculum was a collaborative effort of the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association. The program explains terms such as cis / trans / non-binary; introduces participants to the history of the fluidity of sexuality; explores identity and Pride Flags; and so much more! The workshop offers a casual, safe space for adults to ask tough questions, and provides tools and information to better understand, and advocate, for all people.

A Lakeland College grad, Jeff Rabe has served in Children and Youth ministries for more than thirty years in both small town, and large city congregations. Jeff uses his two decades as an OWL Facilitator, to share the mission of OWL, and how it is used for all ages as a comprehensive curriculum to better understand the broad spectrum of sexuality. Jeff is the Director of Children and Youth Ministries at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Madison.

*LCUUC'S Welcoming Congregation Renewal Work Group is collaborating with First Congregational United Church of Christ In Hartland to provide learning opportunities and experiences for our congregations to explore and understand the issues and concerns of the LGBTQ community in an effort to grow and develop as welcoming faith communities.*



## **HARTLAND HOMETOWN PARADE – PLANNING MEETING – SUNDAY, MAY 4**

The Hartland Hometown Parade will be held on Sunday, June 29 as part of the Hartland Chamber of Commerce annual weekend celebration. We will be having a planning meeting for 2nd hour on Sunday, May 4th. Please come with your ideas and we will put together designs, what materials to use, and who can let us borrow a trailer. We have a vehicle, so we just need a trailer. There are a few people working on t-shirt designs (maybe tie-dye?) So, we can have a few groups working on different things.

One idea submitted is to use the model of the church (currently above the LCUUC kitchen) on a table with a wire mesh heart standing above it, with paper flowers on the inside of the heart. And then have people walk beside the trailer holding each of the Principles with love (the heart) at the center. I think this captures us pretty well, however if other people have ideas let's talk about it!

Also - looking at the possibility of having a float building day/t-shirt making day on Sunday, June 22, instead of a formal service. We can start in the Sanctuary, offer a blessing/offering, and then get to work on the parade stuff. I'm still waiting for an official okay on this - stay tuned!

Plan on an open discussion following service on May 4. Rev. Matt will be in the pulpit that day. Snacks will be provided.

## **2025 HARTLAND HOMETOWN PARADE – SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

Please contact Claire Johnson at  
[theaussiefish@yahoo.com](mailto:theaussiefish@yahoo.com) if you have  
questions or suggestions. It would be great  
to have lots of participation!



## REVEREND MATT'S MUSINGS

"Why are there so many  
songs about rainbows...  
and what's on the other side?" – Kermit

A wise frog posed this poignant question many decades ago, and it's an inquiry with just enough mystery to invite a voyage of discovery.



This month at LCUUC, we're going to be exploring the concept of Imagination. Imagination is a uniquely human attribute that allows us to change real world, future outcomes based on nothing more than a picture we create in our minds.

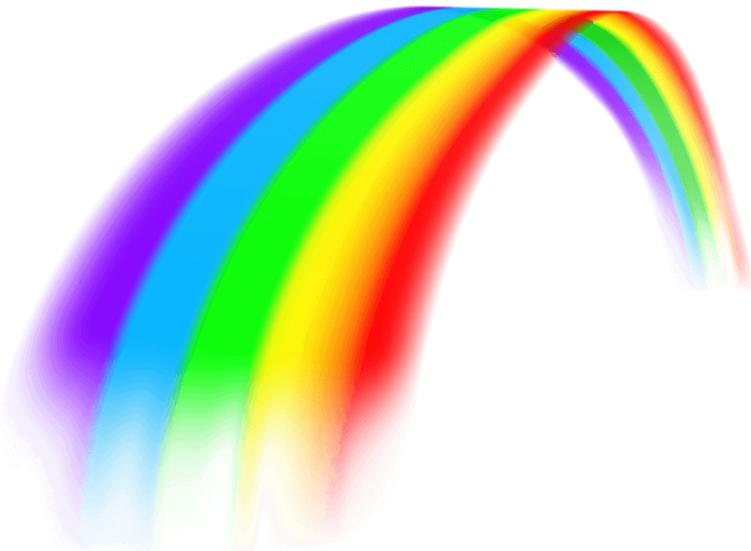
Non-binary thinking. A day is rarely only rainy OR sunny, but more often contains an artistic mashup of rain and clouds and sunbeams and angles that merge and flow and a never-ending palette of possibilities. It's the mixture of these unplanned, unexpected, uncontrollable elements, coming together in a perfect harmonic moment that creates the magic of a rainbow.

