



**Announcements for Sunday, March 20, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "The Life & Morals of Jesus of Nazareth" by Rev. Martin Woulfe.

Happening Today

Long Range Planning Update

The final cottage group sessions are happening after service today, March 20. The long range planning committee thanks everyone who participated in the cottage group sessions. The committee will soon be creating provocative propositions (strategic plans) from the cottage group input. The congregation will then be invited to provide feedback on the propositions and suggest specific goals to implement them.

Please sign up to donate flowers in April. Your donations help make the Sanctuary welcoming every Sunday morning. Please remember when you sign up for Sunday flowers, payment is required at least a week before the donation date. We appreciate your generosity since we're on a limited budget. All dates in April are available – April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Flowers are still only \$20 per arrangement. The Flower Committee will make every effort to design an arrangement that meets your expectations.

Coming Soon

Sacred Conversations on Race: All members and friends are invited to join the next meeting here at ALUUC, Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 pm. Much work needs to be done and your participation is highly encouraged. Please contact Rev. Woulfe if you can attend.

The RE children ask the congregation to please donate canned goods for a special Easter Sunday Children's Worship Service. The canned goods can be brought to the congregation any time during the month of March. All in date canned goods would be appreciated, particularly proteins. For more information please contact Tracy Zieber Minks at cre@aluuc.org or call [217-801-7926](tel:217-801-7926)

The Personnel Committee will be conducting evaluations of some ALUUC staff in March. We will distribute evaluation forms to the congregants that each employee works closest with for their input. If you are given an evaluation form, please complete and insert in the box on the desk in the foyer by March 27, 2016. Contact the Personnel Committee chair, Dianne Roberts, with any questions.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on March 22 at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss *Dead Wake, the last crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. *Richard Davenport-Hines* in a review in *The Guardian*, says "Larson's approach to history resembles a novelist's. He paints word-pictures about protagonists, rooms and moods, and propels his narrative forward with dialogue taken from contemporary sources. His artful structure cuts between the liner and

the U-boat, the English-speakers and the German, the goodies and the baddies." Everyone is welcome. Call Barbara at 523-6241 if you have any questions. Future books we will read include, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou.

Pledge Drive Kickoff Party: Saturday, 7-9 pm at the home of Gwen and Kent Childs, 15 Forrest Ridge. Please RSVP to Delinda Chapman by March 20: Home 529-9330, Cell 494-2231, email delindac@gmail.com

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Mar 20	OWL Kids Overnight ends	9:00 AM	Commons
	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	LRP Sessions	12:00 PM	Classrooms
	RE Committee	12:00 PM	Fuller
	Pagan Group Ostara	5:00 PM	Commons, kitchen
Monday, Mar 21	PFLAG Meeting	7:00 PM	Fuller
Tues., Mar 22	*Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM	Barb Moore's
Thurs., Mar 24	Sacred Conversations on Race	6:30 PM	Commons
	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., Mar 26	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Red Tent	1:30 PM	Commons
	Norma Henson Celebration of Life	1:30 PM	Sanctuary, kitchen
Sunday, Mar 27	Easter Sunday		
	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	
	Children's special Easter service	10:45 AM	Commons
	Social Action Committee Mtg.	12:00 PM	Fuller

Happening Elsewhere

Annual Illinois Innocence Project Fundraiser - April 30. JOIN US for a special celebration of our history, the exonerees who endlessly inspire us and the hope we feel for wrongfully imprisoned clients. **JOIN US** to hear Kirk Bloodsworth's story as the first American sentenced to death row and exonerated by DNA. His tenacity in fighting for his LIFE will astound you. **JOIN US** for an inspiring evening [Saturday, April 30](#) | President Abraham Lincoln Hotel | Springfield, IL | [6:00 p.m.](#) Call or email NOW for sponsorship opportunities and reservations [217-206-6569](tel:217-206-6569) | lgold1@uis.edu

Read to a Therapy Dog: Kids are welcome to practice their reading skills in a relaxed atmosphere with an attentive, nonjudgmental audience at Lincoln Library. Registration is required. Call 753-4900, ext. 212 for dates and to register.