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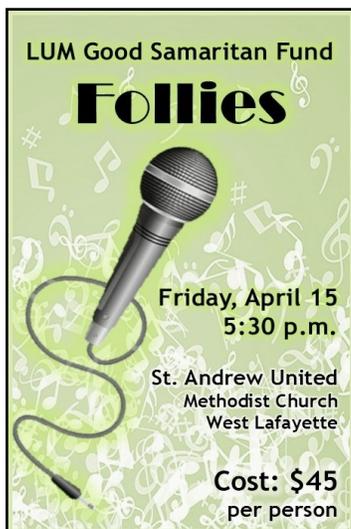
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You are cordially invited to attend the 5th annual

LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies



LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies is a spectacular evening filled with great food & a lively stage show in the wonderful company of friends.

Make Your *Follies* Reservation **Online** at www.lumserve.org/follies
— **OR** mail in the form below.

All of the proceeds from the LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies go to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund, which is our community's social safety net. Assistance is provided each weekday morning for emergency financial needs. Last year, the LUM Good Samaritan Fund provided **\$128,805** in emergency financial assistance to local families on **2,276** different occasions. Evictions were averted. Utility disconnects were halted. Prescription medication was secured. The LUM Good Samaritan Fund is a vital assistance program for the families in our communities.

Please support the LUM Good Samaritan Fund by attending this year's LUM Follies. Thank You!

Lafayette Urban Ministry – **Good Samaritan Fund Follies** – Registration Form
Friday, April 15, 2016 | 5:30 p.m. | St. Andrew United Methodist Church, West Lafayette



Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ # of Reservations x \$45. = \$ _____

_____ # of Tables (8 seats) x \$360. = \$ _____

Donation to LUM Good Samaritan Fund: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Names of Guests:

Meal Choice
(please circle one)

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Menu: Chicken cacciatore with polenta or Savory nut loaf with cranberry orange sauce (vegetarian); Green beans; Wedge salad and Crusty bread; Dessert—Carrot cake or Coconut cake with ice cream; Coffee and tea.

Please enclose a **check** made payable to **Lafayette Urban Ministry** and mail to **LUM Follies, 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, IN 47901**. For more information, please call 765.423.2691 or go to www.lumserve.org/follies.

Please note: Per IRS regulations, the charitable contribution that is tax-deductible is \$30 per reservation, which is the portion of your reservation cost that exceeds the value of each \$15 dinner.

LUM Tax Assistance Program – Big Impact



It's tax time at LUM – so the office is bustling. Each year LUM partners with the IRS to bring free, quality, tax return preparation services to hundreds in Tippecanoe County. In just 10 weeks, the LUM [Tax Assistance Program](#) has had a tremendous positive impact on our community. Some interesting statistics so far are as follows:

- Total Income Tax Returns Filed - 596
- Total Earned Income Credit - \$405,866
- Average Adjusted Gross Income - \$18,355
- **Total Refund Amount - \$1,132,657**

Last year, 790 joint and individual returns were prepared; and **\$1.6+ million** in refunds and credits were returned to local households—and back into our local economy.

LUM would not be able to offer this service without the skilled, trained volunteers who make this program such a success each year. The 2016 LUM Tax Assistance Program is led by Marilyn Zerbes (pictured above).

Why is the LUM Tax Assistance Program so important?

- Lower wage workers wouldn't be able to afford having their tax returns done professionally
- Much of federal & state support for working families is offered through tax code
- If workers don't file, significant tax credits will be left unclaimed
- Refunds boost our local economy by increasing sales and creating jobs in retail

Joe Micon, LUM Executive Director stated,

"The positive impact upon local families of these dollars cannot be understated. Over the past 14 years LUM has built a strong infrastructure of tax expertise, positive relationships with clients, information technology and a pool of committed volunteers and generous donors who support this program.

"Of all the wonderful services offered by LUM, there is none that has a greater positive impact on the children and families in our community than our tax assistance program."

For more information on the LUM Tax Assistance Program, go to www.lumserve.org/taxes or call (765) 423-2691. Please consider a donation to the LUM Tax Assistance program. To give online, go to www.lumserve.org.

Become a LUM Volunteer. Volunteers are an important part of LUM services and programs. Please consider volunteering with LUM today. Check out the variety of opportunities available on our website — www.lumserve.org/volunteer.

Meet Andrea – Volunteer Tax Preparer

Volunteers are an integral part of the LUM Income [Tax Assistance Program](#); and this year, 15 LUM volunteers studied and received IRS certification to prepare tax returns. Today we'd like to shine a spotlight on one of our superstars — **Andrea Schmidt** (pictured right).

Originally from Waukegan, Illinois, Andrea earned a BS from Northwestern University (Elementary Education/Linguistics) and a Master's in Education from University of Illinois, Chicago. She and her husband, David, moved to Lafayette in 1992 so he could take a job as a physician in private practice after 11 years as an US Air Force physician.

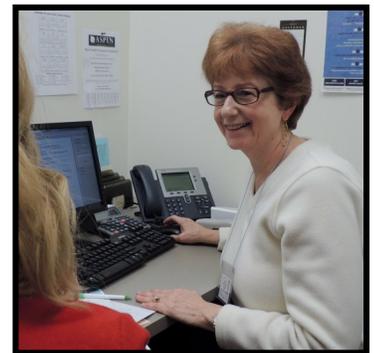
She then earned an associate's degree in paralegal studies from Ivy Tech Community College and was a paralegal for over 10 years. Andrea and David, both now retired, have three grown sons – John, who lives in Phoenix; and Christian and Peter, who live in Lafayette. They have six grandchildren – two from each of their sons.

