



**Announcements for Sunday, April 14, 2013  
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



*Next Sunday: "Spiritual Sustainability" by ALUUC Green Sanctuary Committee*

**\*\*\* HAPPENING TODAY \*\*\***

**Stewardship Campaign @ Critical Stage.** There are more than 30 Members of the ALUUC who pledged approximately \$24,000 for the current year (2012-2013), but who have not yet pledged for next year (2013-2014). There are also 73 Members who did not pledge this year and have not estimated any level of giving for next year. The current value of pledges for 2014 is nearly the same as 2013. Please keep the following objectives in mind as we try to put a wrap on this part of the budgeting process: (1) improving compensation for the professional services of the Minister; (2) providing better pay for visiting lay speakers and clergy; (3) paying for more of the hours now provided by the RE Coordinator; (4) covering the cost of the OWL program; (5) increasing the pay of the work of the Office Administrator, Membership Coordinator, Child Care Provider and Accountant; and (6) providing funds to strengthen the music program. **If the ALUUC is important to every Member and Friend, it needs their immediate and generous commitment of financial support.** Contact Kurt DeWeese as soon as possible to make your pledge.

**The Committee on Ministry (CoM) is conducting a Minister survey this year.** The CoM's purpose is to strengthen the ministry within the congregation and serve as supportive counsel for the Minister. Surveys were handed out to attendees at the service on April 7th and are being mailed out to ALUUC members/friends who were not in attendance. Completed surveys should be returned to ALUUC by April 21. This survey will be used to assist the minister in performing his duties to the fullest ability.

**Today is the last day for the National Shoe Drive:** collecting shoes in any size or condition (adults, kids, infants) to benefit various orphanages in Ecuador and throughout Africa. The collection has been very successful and will return in a few months. Thank you for your generous support! For more information: [andriacrawford@gmail.com](mailto:andriacrawford@gmail.com) and [www.shoes4love.org](http://www.shoes4love.org)

**There is an opening in the nursery** and anyone interested should contact Marla Johnson at [dre@aluuc.com](mailto:dre@aluuc.com).

**\*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\***

**The discussion group of Jan Phillips' new book** – *No Ordinary Time: the Rise of Spiritual Intelligence and Evolutionary Creativity*, will begin Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at ALUUC in the Channing Room. The book may be purchased on Jan's website ([www.janphillips.com](http://www.janphillips.com)) or Amazon. For more information contact Pat Goller 217-494-1162.

**Eco Camp needs you!** The Eco Camp Committee needs you to help make this year's plans become a reality. Eco Camp is a week long day camp that teaches kindness to our earth and its inhabitants. It will be held at the ALUUC July 29-August 2, 2013 for children of the community ages 5-12 years. There will be a need for many volunteers. Those interested in volunteering as camp counselors and junior counselors (at least 15 years of age) are asked to contact Marla Johnson at [dre@aluuc.com](mailto:dre@aluuc.com). Please, include your name, age, phone number, and email address. **A planning meeting is being held April 16, 2013** in the Fuller Room at 6:30 pm. Those interested in being involved should attend.

The next **Prairie Grapevine Concert** is Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., here at ALUUC. Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra will perform. Central Illinois boasts one of the few mandolin orchestras in the United States! Join us for an evening of turn-of-the-century music in a form that is rare to hear. DONATIONS: ADULTS - \$10; SENIORS - \$9; MEMBERS - (PGVFS; ALUUC) - \$8; STUDENTS - \$5; FAMILIES - \$25. For more information, see <http://www.prairiegrapevine.org/>

The ground breaking Celebration for the **Habitat for Humanity House of Shalom** will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. To see how you can help, talk to Jack Kriel, Lynnda White or Nancy Derrig.

**Coming to ALUUC April 19 at 8:00 pm:** **Marina V** is an award-winning Russian-American recording pop artist, singer and songwriter. Classically trained in her hometown of Moscow, Marina has been singing and writing songs since she was a child. She came to America at 15 to pursue her American Dream, and has released several albums and toured the world since - from the famed Kodak Theatre in Hollywood to the American Embassy in Moscow. LA Times praises Marina for her "hauntingly beautiful" voice and The Washington Post describes her songs as "melodic and passionate". See the April 11 edition of the Illinois Times for her history. Check out the latest news at [www.MarinaV.com](http://www.MarinaV.com) . Tickets: Adults - \$15; Kids - \$5.

**The Book Discussion Group** meets on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's, 1800 Hastings Road. We will discuss "A Separate Peace" by John Knowles. In a 2001 article in the New York Times William H. Holan says, "*A Separate Peace*, which is set in the fictional Devon School during World War II, explores themes of loyalty, cruelty, betrayal and original sin. .... *A Separate Peace* won the William Faulkner Foundation Award and the Rosenthal Award of the National Institute of Arts and Letters." (Note: though this book was originally scheduled for March & was moved to April.) Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have questions call Barbara Moore at 523-6241.

**On May 4**, we will celebrate **Cinco de Mayo** at ALUUC! Also known as the Fantasy Auction, this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Much more information will be coming soon. Please contact Linda Quigley or Phil Anderson for details and to find out how you can help.

**\*\*This Week at a Glance \*\***

DATE	EVENT	Starting Time	Room
Sunday, April 14	Choir Practice	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	Potluck	11:45 am	
Monday, April 15	<i>No Ordinary Time</i> Book Group	6:30 pm	Channing
Tuesday, April 16	Eco Camp Meeting	6:30 pm	Fuller
	Young Adults Group	7:00 pm	Channing
	Prairie Grapevine Concert	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, April 18	Meditation	7:00 pm	Barb Moore's
Friday, April 19	Bridge Group	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Marina V Concert	8:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 20	Zen Group	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 21	Choir Practice	9:15 am	Sanctuary
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Collection	10:30 am	
	Committees Meet	11:45 am	various rooms
	Movie Night – Life of Pi	6:00 pm	Commons area