

The Seed

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Serving Local Families During Global Crisis

During this crisis, local families in need can depend on [Lafayette Urban Ministry](#). LUM programs continue to offer local families rapid relief with financial & food assistance, immigration services, and shelter for those experiencing homelessness. LUM is determined to remain open to support local families in need and individuals experiencing homelessness. To do this and maintain a safe and healthy environment, LUM staff members communicate

regularly, adapt to the ever-changing situation, support each other and practice self-care — physically, spiritually and emotionally. The leadership at LUM has been continually monitoring the recommendations from the CDC, WHO, county health department, local and state officials and other agencies. [LUM Staff](#) members have been meeting more frequently, using video conferencing; and the LUM Board of Directors have met and conducted business remotely as well.



MARCH - MAY—Although the LUM Office is closed to the public, the LUM [Emergency Shelter](#) and [Protein Food Pantry](#) have remained open with strict protocols to keep everyone safe. The LUM [Good Samaritan Program](#) (emergency financial assistance) and [Immigration Clinic](#) continued serving clients using online forms, email and the phone. Supplies and equipment were purchased to comply with CDC and state guidelines and all staff have been trained on how to offer services while keeping everyone safer and healthier.

MAY 26—LUM [5th Quarter Summer Learning Program](#) (all day, enhanced child care) opened with 40 students.

JUNE 14—LUM staff members will return and the LUM Office will open to clients by appointment only for services from the LUM [Good Samaritan Program](#), [Immigration Clinic](#) and [ID Clinic](#).

JULY & BEYOND—Planning for [LUM Camp 2020](#) is well underway. LUM is working closely with the professional staff at [Hanging Rock Assembly Camp](#), the long-time host site of [LUM Camp](#). [LUM Camp](#) is being planned in compliance with and exceeding the [guidelines](#) developed by the American Camp Association and the YMCA of the USA.

At Lafayette Urban Ministry, There is a Part for Everyone to Play.

COVID-19 has upended life, and it's hard not to become overwhelmed. Use this time to find *peace*, *reflect* and *reconnect* to that part of yourself that is *the calm amid the storm*.

During times of crisis, the best of humanity comes out. There is a greater sense of connection and belonging to something bigger when contributing to the whole. If this calls to you,

[Lafayette Urban Ministry](#) welcomes you. LUM has remained open — serving families in need of food and financial assistance as well as individuals experiencing homelessness.

“Join the Green Side” at LUM Camp 2020



LUM Camp is a weeklong overnight camp for boys and girls, ages 8, 9, and 10, from families served by [Lafayette Urban Ministry](#). A typical week at camp involves nature hikes, arts and crafts, boating, swimming, morning chapel, climbing, zip-lining, delicious meals, and caring staff and counselors.

This year’s theme is “*Join the Green Side*” for **LUM Camp**! Campers will learn in exciting ways about science, sustainability, and ecology. It will focus on teaching children to care for their neighbors by caring for the environment. Our campers

will meet educators and vocational experts who will engage each child’s natural curiosity with creative hands-on activities and projects. Campers will read engaging books about “*The Green Side*” during camp, and then be given the books to take home with them.

Planning for **LUM Camp 2020** is well on its way. **LUM Camp** is a scholarship-based camp, meaning only children whose parents are not able to pay for the \$150 per child cost of camp are invited. Campers’ parents only pay \$5 per child, and our generous donors cover the rest.

Please, won’t you consider a gift of \$150 or more to send a child to **LUM Camp**? Your “campership” (camp scholarship) will pay for a child’s transportation, room and board, camp activities, educational programs and supplies – literally everything she or he will need to attend LUM Camp 2020. Sending \$300 will allow **two children** to attend. Sending \$450 will provide **three camperships**, \$75 will provide **half** a campership.

Each child who attends **LUM Camp** will have an opportunity to enjoy the life-giving benefits and lively fun of camp. Dozens of local children are eager to attend. **Won’t you offer them the gift of LUM Camp**? Mail in your donation using the enclosed envelope or donate online at lumserve.org/donate.



LUM Camp 2020 – Volunteer Camp Counselors Needed

Volunteer Camp Counselors are needed for the LUM week-long, overnight camp program for low-income children from 8 to 10 years old. Volunteer camp counselors must be at least 18 years old, enjoy working with children, be available the entire week of **LUM Camp** from **Monday, July 27** at 11 a.m. to **Friday, July 31** at 4 p.m., and attend the Orientation Meeting on **Thursday, July 23** at 7 p.m.

For the **LUM Camp** Counselor application and additional information, go to lumserve.org/lum-camp.

LUM Full-Day Summer Enhanced Learning



LUM **5th Quarter Summer Learning Program** (summer child care) is open. LUM has been planning for this opening for months — studying CDC & State guidelines, ordering supplies,

developing new health & safety protocols and hiring and training teachers. LUM **5th Quarter Summer Learning Program** is now welcoming students Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On average, students’ achievement scores decline over summer vacation by one month’s worth of school-year learning, referred to as an “academic achievement gap.” **This year due to COVID-19**, the “gap” is wider since schools have been closed since March. The LUM **5th Quarter Summer Learning Program** is dedicated to closing the *academic achievement gap* for local

students. When the school year begins in the Fall, our students will be better prepared, academically, than their peers because of the enriched and experiential learning offered by the LUM **5th Quarter Summer Learning Program**.