This, to me, is a bit like community. All of these disparate elements come together and pass by one other on their individual journeys. New energy enters a system, the clouds sometimes begin to part, and every once in a while, if the stars align, a group begins to create magic together.

I sense that this community is moving towards its next rainbow phase. All of the elements seem to be aligning in the skies.

"Someday we'll find it. The rainbow connection. The lovers, the dreamers, and me."

*Rev. Matt*



# REVEREND MATT EARNS FULL FELLOWSHIP CREDENTIALING IN UU MINISTRY

*Presentation by Rev. Denise Cawley on Sunday, April 13, 2025*

Many don't know that Unitarian Universalist ministers have some of the longest most stringent requirements for credentialing of any faith and that it goes on for years and years. I have had two Jewish Rabbis tell me they would never do what we do, and Catholic priests tell me it is a lot easier in their faith – plus they don't pay for their own seminary as we do.

In fact, prior to reaching preliminary fellowship – a process that takes anywhere from three to even ten years. You write dozens of essays, are evaluated by teams, submit multiple recommendation letters and are asked to tell your life story each year – including all traumas and wounds. Once granted, you think you are done, only to receive another letter stating: "Congratulations on achieving Preliminary Fellowship! The Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) has made major modifications to the processes, rules, and policies for renewals of Preliminary Fellowship and hope that these guidelines will help you to move more smoothly toward Full Fellowship."

At which time you are invited to participate in another similar annual process involving monthly meetings for you, separate ones for your fellowship committee, another three sets of evaluations, and more telling of your life story including all of the wounds, traumas, and things you wish you could forget. UU Ministers shoulder the weight of the mantle of ministry on their own as seminary costs which are often anywhere from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The workload is not something that can be taken on part-time and requires a soul level transformation.

The thinking behind this process is that your minister should be so unshakable that they can hear and hold traumas a congregant may bring relating to pains a patient might share while also continuing to become adept in theology of many religions, as well as non-profit management. Achieving this second round of the process to Full Fellowship can take anywhere from three to ten more years.

Being granted Full Fellowship is a marker of major achievement in a minister's career. It is a place they do not arrive at alone. Many friends, family members, mentors, and congregations support them along the way. It is something a community like you is invited to fully embrace in their own celebrations of joy. Thank you for supporting our faith in helping to create this minister and helping him achieve this triumph.



## JOIN US SATURDAY, MAY 24: 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF "ADOPT A HIGHWAY" CLEAN UP

Please join in on **Saturday May 24** (weather permitting, of course!). **Meet at the church front door at 9:30 am.** We supply the bags and yellow-green vests (compliments of the County), and bottled water.

If you have never done this, give it a try! Wear good walking shoes and gloves. Takes about 1-1/2 hours and is a nice sociable walk, in addition to doing something to help our environment and publicize our church. Everybody is welcome. Per Waukesha County rules, children participating must be at least 11 years old or in 6th grade. Contact Gerry Flakas [gerflak@aol.com](mailto:gerflak@aol.com) or 262-646-2703 if any questions.

We are entering our 25th year as a participant in Waukesha County's "Adopt A Highway" program, in which organizations partner with the County to clean up County highway roadsides 3 times a year. Our section is Highway E north from Highway K to EF, where the road turns west. Here is a picture from our first cleanup in 2001 when we were renting the Presbyterian church in Wales. Our section of highway then was east of Hartland, where we met at "Slugger's Bar".



