

The Seed

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LUM Protein Food Pantry – 300+ Families Served



Since April of this year, Lafayette Urban Ministry has been operating a pop-up food pantry in the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center each Thursday morning. LUM [Protein Food Pantry](#) is a new response to food insecurity in our community. It will feature **proteins, produce & paper products** — items that are needed and appreciated by local families. Local families in need are able to select canned and frozen meats & fish, fresh fruits and vegetables, beans & legumes, peanut butter, eggs, infant wipes & diapers and a variety of paper products. High carb foods & snacks are intentionally avoided.

The LUM Protein Food Pantry is completely run by volunteers including the volunteer program director, Nina Morgan. Nina and the pantry team have made several improvements over the past four months — and the food pantry has been well received. To date, The LUM Protein Food Pantry has benefited more than 300 local families. Please see below for how YOU can help the LUM Protein Food Pantry.

LUM Protein Food Pantry Needs You!

To offer a good variety of proteins and paper products, the [LUM Protein Food Pantry](#) relies on donations from individuals, churches, companies and groups. The food pantry also needs volunteers each **Thursday** morning from **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, to unload food, set up, check-in & assist families, and breakdown.

Five ways **YOU** can help the LUM Protein Food Pantry are as follows:

- Make a **Monetary DONATION**
- Sign up to **VOLUNTEER**
- Sponsor a **FOOD DRIVE**
- Donate **Needed ITEMS**
- Participate in **HUNGER HIKE**, which benefits the LUM Protein Food Pantry and more

If you wish to sponsor a food drive or donate needed items, the list of items the food pantry needs is as follows:

- Canned meats (beef, chicken) & canned fish (tuna)
- Beans, legumes & lentils – dry or canned
- Eggs; Peanut butter
- Fresh produce (fruits & vegetables)
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins & facial tissues)
- Baby diapers & wipes; Feminine hygiene products: liners, napkins, pads, tampons & wipes



If you wish to make a monetary donation, volunteer, donate needed items, register for Hunger Hike — or simply have questions or need further information, go to lumserve.org/food-pantry, call 765-423-2691 or email food-pantry@lumserve.org.

Summer At LUM — Preparing Children to Succeed

LUM 5th Quarter Program

When elementary students return to school this month, many of them — especially those from low income families — will be starting with achievement levels lower than where they were at the beginning of the summer break.



According to the Measures of Academic Progress tests, children lose about a month of reading and math skills during the first half of their summer break; and three full months of skills are lost in the second half. If quality education is a child's ticket out of a life of poverty, too many are being left behind.

That's why the Lafayette Urban Ministry has been so committed to our [5th Quarter Summer Learning Program](#).

The LUM 5th Quarter program offers low-income children the chance to keep pace with their more affluent peers. The program is in session each weekday throughout the summer months. It's a quality program which gets

consistent positive feedback from the students and their parents. This summer 45 students were enrolled.

Each day begins at the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center with a nutritious snack and reading time. Then it is on to learning in math, science, and social studies. Each of these subjects is taught through a combination of classroom and online study. At least once a week, the LUM students go on an excursion, locally, to continue their learning (zoo, library, museum, firehouse) and for recreation (swimming, bowling, local park, hiking).

Please, won't you consider investing in the LUM 5th Quarter program?

Your support will help LUM to continue to offer this remarkable program that has proven so effective in reversing the summer learning slide for vulnerable children. **Give a child a ticket to a brighter future.**

If you wish to make a donation to LUM 5th Quarter, go to lumserve.org/donate.



LUM Camp 2019

Wednesday night at [LUM Camp](#) is our traditional *Board Night*.

On July 31, our LUM friends & board members traveled in the LUM bus out to Hanging Rock Assembly Camp in Warren County to experience an evening at LUM Camp.

When our LUM friends & board members arrived they met the campers and sang camp songs. They were then treated to an authentic camp supper followed by an ice cream social, which included ice cream sundaes with all the fixin's. Our guests scooped and served the ice cream to our campers giving them more time to interact.



LUM Camp is an overnight summer camp for 84 boys and girls (8, 9 and 10 years old), who come from families served by Lafayette Urban Ministry. Our camp includes all the traditional activities that a great camp should have, such as morning chapel, horseback riding, swimming, hiking, boating, arts & crafts, campfires, a zip-line and an outstanding LUM Camp staff.