If you wish to support the **5th Quarter Summer Learning Program** — you may make a monetary donation, sponsor a field trip or study trip, or even volunteer.

For more information or to make a donation, go to lumserve.org/5th-quarter/.

LUM Program Stats

During the first four months of 2020, [Lafayette Urban Ministry](#) was committed to staying open for business, offering rapid help & hope to **1,469 local households** through one or more of our 16 programs. During the crisis, LUM continued to offer local families financial & food assistance, immigration services, and shelter for those experiencing homelessness. Families were strengthened, and children were educated. Some LUM program details are as follows:

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

- [Emergency Shelter](#) for the homeless—248 individuals were provided overnight accommodations 4,222 times.
- [Good Samaritan Fund](#)—\$35,460 in direct cash assistance was provided to 408 households.
- [ID Clinic](#)—48 individuals were served.
- [Immigration Clinic](#)—137 individuals were served.
- [New Opportunity Fund](#)—3 individuals received grants to move into their own homes.
- [Protein Food Pantry](#)—301 households were served.
- [Tax Assistance Program](#) (free income tax preparation for low-wage workers)—270 tax returns filed from mid-January through mid-March. Tax refunds and credits totaling \$386,730 were returned to those households — an average refund of \$1,432 per household. The average annual adjusted gross income for those served by the program was \$24,580.
- [Winter Warming Station](#)—177 individuals used the Winter Warming Station for a total of 554 visits.



SUPPORTING CHILDREN

- [5th Quarter Summer Learning Program](#) (started on May 26)— 40 children are currently enrolled.
- [After School Program](#)—61 Kindergarten through 8th grade students participated in the program during the 2019 - 2020 school year, which ended when local schools closed on March 23.
- [LUM Camp](#)—80 children, 40 counselors and 25 program leaders will be in attendance at this overnight summer camp for children (8 to 10 years old) during the last week of July.

Recent Gifts to LUM

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

- **Purdue Crew Team** hosted Row-a-Thon and typically donates half of the proceeds to the [LUM Good Samaritan Fund](#). After Purdue Crew's competition year was cut short due to COVID-19, they decided to donate ALL of the proceeds to LUM, totaling **\$27,693**. Purdue Crew President Henri Laliberte & Head Coach David Kucik presented the check to Wes Tillett, LUM executive director, and Linda Hicks, LUM [Good Samaritan Program](#) director (pictured below) by video.



- The **McAllister Foundation** recently awarded the LUM Youth Programs a **\$12,100** grant for playground improvements, books & a bookshelf, bus back-up cameras, outdoor lighting and hands-free faucets.
- The **Community Foundation** of Greater Lafayette has awarded to LUM a "Rapid Response Grant" for **\$4,000** — to address the growing and immediate needs brought on by the COVID-19 crisis.
- LUM [Homeless Services](#) has recently been recommended **Community Development Block Grants** from both the City of Lafayette & the City of West Lafayette. LUM will be awarded **\$14,846 from Lafayette** and **\$6,444 from West Lafayette** — totaling **\$21,290**.
- LUM Good Samaritan Program has been awarded a **\$35,000** gift (\$15,000 in March & \$20,000 in May) from the **Tippecanoe COVID-19 Response Fund**, created by United Way of Greater Lafayette, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette and Greater Lafayette Commerce, a joint effort to bring relief to local individuals and families.

[Lafayette Urban Ministry](#) is grateful for the support from individuals, student organizations, groups, churches, foundations, and businesses — especially during times like these. If you wish to make in an investment in the families and children of our community, make a donation online at lumserve.org/donate or use the enclosed envelope.



The SEED — June 2020

Return Service Requested

LUM 2020 Events — Mark Your Calendars

Hunger Hike

Sunday, September 20 | 2 p.m. | Riehle Plaza, Lafayette, IN



Join us in the Fight Against Hunger — locally, regionally & globally — by participating in [Hunger Hike 2020](http://hungerhike.org). Hunger Hike offers many ways for individuals, churches, groups, organizations, teams, families and companies to raise funds to fight hunger. **Walk** and raise funds on your own or **create** a Team and raise funds as a group. **Make** a donation online, **support** a Team & **become** a Corporate Sponsor. If an outdoor event is not feasible the committee is exploring a virtual event.

[Hunger Hike](http://hungerhike.org) benefits Lafayette Urban Ministry Food Programs, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. and St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti Ministry. Find everything you need to start fundraising on the [Hunger Hike](http://hungerhike.org) website — go to hungerhike.org.



LUM Immigration Clinic Fundraiser
Thursday, November 4 | 5:30 p.m.
Lafayette Brewing Co., Lafayette, IN



Thursday, November 26 | Noon-2 p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, IN



Thursday, November 26 | 8 a.m.
Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette IN

Join LUM online

