



**Announcements for Sunday, March 27, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Life Before & After Exoneration" by Larry Golden.

Happening Today

Long Range Planning Update

Our cottage group sessions are complete, and the committee thanks everyone who participated. All data has been input into spreadsheets and distributed to the committee. 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.

Nursery care is available for babies and children ages two and younger. The RE committee asks that children ages three and older please remain in the company of their parents until time to attend RE classes. This allows us to ensure the safety of everyone at ALUUC and to promote healthy inter-generational bonds between all members and friends. Thank you.

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. Dates in April that are available – April 3 and 24. Flowers are still only \$20 per arrangement. The Flower Committee will make every effort to design an arrangement that meets your expectations.

After coffee hour, Rev. Woulfe is looking for volunteers to help arrange chairs to maximize seating capacity in advance of Bishop Spong's visit on April 9th. To date, 200 tickets have been sold. If we sell out the 230 tickets printed, subsequent requests will be forwarded to the UU Church of Peoria, 3000 West Richwoods Blvd, Peoria, IL. Bishop Spong will be speaking there at 3:00 p.m. on April 9th.

Coming Soon

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 Humanist Group will meet on Monday March 28 at 7 pm. Art Meyer will review *This Changes Everything; Capitalism vs. the Climate* by Naomi Klein. Klein explains the challenge of the climate crisis and that current "free market" ideology and the global economy are not only inadequate for meeting the challenges of climate change, but also pose a direct threat to solutions. If you have questions about this group, email Susan Solon and/or Vi Lanum at humanistgroup@hotmail.com.

Pledge Drive Kickoff Party: Saturday, April 2, 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

The News Covenant Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Join us on April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's, 7901 Hunt Road. Call Renata or Heiko at 585-1944 if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

This Week at a Glance

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
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
Monday, Mar 28	Humanist Group Meeting	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Thurs., Mar 31	Meditation Group	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, April 1	Feline Ranch Trivia Night	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sat., April 2	Zen Meditation	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Pledge Drive Kickoff Party	7:00 PM	Childs' home
Sunday, April 3	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Sunday Service	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Change for Change collection	10:30 AM	
	Pagan Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Fuller

Happening Elsewhere

Saturday, April 30 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Commodities Pavilion at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, the **Illinois Native Plant Society is holding its annual sale** of native herbaceous plants, trees and shrubs. Native plants have many advantageous--including being the sources of nectar and pollen for native insects. Go to Illinois Native Plant Society--Central Chapter for more information or speak with Becky Croteau or Virginia Forrer

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.