Along with all of these activities, LUM Camp focuses on interactive and experiential learning. Our theme this year was GEAR



Up! GEAR stands for Great Education Activates Readiness, and our campers engaged in lots of interactive, hands-on experiential learning. They learned about careers in archaeology, coding, cyber security, chemistry, and engineering; and blasted off their own rockets, ran through a

maker space relay, and even took home their own coding program. The highlight of *Board Night* for the campers, as well as our guests, was the laser light show. You could tell that our

guests enjoyed camp life for a few hours and our campers enjoyed having visitors.

Thank you to everyone who helped make LUM Camp 2019 possible. Through your donations, *campership* gifts, and volunteer time, you have once again made it possible for our LUM Campers to have a positive, life-changing experience that they will remember fondly for the rest of their lives.

If you wish to make a donation to LUM Camp, go to lumserve.org/donate.

Spotlight on Volunteers at LUM

Jackie Graser



Jacqueline “Jackie” Graser grew up in Logansport, graduated from Logansport High School, and earned a BS in Nursing from Purdue University, where she met her husband, Bernie, who was a star Boilermaker wrestler.

Jackie and Bernie live in West Lafayette, attend Grace Lutheran Church and have two grown children & four grandchildren. She retired from Franciscan Alliance as an RN-BSN in Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Jackie is still

called on as a PRN from time to time.

At LUM, Jackie has been volunteering with [Jubilee Christmas](#) for many years — and is one of the founding volunteers with the LUM [Protein Food Pantry](#), which opened in April. Jackie shared, *“I love what LUM does for the community. I appreciate how LUM sees what families need and addresses those needs. I have a heart for children and families who are food insecure.”* Jackie thinks the new food pantry is “perfect” because it provides exactly what families need — protein, produce & paper goods. *“My favorite program, though, is Jubilee Christmas.”*

Jackie takes inspiration from Jeremiah 29, *“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”* By volunteering at the LUM Protein Food Pantry and with Jubilee Christmas, Jackie feels like, *“We are being Christ to the children and families we serve.”*

In her free time, Jackie loves being with her family, golfing, biking, and kayaking.

Isabel Petkov



Originally from Brookfield, Illinois, Isabel lives in West Lafayette with her parents, Chris & Ivan, and her sisters, Claire (16) & Anna (13). She graduated from Harrison High School and now

attends Indiana University, where she’s majoring in Law & Public Policy with a minor in Spanish, and was a member of the Civic Leaders Living Learning Community. With the LLC, Isabel volunteered at a homeless shelter and community garden and registered people to vote.

At LUM this summer, Isabel has been volunteering with the [Immigration Clinic](#) — translating, meeting with clients, and assisting the director. While in high school, she also volunteered with the LUM [After School Program](#). Isabel is reminded of something her grandmother tells her often — *“Tomorrow’s Never Promised.”* She now realizes that every little thing she does to assist someone in need has an impact. She shared, *“Working with clients at LUM has been eye-opening. The Immigration Clinic is really needed and necessary. The LUM staff is welcoming, hard-working and thorough. It’s been rewarding to know, even ‘I’ can help.”* This experience has given Isabel a lot to think about as she develops her plan of study at IU and starts thinking about her career and advanced degrees.

In addition to school and volunteering, Isabel loves hanging out with her friends, supporting her sisters’ activities, reading — and occasionally listening to K-Pop.

LUM relies on talented volunteers like Jackie & Isabel. If YOU wish to learn more about how YOU or your group can **VOLUNTEER** with LUM, go to lumserve.org/volunteer TODAY!

Recent Gifts to Lafayette Urban Ministry

LUM relies on donations from individuals, businesses and organizations to offer programs that strengthen families & children in our community. LUM has recently been blessed with seven special gifts. Special thanks to the following:

- The local board of the **Emergency Food & Shelter Program** recommended LUM to receive **\$16,679.38** for the LUM Emergency Shelter and Good Samaritan Program.
- Anonymous gift of **\$17,500** for LUM Programs
- A generous anonymous gift to an endowment at The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with revenue designated to LUM.
- Chuck Clark, president of the **Underwood Agency**, presented a check for **\$1,000** to LUM executive director, Joe Micon (pictured right). Chuck Clark nominated LUM for the matching donor program at Erie Insurance and was awarded a grant.
- The **Scheumann Foundation** donated **\$2,500**, and the **State Farm Companies Foundation** donated **\$500**, both to LUM Programs.
- **North Central Health Services** awarded the [Emergency Shelter](#) a grant in the amount of **\$963** to purchase equipment for a video program to address addiction.





