

LCUUF NEWS OF THE WEEK



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THIS WEEK: MAY 7, 2023

"All Work and No Play"

**Rev. Matt Alspaugh, Minister
Barley Donahue, Service Associate**

There's a story in anthropology circles about the Baining people in New Guinea, who are apparently the only culture in the world who discourage their children from playing. But later evidence suggests this isn't quite true. Every culture makes space for play. What is so essential about play for human life? Why do we love play? How can we play more, and better?

NEXT WEEK: May 14, 2023

"Where Will We Experience the Divine in Our Time?"

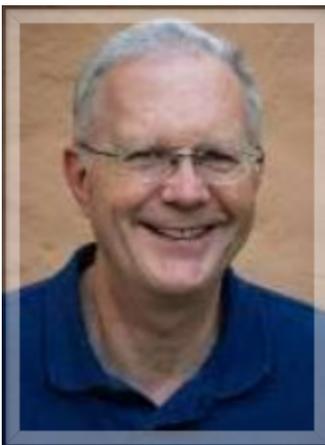


David Rosh: Presenter

Jane Castleman: Service Associate

Creation spirituality, the deep awe and wonder we experience in nature, is the oldest spiritual tradition in our world. How then can it be that the ecological balance of our planet is so out of balance, its health in such jeopardy? How did creation spirituality lose its centrality? And what might be the path to

regaining the balance in both our inner and outer worlds? .



Matt's Message

A little over a week ago, our board of trustees held a board retreat, spending most of the day getting to know each other better, coming up with ideas and ultimately a covenant on how to work together, and then coming up with goals for the board for the year.

Kriss, our board president, wrote last week about those goals (you can see his article [here](#) if you missed it).

Certainly those goals are an important work output of the retreat, but I think retreats are valuable for the other, less tangible benefits.

I belong to the board of another organization. When I joined I encouraged that board to hold a retreat, but they decided not to, feeling that a retreat would be time consuming, and wouldn't be that productive. I felt that was unwise, and am worried that we are seeing the difficult fruits of that decision. One of the key executives on the board resigned suddenly. There has been conflict (there is always conflict, don't get me wrong), but that conflict has been difficult to work through. That board must deal with serious challenges in the organization, and I worry that they may not be up to the task.

I am grateful that our LCUUF board committed to a retreat, even though we struggled to find a date that worked for everyone. I am grateful to Kriss, who stepped up to facilitate the retreat (we didn't have money in the budget for an outside facilitator, which is usually preferred). He did a great job. I'm also grateful to other board members who provided a meeting place, and food and drink for the retreat. I do feel that the retreat has helped prepare our board for the work we face in the coming year, and that you now have a stronger board as a result.

On another note, I will be away from Lakeside from May 11 through July 6. Part of that time will be in North Carolina with Liz, and with other family members whom I haven't seen since before the pandemic. Part of that time will be hiking and exploring in Spain, primarily in the Pyrenees and Picos de Europa.

My arrangement with the board as a part-time minister allows me to be away four months a year. During some of that time, I will still be working; for example, I'll lead two services

while I'm in North Carolina. During the rest of the time, I'll be on vacation, and relatively out of touch. Please contact the Care Team (lcuufcareteam@gmail.com) for pastoral care concerns, or Kriss (president@lakechapalauu.org) or other board members or congregational leaders for other concerns.

**THANK YOU ALL! For the month of
April 2023 we contributed \$443.65
(MXN 8,873) to Poco A Poco**



**If you want to read more about Poco A Poco you can visit
their website by clicking on the link below:**

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"Share The Basket" for May

For the month of May LCUUF will be supporting Tepehua Centro Comunitario. The Tepehua neighborhood is situated on the hillside above downtown Chapala. It is considered one of the poorest neighborhoods in the state of Jalisco. Their vision is to help a village to help itself, to create a place the poor of the village can go for food, counseling, guidance and help of any kind.

If you are not attending the Fellowship in person, please donate to "share the basket" when you pay your pledge. Donate to "share the basket" separately or indicate what part of your donation is for "share the basket".

[Learn More About Tepehua](#)

Weekly and Monthly Events

Zoom Women's Group: 12pm - 1pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Monthly
Catherine Luria, Facilitator: Contact CLuriaARNP@gmail.com for topics

Zoom Meditation Lessons: 2pm - 3pm Weekly on Thursdays Richard Clarke, Facilitator. (Click to join Zoom) Contact: reberasmeditation@gmail.com

Coffee on the Plaza: 10:30am - 11:00am Weekly on Thursdays at Black Coffee on the plaza in Ajijic. Bring a Friend

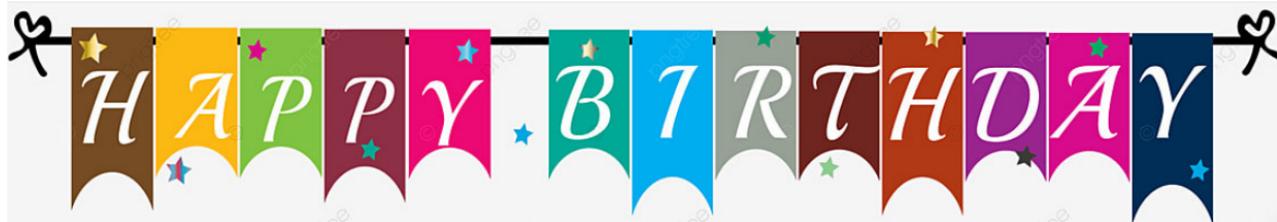
Monthly Humanist Discussion Group: Wed. May 24th 11:00am CST. Bob Koches Facilitator (Click for Monthly Topic and Zoom link)

Friday open "Zoom" conversation--2:00 pm. Open to all questions: e-mail Richard Clarke at: arunachalakindle@gmail.com (click to join on Zoom)

Join Cat Barnett after our Sunday services weekly from 11:30-12:30 for a chat about the service or any other topic on your mind. Contact Cat Barnett, cat77074@gmail.com with questions

Sunday April 30th Video Recording

“From The Inside: What You Didn’t Know About Lakeside’s Festivals- The Key to Understanding Our Mexican Hosts”



Birthdays This Week

Al Castleman 5/09

Cate Howell 5/11

Wes Weston 5/13

Ellen McFarland 5/14

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<https://lakechapalauu.org/lcuuf-monthly-newsletters/>.



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