LCUUC's First Highway Clean Up in 2001 – How many people do you recognize?

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## WE'RE ZOOMING! VOLUNTEER HOSTS ARE NEEDED!

Our Sunday services are viewable live via a Zoom call during the service and we have consistently had folks who aren't able to come to the church building join us via Zoom. To keep this option available, we need a group of people to help host the Zoom sessions, follow the service script and operate the camera during the service. If you are comfortable operating a computer and would enjoy making connections with those who are coming to our services online, we could use your help. Please stop at the Zoom table in the back of the sanctuary after the service and talk with us or send Tracy an email at [tracywren@yahoo.com](mailto:tracywren@yahoo.com). Training and support will be provided. Scheduling is flexible.

By the way, be sure to check out the Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church YouTube channel for recordings of each Sunday's sermons. While you're there, like and subscribe!



## SPRING WORKDAY

**Saturday, May 17**

**9am-Noon**

The Grounds Committee invites you to join us for our Spring Work Day. We'll focus on retiring the children's play area and removal of overgrown juniper bushes. Snacks will be provided. Thanks in advance for your help. Contact Laurie with questions at <mailto:prestby@att.net>



## THE GATHERING **MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 7pm to 8:15pm**

The Gathering is a monthly virtual event from the UUA Side With Love, created to ground, inform, and mobilize UUs and partners in this critical moment. Each month, we come together for:

- Spiritual Grounding – Strengthening our hearts and spirits for the work ahead
- Political Analysis – Understanding the threats to democracy and justice
- Collective Action – Organizing with others to counter anti-democratic forces and build a just and loving world

### Access Information for The Gathering:

- Zoom: We will be meeting via Zoom meeting and using the screen share function. Participants will not have their microphones on. The Gathering has no breakout room interactions.
- Captions: We will be offering CART Captioning.
- Chat: The Gathering includes the optional use of the chat function in Zoom.
- Recording: The Gathering will be recorded and shared. The recording will not include the chat transcript.
- Materials: the recording, slide deck, and all links shared will be posted at: [sidewithlove.org/the-gathering](https://sidewithlove.org/the-gathering) and emailed to registrants.

To watch the April program: <https://sidewithlove.org/ourstories/2025/4/16/recording>

## MUSICALLY SPEAKING

### May is “Sharing the Ministry -- Volunteer Your Time Month”

There are so many ways to volunteer and be a part of our music program. Here are a few:

1. Join us in the choir when we sing on June 8. We'll be rehearsing from 8:15am to 9:30am on May 4, 11, 18, and June 1 and 8. We'd love to have you join us for this choir session. Send an email to [music@lcuuc.org](mailto:music@lcuuc.org) to sign up.
2. Sign up in the social hall after the services in May for future choir sessions that will be scheduled in the next church year.
3. Sing a solo, play an instrumental piece, or be part of a small group ensemble during a Sunday service. Sign up in the social hall after the services in May.
4. On any Sunday, sing the hymns from your heart!

Whatever you do, keep making music,

Tracy Moraine

Music Coordinator



### GOOD COOKIE AWARD

#### *Karl Timm*

Karl does many things behind the scenes for us. He counts, does tech, teaches in the RE classroom, serves on the Board of Trustees, participates in choir and probably many more. He is such a gentle, calm presence in committees, with the kids, and with all of us. His generous nature is very much appreciated.



### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JUNE 8, 2025

The date for our annual congregational business meeting has been set for June 8, 2025 at 11:30am – right after the Sunday service. Your voice is important. Please come and help us celebrate the past year and plan for the upcoming year. Watch for future emails with more details about committee annual reports, the agenda, and meeting format. Nursery care will be provided.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Spring is in the air - new light, new growth, new color, and new energy! The Board has tapped into this new energy with hearty discussions about goals for LCUUC. While still in the draft stage, we have developed key goal headings with specifics under each one to be our congregation's guide for years to come: **Financial Sustainability - Outreach, Diversity, and Growth - Organizational Strength - Spiritual and Personal Growth - Strengthening Congregational Connections - Family Ministry - Social Action and Community Impact - Mission, Vision, and Identity**. Identifying specific goals will allow Reverend Matt to focus his developmental ministry work and give the board and congregation direction in future planning. In addition, board liaisons will share these goals with committees to get their feedback and make sure the goals become an integral part of each committees' work going forward. Some of these goals are being addressed in committees already!

The newness of spring has also brought some updates to committee names to better reflect their committee's vision and work. Each name was put forth by the committee and approved by the board.

- Social Justice is now **Social Action**
- Religious Education is now **Family Ministry**
- Membership is now **Welcome and Orientation**

Watch for these name changes during our **Volunteer Your Time** event in May. This event is your opportunity to discuss with leadership where you can get involved with the work of our church. Be sure to connect and sign up!

Spring is also the budget season! The Finance Committee needs to be commended for their work and diligence in engaging committees, the congregation, and the board in the budget process. In April and May, the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees will be in discussion to approve the annual budget.

May the freshness of spring bring new energy to you all!

Submitted by Rob Suhr, Board of Trustees

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## BOARD MEMBERS

Mike McNett, President  
Stephanie Tsoris, Vice-President  
Rob Suhr, Secretary  
Mike Campbell, Member  
Claire Johnson, Member  
Kristin Sanden, Member  
Karl Timm, Member  
Tim Fuller, Treasure (ex-officio)  
Rev. Matt Aspin (ex-officio)  
Rev. Erich Moraine (ex-officio)



## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Family Ministry: Megan Fedders  
Facilities: Mike Jury  
Finance: Gail Ostler  
Leadership: Lois Remeikis  
Marketing: OPEN  
Social Action: Cathy Wendorf Peterson  
Stewardship: John Kuhn  
Welcome & Orientation: Betsy Foss-Campbell  
Worship Arts: Claire Johnson

## REP. JAYPAL'S RESISTANCE LAB – MAY 4

LCUUC will host the second course in Rep. Jaypal's Resistance Lab series on **Sunday, May 4th from 1:00 - 2:30pm**. This Zoom program builds on the Resistance Lab 101 session presented on April 13<sup>th</sup> at LCUUC. We had attendance of about 30 people and great participation. The first course included information about non-violent methods of protesting as well as a break out session to discuss the material and how to apply it.

If you were not able to join us for the 101 session, you can watch a previously recorded version on YouTube at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= xMpZmLwdHw>



This second course will cover the Resistance Lab 201 curriculum and is for learners who have already completed the Resistance Lab 101 session. Here is some background about the Resistance Lab:

The Resistance Lab was developed with experts who have researched and studied democratic backsliding around the world as well as in the United States and the non-violent movements that have emerged to challenge those authoritarian leaders. We also draw from many toolkits for effective tactics and frameworks as well as from Pramila's own background leading successful organizing movements for economic and social justice for two decades.

Our goals are to help people understand how democracies fall and the most effective resistance movements that have challenged authoritarians and dictators; to turn anger, fear and frustration into action in the short-term while also preparing for a coordinated resistance movement for the longer term; and to build community across the country that can help grow our movement. At the end of the day, we want to get people strike-ready and street-ready and make sure we protect our people, our freedoms and our democracy.

With the attacks on the economic livelihoods of people making it difficult to thrive and the attacks on our democracy, we can't afford to sit this moment out. This is about building real power together. And it starts with you.

## THE RESISTANCE LAB ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE WITH PRAMILA JAYPAL

If you are interested in attending, have questions, or want to help, **contact Tracy at tracywren@yahoo.com**. If there is enough interest, I'd like to organize a soup lunch between the service and the program. Let me know if you'd be willing to help with setup, bringing soup or bread, and/or clean up afterwards. And invite your friends!

## MAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Social Action Committee has selected the Lake Area Free Clinic for the Sunday, May 11 special collection. Since the doors opened in July 2001, the Lake Area Free Clinic has welcomed individuals and families who lack health insurance and whose income is below 250% of the federal poverty level. Many of these individuals work full-time, but are either not offered health insurance or cannot afford the premiums.

The Clinic is located at 856 B Armour Road in Oconomowoc. For more information: <https://www.lakeareafreeclinic.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/LAFC-Fact-Sheet-March-2025.pdf>



## Caring Circle



*The Caring Circle supports church members who are experiencing personal difficulties. If you find yourself in need of a helping hand, please contact Paula Hillmann at: [paulahillmann@gmail.com](mailto:paulahillmann@gmail.com) or call 262-366-5991 (cell).*

## CRAFT & CHAT May 1 from 5-7pm

CRAFT & CHAT meets the first Thursday of every month. Bring your craft projects to work on and bring some topics to chat about! If you want to come and enjoy the space/time but don't have your own projects, there will be adult coloring books provided for anyone to use. There will also be some delicious tea provided. If you have questions, please contact Chris Rollins at [crollinscareer@gmail.com](mailto:crollinscareer@gmail.com).



## LCUUC GAME NIGHT – MAY 16 at 6:30pm

The Adult Enrichment Committee sponsors LCUUC Game Nights! - an opportunity to enjoy casual fun & fellowship. Our next gathering will be Friday, May 16 and then we will take a break over the summer. Please rejoin us on Friday nights this fall in the church social hall. Contact Chris at [crollinscareer@gmail.com](mailto:crollinscareer@gmail.com) or cell phone 262-269-9787 with questions.

## NOMINEES TO BE VOTED ON AT LCUUC JUNE 8 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Board of Trustees, 3-year terms from 2025-2028:

**Gina Markson Magnus, Chris Peske, Rob Suhr**

Board President: **Mike McNett**

Leadership Committee: **Monty Johnson, Kristin Sanden**  
[Returning: **Lois Remeikis, Mark Ubbesen**]

Endowment Committee: **Joanne Nelson**



## KINTSUGI SANGHA

We meet every week to meditate together and share our interest in the philosophy of Zen as a way of life. While different from Unitarian Universalism in some ways, Zen is very similar in other ways. These two traditions make great roommates. Drop in and visit sometime. Mondays from 6:30pm sharp to 8:30pm.

Please check the sangha page on the LCUUC website for current information. It is located under the Community drop down tab on the homepage. You can also use the link: <https://lcuuc.weebly.com/kintsugi-sangha.html> to get to it directly.

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## SATURDAY, MAY 17 NATURE MEDITATION

The May nature meditation will be on **Saturday, May 17 at 9am at the Dickten Park in Nashotah**. We'll meet in the parking lot off Rasmus Road. Here is a link to a map of the location:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/egWqQuZJYEuzq9F16>

Sponsored by Kintsugi Sangha. Everyone is invited - no prior meditation experience needed! If you'd like a reason to enjoy some quiet time outdoors, this is for you.



**What to expect:** The meditation will happen no matter the weather, so dress for the outdoors. We will start at 9am with an introduction and short reading, then spend twenty-five to thirty minutes quietly experiencing the environment by walking or finding a space to sit and observe the sounds, smells, sights and feel of the space. We'll gather again to share the experience and another short reading before returning to our individual routines.

Since this is a meditative experience, we ask that you do not bring things that may be distracting to yourself or others (e.g. pets) and that you silence communication devices before the meditation starts.

Questions, or for **more information** contact Tracy at [tracywren@yahoo.com](mailto:tracywren@yahoo.com).

We'll be at We'll be at Chapman Park in Oconomowoc on June 21.