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Return Service Requested

Upcoming LUM Programs — Save the Dates

Before your summer gets away from you — please add these important LUM programs to your calendar.



Hunger Hike

Sunday, September 22, is the annual **Hunger Hike**, which benefits LUM Food Programs, Food Finders Food Bank Inc., & St. Thomas Aquinas' Haiti Ministry.

Mark your calendars, get your team together and join the fight against hunger. Go to hungerhike.org



LUM Immigration Clinic Fundraiser
Thursday, November 7 | 5:30 p.m.
Lafayette Brewing Co., Lafayette



Thursday, November 28 | Noon-2 p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church, Lafayette



Thursday, November 28 | 8 a.m.
Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette



Jubilee Christmas (December 14)

LUM Jubilee Christmas serves over 600 families and 1,800 children. Parents visit one of dozens of host sites and shop for their children. In addition to the toys and clothes, each family also receives a ham and homemade cookies to make Christmas dinner special too.

Go to lumserve.org/jubilee

Join LUM online



Hunger Hike



Register for Hunger Hike TODAY!

Hunger Hike is an annual community fundraising event whose mission is to raise the awareness of and make a difference in the fight against hunger. Hunger Hike is open to participants of all ages and abilities who share a common goal: Fighting Hunger!

The Hunger Hike keystone event is the opening ceremonies on Sunday (Sept. 22) — immediately followed by the traditional Hunger Hike 3K Walk.

All Hunger Hike 3K Walk proceeds directly support the Lafayette Urban Ministry food assistance programs including the LUM Protein Food Pantry, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. including the Mobile Food Pantry and St. Thomas Aquinas' Haiti Ministry including the Haiti Water Purification Project.



DJ Music | Zumba | Purdue Pete | Hot Dog Picnic | Boilermaker Special

Sunday, September 22

- Noon — Check In & DJ music
- 1:15 p.m. — Kick Off Event — Zumba
- 2 p.m. — 3K Hike begins
- 3 p.m. — Hot Dog Picnic

Riehle Plaza
N 2nd Street, Lafayette



Ways to Participate:

- Make a **Donation** NOW
- Create a **Fundraising Page**
- Form a **Hunger Hike Team**
- Support a **Team**
- Become a **Hunger Hike Sponsor**, email or call (hungerhike@lumserve.org | 765-423-2691)

Hunger Hike Registration Form ●					Make checks payable to "Hunger Hike." Mailing address: Lafayette Urban Ministry, 420 N. 4th St., Lafayette IN 47901							
Hiker's Name:					<input type="checkbox"/> Individual							
Hiker's Address:					<input type="checkbox"/> Team Team name:							
					Hiker's Tel:							
					E-mail:							
SPONSOR INFO: (Please Print)					AMOUNT				FORM OF PAYMENT			PAID
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Please place this form and all money collected in a collection envelope and bring it on the day of the hike to the registration tables. Mark on the envelope: name, team, and total collected.					All contributions are tax-deductible. For online donations: www.hungerhike.org							

hungerhike.org | #HungerHike

Hunger Hike

Hunger Hike is a community Fundraising event whose mission is to *Make a Difference in the Fight Against Hunger* — locally, regionally & globally.

Hunger Hike



Traditional

3K Walk Kick-Off Event

Sunday, Sept 22 | 2 p.m.
Riehle Plaza
2nd Street, Lafayette

hungerhike.org | [#HungerHike](https://twitter.com/HungerHike)

Hunger Hike gives companies, organizations, families & individuals many ways to be a part of an event in our community with a tremendous positive impact on *"Fighting Hunger."*

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Benefiting:

Lafayette Urban Ministry | Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. | St. Thomas Aquinas' Haiti Ministry

Event Sponsors: Gold Level

Walmart 



Silver Level

- Old National Bank
- Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc.

Bronze Level

- Centier Bank
- City of Lafayette, Indiana
- Greyhouse Coffee & Supply Co.
- Horizon Bank
- Instant Copy Printing
- Underwood Agency
- Warren County REMC