Andrea has volunteered at LUM for six of the past seven tax seasons. She donates 15 hours of her time each week.

"I enjoy helping people in such a real and tangible way.

"For some of my clients, a full one-third of their annual income comes from the tax refund we are able to secure for them through LUM. And because we don't charge for our service, low-income wage earners are much more likely to file their returns."

Andrea says the best part about his volunteer work in the LUM Tax Assistance Program is that it helps her to better understand the lives of low-income wage earners. "My stereotypes are challenged every time I come to LUM. I am amazed by how hard people work and how far they are able to stretch their limited dollars. It's a real eye opener." The remainder of the year, Andrea volunteers with the LUM [Good Samaritan Program](#).



Eberts Memorial Library Dedication

Recently the **Eberts Memorial Library** was dedicated in memory of the late Purdue professor and past LUM Board of Directors president, Ray Eberts. The library contains over 400 titles in two seven-foot bookcases.



The library is located in the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center (525 N 4th Street, Lafayette) and will be available to the students enrolled in the LUM [After School Program](#), [5th Quarter Summer Learning Program](#), and [LUM Camp](#).

The **Eberts Memorial Library** will also be used to host talks for the LUM students about various aspects of storytelling, writing and diversity. The Eberts Memorial Library will create wonderful opportunities for the LUM students to learn more about their own backgrounds as well as learning about and respecting others.

The dedication ceremony was filled with joy and hope for the endless educational possibilities this new collection will offer the students enrolled in the LUM educational enrichment programs. The highlight of the event was Dr. Cindy Eberts sharing her story and a few special books with the students (pictured above).

To invest in the LUM After School Program, please consider a donation. To give online, go to www.lumserve.org.

Meet a Muslim Program

LUM After School Program students were recently visited by two special guests, Enosh Kazem & Nadia Farooqi. Enosh & Nadia led a discussion they entitled “Meet a Muslim.” Their goal is simple: “to reduce the fear and dispel the myths about Islam and Muslims.” The LUM After School Program students were curious, candid, and respectful. The conversation and questions were insightful, thoughtful — and at times whimsical and touching. The students learned a lot and now have “met a Muslim.”

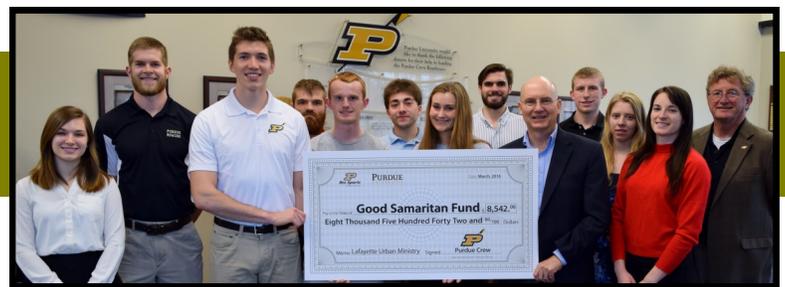
Enosh & Nadia have been married for close to three years. He is from West Lafayette and attended West Lafayette High School. She is from Dallas, Texas. Enosh is currently working on an advanced degree in food science at Purdue University, and Nadia is an undergraduate at Ivy Tech Community College. Enosh is the Outreach Director for the Muslim Student Association at Purdue, and has been presenting all over the community for seven years.



{Pictured with two LUM students are Deb Parent, LUM Board member; Nadia Farooqi & Enosh Kazem; and Joe Micon, LUM executive director.}

Become a LUM Donor—LUM receives most of its financial support from individual gifts, member church contributions, and donations from church & civic groups and businesses. There are many different ways & options for giving to LUM. Check out your opportunities to invest in LUM on our website — www.lumserve.org/donate. Thank you!

Gifts to LUM from Crew, Eagles and First United Methodist



So far this year, Lafayette Urban Ministry has been blessed with three special gifts. They are as follows:

- **Purdue Crew Team** donated **\$8,542** to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund from their 7th annual *Row-A-Thon* fundraising event on Saturday, February 6 at the Tippecanoe Mall. (Pictured above right.)
- Lafayette Fraternal Order of the **Eagles** 347 donated **\$3,800** from their inaugural *Gatsby Valentine's Ball* on Saturday, February 13. (Pictured above left.)
- **First United Methodist Church** donated **\$436.50** from their 4th annual *Music Ministries Concert* on Sunday, February 21.



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Return Service Requested

Introducing new LUM staff



The Rev. **Clarinda E. Crawford** is the new LUM director responsible for the Good Samaritan Program & ID Clinic.

Clarinda is excited about her new role with Lafayette Urban Ministry because it gives her an opportunity to continue to do what she can “for the oppressed, the poor, the hungry, and all the least of these who present themselves in need of LUM's services.”



Rob Shook is the new LUM director of maintenance responsible for the upkeep of both LUM buildings, grounds & buses.

Rob is excited about his new role with LUM because it gives him an opportunity to create safe, reliable and comfortable environments at LUM. He enjoys helping others, problem-solving, finding solutions, and leaving things better than he found them.



Gina Williams is the new program director for the LUM Emergency Shelter responsible for the management of and intake process for the overnight shelter and the Winter Warming Station.

Gina is excited about her new role because it gives her an opportunity to work with people, which is an important part of her life. She shares that she finds inspiration in her co-workers and the mission of LUM.

Join LUM online