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## MIDWEEK MEDITATION MOMENT

Come join us at 12 noon on Wednesdays for an hour of antidote to all the shopping, work deadlines, and political anxiety. An hour of gentle silence spent sitting and walking. No prior experience necessary, first timers are most welcome. The bell rings promptly at noon, please arrive 5-10 minutes early to settle in. In the spirit of reflective calm, when you arrive, take off your hat/jacket and shoes in the hallway and enter the sanctuary in silence.





# soulMatters

LCUUC has joined with Soul Matters – a network of Unitarian Universalist congregations who follow the same monthly themes. These themes will be woven through all aspects of LCUUC life, from weekly services & religious education, to small groups & individual learning opportunities. Explore what may be a good fit for you – organic growth into sharing and discussion is welcome and encouraged! Please visit the LCUUC website for individual opportunities revolving around this month's theme. These include podcasts, movies, articles, books and weekly exercises to promote more in-depth thought and conversation with family and friends.

## MAY 2025 – WELCOME TO THE PRACTICE OF IMAGINATION

Imagination's great gift is improvement.

At least that is what we're taught.

Its deep magic lies in the way it can reshape our reality. We are urged to imagine the world we dream of.

A world with more justice. More peace. More love.

From that, a mysterious magnetism arises, a magnetism that pulls our imperfect present into an improved future. Imagination moves us forward. It makes our world - and us - better. Yet there's a way in which this view of imagination impoverishes us. It steals the stage and shuts out imagination's other precious gifts.

For instance, think of what happened when a number of us got out of bed this morning. After a shower, we didn't just pull on fresh clothes, we likely also pulled out a jewelry box and slipped on our grandmother's ring. As we slid it on our finger, she slid, not just into our memory, but into our day. Now, because of imagination, we aren't just elegant; we're accompanied. Or how about that invisible friend of ours when we were children? Imagination made sure we didn't travel through those early years alone. It conjured up that loyal friend so we had someone by our side. Even today, amidst the hustle and bustle of adult life, tell me you don't hear the guidance of ancestors when challenges arise. It's all one giant reminder that imagination doesn't just improve our lives, it populates it. It also illuminates it. That's right. Imagination isn't just a force that drives us forward toward a better future, it also pulls the sacred into our impoverished present. Imagination is what transforms trees from potential firewood into wise friends.

Imagination is what moves us from lording over the natural world to seeing ourselves as part of it. Or to put it another way, imagination is what gives the world a soul. And not just the natural world, but the ordinary world too. Through the lens of imagination, every day experience becomes precious, even mystical. For instance, the laughter of our children becomes the sound of angels. Sunshine on our face becomes a way that life expresses its love for us. The ocean is able to speak, telling us that we are freer and have more choices than we think.

And a simple act of kindness from a stranger shimmers, and through it life says to our burdened heart, "This soon shall pass. Everything will be ok." Yes, this is what imagination does: it enables us to hear the world speak. So friends, this month, do everything you can to soak in the many gifts and messages of imagination. It's not just shouting, "Improve the world!" It's also pleading, "Let the world come alive!"

From [www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com](http://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com)



A coalition of diverse faith communities in Waukesha County dedicated to building & deepening relationships

We empower people to work together on issues of justice & the common good

**SOPHIA EVENTS – An Invitation from the Social Action Committee.**  
**Please contact our SOPHIA representative John Prestby for more information!**

**SOPHIA's 2025 ANNUAL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:** Celebrate SOPHIA's accomplishments along with our fellow Waukesha Faith Communities supporting the rights of all migrants and the power of the Latino Community. The Breakfast will be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 3, 8:30am** at La Casa de Esperanza, 410 Arcadian Ave, Waukesha, WI.

**SOPHIA's ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION:** The Online Silent Auction will be available to shop **APRIL 27 – MAY 2**. Thank you to LCUUC members and friends who have donated to the auction.

