



# Update: LUM Founder Brings St. Xenia Wednesday—Icon of St. Xenia coming to LUM

On Wednesday, May 21st, Don Nead – one of the founders of LUM – will present the Icon of St. Xenia to Lafayette Urban Ministry. Nead will present the Icon of St. Xenia, explain the significance of the icon, and share the story behind this historic gift. The Icon of St. Xenia will be on permanent display at Lafayette Urban Ministry.



The journey that led Don Nead to commission this piece and present it to LUM is quite interesting. This presentation of the Icon of St. Xenia to LUM was 26 years in the making – going back to 1988, the Millennial celebration of the Russian Orthodox Church. Don Nead traveled to St. Petersburg in 1988

and again in 2012 – resulting in commissioning the Icon and presenting it to LUM. Don Nead, a retired Presbyterian campus minister, was struck by the story of St. Xenia and the parallels of her story to the mission of Lafayette Urban Ministry.

The event will include remarks and presentation by Don Nead, the blessing of the Icon of St. Xenia by Father Gregory Allard of St. Alexis Orthodox Church, an opportunity to meet the LUM Board of Directors, and light refreshments.

### The Icon of St. Xenia Presentation event details are as follows:

- **Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – Meet the LUM Board; 6:45 p.m. – LUM Board business meeting; 7:00 p.m. – presentation and blessing of the Icon of St. Xenia
- **Place:** Lafayette Urban Ministry, 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Please join us on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the LUM Office to see the Icon of St. Xenia and be a part of this historic presentation.

To read a written account of the entire story written by Don Nead,, click [HERE](#).

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