#### **THANKS TO OUR LCUUC PARTICIPANTS IN SOPHIA:**

John Prestby – LCUUC Representative, Lynne Smith – LCUUC Alternate Representative, Kerry Duma – Housing Task Force, Rose Presser & John Prestby – Immigration Task Force  
If you'd like to get involved with SOPHIA, let our representative John Prestby know and he will help you get connected with the board of directors or with one of the task forces.

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## **DO YOU REMEMBER HAVING THIS PHOTO TAKEN?**



To celebrate renewing our commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation, maybe we could each wear a colorful top so we'd represent the rainbow. Do you have a red top? Orange? Yellow? Green? Blue? How about purple? Then we could line up in bands of color!

**MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER PHOTO.**  
**How about after our annual meeting on June 8?**

# EASTER EGG HUNT 2025



**And a Story for All Ages  
with a Maypole!!!**

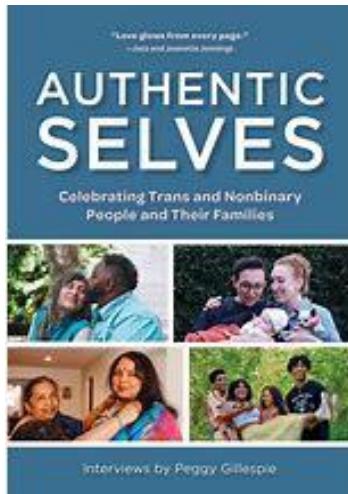
**Thanks Megan and Kara  
for helping our kids  
celebrate Easter!**

# UUA COMMON READ BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The LCUUC Welcoming Congregation Renewal Work Group invites you to read and discuss the UUA's "Common Read" title for 2025, ***AUTHENTIC SELVES: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families***, Interviews by Peggy Gillespie.

The UUA website describes the book as "a sweeping compilation of life stories and portraits of trans and nonbinary people, as well as their partners, parents, children, siblings, and chosen family members. Through interviews and photo portraits, the subjects of *Authentic Selves* invite readers into their real lives--their revelations, challenges, joys, and networks of support."

HERE'S HOW TO GET INVOLVED:



To register for the class, please email [cathymarie7755@hotmail.com](mailto:cathymarie7755@hotmail.com) or text or call 715-347-4793.

**Get a copy of the book.** Please reach out to Cathy if the cost of the book would preclude your participation. We have several donated copies available. If you would like to buy your own copy, Books and Company in Oconomowoc has copies available on their shelves for book clubs near the front of the store. It is also available as an audible book.

**Before reading, please jot down a few questions you have about trans and/or nonbinary folks.** This is a list for your eyes only, to help give your reading focus and meaning.

We had our first session on Saturday, April 5 with a potluck brunch and a thoughtful discussion of the first half of the book.

## **Discussion Session 2: Friday, May 2 at 6:30 at LCUUC – with a potluck supper**

We will cover the second half of the book. It is not necessary to have read all of the book. If you don't have time, please read the stories of at least three people. Also, if you have a friend who would like to learn more about our "TQ+" friends, family, and neighbors, please bring them along.

Facilitated by Kim Suhr. Questions? Please email [kimsuhr@mac.com](mailto:kimsuhr@mac.com)

**We welcome you to join us!**

*Welcoming Congregation Renewal Work Group Members:*

*Jane Johnson*

*Kristin Sanden*

*Jim & Linda Kishline*

*Kim Suhr*

*Cathy Wendorf Peterson*

*Mark Ubbesen*

*John Prestby*

*Ires Watson*





## OUR MISSION

LCUUC is a diverse religious community supporting one another in our spiritual searches for truth, meaning and compassionate connection. Based on the Unitarian Universalist Principles and the transforming power of love, we strive for positive change in the world.

## OUR VISION

2020 LCUUC is an inclusive spiritual community that is diverse, growing, vibrant, and economically sustainable. We provide enriching lifespan education and a strong public presence supporting social justice.

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