

The Seed

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Holidays at LUM — Ain't No Stopping Us Now!

As you begin to think about the holidays with your family and friends, please add these important LUM events to your calendar. These programs are designed to ensure that families less fortunate than ours will have joyful, bright and warm holidays too. Please consider making a donation and volunteering at these LUM holiday events.

Celebrating Thanksgiving with LUM

The LUM [Turkey Trot 5K Run](#) is an annual event on Thanksgiving morning that gives runners & walkers a chance to participate in a fun community event while supporting and investing in the community through the work of Lafayette Urban Ministry.

This year, due to COVID-19, Turkey Trot will be a virtual 5K run/walk/ride with a livestream allowing participants to track their steps and miles, receive inspirational messages and post updates on social media. As always, walkers, dogs, strollers, wagons, and turkey hats are encouraged. Check the Turkey Trot website later this month for more details and to register (turkeytrot5krun.org).



The 34th annual Lafayette Urban Ministry [Community Thanksgiving Feast](#) is planning a holiday feast for more than 800 guests on **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, November 26) from Noon to 2 p.m. The FREE meal includes a traditional Thanksgiving feast with turkey, stuffing/dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and a variety of pies & desserts. Due to COVID-19, this year's event will be to-go only (no dine in).

Donations are appreciated to help defray the **\$9,000** expense for the meal. Volunteers and donations of food & supplies are needed. To donate and/or sign up to volunteer, go to lumserve.org/thanksgiving.



Jubilee Christmas

The 40th annual LUM [Jubilee Christmas](#) events will assist more than 800 local families, impacting more than 1,900 children. The program strengthens low-income families by supporting the important roles of moms and dads, making the parents the heroes at Christmas. Due to COVID-19, this year's event will be walk-through or curb-side.

Donations are appreciated and volunteers will be needed as well. You may also give your gift in honor of a friend or family member in lieu of a holiday gift. LUM will send a card sharing that a donation has been made by you to Jubilee Christmas in their name. To make a donation and/or sign up to volunteer, go to lumserve.org/jubilee.



LUM Immigration Clinic Fundraisers



Lafayette Urban Ministry is excited to announce three fundraising events benefitting the LUM [Immigration Clinic](#). Immigrants are facing hardships during this public health crisis and are often themselves frontline workers. The LUM [Immigration Clinic](#) helps these and others who could not otherwise afford quality legal immigration services. Mark your calendars and join us for the 5th annual [Port of Hope](#) virtual experience on **Thursday, November 5**. You are also invited to participate in two events

leading up to the [Port of Hope](#) — the “**Who’s That Masked Donor**” (now through November 5) and the “**Scavenger Hunt**” on Saturday, October 17. For more updated information, go to lumserve.org/port-of-hope.

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Hunger Hike 2020 — Historic Year of COVID-19

Hunger Hike 2020 became a virtual event with a Challenge Week ending with an historic remote event on Sunday, September 20 — the Hunger Hike Livestream.

The Livestream event featured the traditional **Zumba Warm Up** led by Miss Brooke from **Studio b Dance & Fitness**, US National Anthem sung by **Julia Sibley** of the Unitarian Universalist Church, and benediction by **Bishop Timothy Doherty** of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. It also featured remarks from local dignitaries Mayors **Tony Roswarski & John Dennis**, Council members **Lisa Dullum & Kathy Parker**. Hunger Hike co-chairs, Purdue Coaches **Sharon Versyp**

and **David Kucik**, and their teams made an appearance. The Livestream also offered entertainment from **One Size Fits All** comedy improv group and magician, Scott Starkey, the **Wizard of the Wabash**.

Everyone missed the energy and excitement of gathering at Riehle Plaza surrounded by other passionate participants, but the desire to make a difference this year seemed even more urgent. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, **Hunger Hike 2020** was a tremendous success.

For 28 years, **Hunger Hike** has shined light on issues of malnutrition, food insecurity & hunger — and raised more than \$2 million to support



food and nutrition programs locally, regionally & globally. Thank you to YOU, our participants & sponsors, for being there for **Hunger Hike** during this historic year.

Hunger Hike

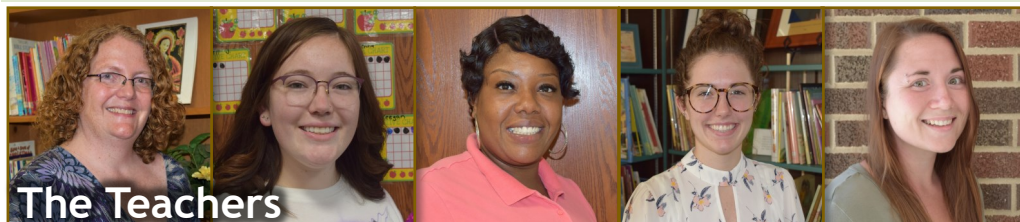


Opportunity to Give Extended

Despite all of the challenges this year, the **Hunger Hike 2020** goal of \$100,000 has been reached!

Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank & St. Thomas Aquinas are overwhelmed with the generosity of the community to Hunger Hike. If you participated this year — THANK YOU! BUT — if you planned on giving but forgot or are now moved to give more, you still can. Since each year 15% of the donations are made AFTER **Hunger Hike**, the opportunity to donate to Hunger Hike has been extended. Go to hungerhike.org/donate. And again, thanks.

Meet the LUM Fall Teaching Team & Interns



The Teachers

The new school year has started and the LUM **After School Program** is open, and it's providing safe, fun and enriching childcare for grade school children in Tippecanoe County. For up to three hours each school day, the students work on homework, have a nutritious snack, and participate in craft projects, music, and other fun recreational and educational activities — enabling their parents to finish their workday.

The teachers, interns and volunteers are screened and trained in accordance with State of Indiana guidelines and CDC protocols.

LUM is thrilled to introduce you to the team, which includes **Kristi Hogue**, youth program director; and teachers: **Carleigh Bennett, Shavonn Kimbrough, Mady Lester, and Tabatha Volpi** (pictured above L to R).



The Interns

In addition to teachers and volunteers, interns play a critical role in the LUM

After School Program bringing energy & passion to LUM. The LUM **After School Program** interns are **Dora Arteaga & Breanne Stewart** (pictured below). Dora and Breanne grew up locally and are currently enrolled in the Human Services program at Ivy Tech Community College.

LUM is fortunate to have such a talented, experienced and dedicated team of teachers, interns and volunteers investing in the children of our community.

If you'd also like to invest in these children, please consider volunteering with the **After School Program** — LUM needs you each weekday afternoon. Cash donations are preferred, but donations of snacks, school supplies, and COVID-19 supplies are also appreciated. For more information on how to volunteer and/or make a donation, go to lumserve.org/after-school-program.

Impact of LUM During a Crisis—3rd Quarter Numbers

Each year, while celebrating the success of the [Hunger Hike](#) event, the LUM staff is busily planning for the numerous fall & winter programs. Due to COVID-19, the LUM staff members began months ago re-imagining and re-inventing [Jubilee Christmas](#), [Port of Hope](#), the [Community Thanksgiving Feast](#) and the [Turkey Trot 5K Run](#).

Fall is a good time to reflect on the tremendous positive impact that LUM has had on individuals, families, and children in our community. So far this year, **2,189** different individuals and low-income households have been served by LUM. Lafayette Urban Ministry has nurtured and educated children, sheltered families, fed the hungry, supported the legal immigrant, and helped our neighbors experiencing homelessness become more self-sufficient — all through the faithful work carried on every day and night by LUM.

Thanks to your friendship and generous support, LUM continues to make our community a better place for all of its citizens. Please remember LUM through the remainder of 2020 by participating in one of our upcoming events, volunteering, or by giving a financial gift! Here is a better snapshot of LUM's impact in 2020 to date:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,227 - Good Samaritan Program visits for housing, utility and health-care requests • \$136,026 - Amount of Good Samaritan Fund assistance disbursed • 1,453 Visits to the LUM Protein Food Pantry • 147 Immigration Clinic cases • 153 ID Clinic cases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,842 Overnight stays at the Emergency Shelter • 555 Overnight stays at the Winter Warming Station • 344 - Emergency Shelter— number of individuals served • 29 Emergency Shelter guests provided housing through the LUM New Opportunity Fund • 239 Households provided free Tax Assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 156 Total Children served: LUM Camp (40), After School Program (71), and 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program (45) • Jubilee Christmas: {TBD} Families and {TBD} children served (In 2019: 648 families & 1,765 children were served) • Community Thanksgiving Celebration: {TBD} meals served (In 2019: 900 meals were served) |
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LUM is blessed to have your support that allows us to make a difference with the children & families in our community.

LUM Isaiah 32 Project — Affordable Homes

*When the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high,
And the wilderness becomes a fertile field,
And the fertile field is considered as a forest.
Then justice will dwell in the wilderness
And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.
And the work of righteousness will be peace,
And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.
Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation,
And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places.
~Isaiah 32:15-18*

Three years ago, LUM welcomed the first family into one of the four houses purchased by LUM as a part of the newly created Isaiah 32 Project.

In the mid-2010s, LUM was encouraged by financial experts to invest funds held in the reserve account. After several months of research, the LUM board decided to invest conservatively and in something that would advance the LUM mission — and the Isaiah 32 Project was born. The goal is to be “good landlords” of well-maintained homes in good neighborhoods at affordable rates. With the help of Buzz Grady, LUM board member and public housing expert, LUM decided to become a part of the Housing Choice Voucher Program — a federal program permitting private landlords to offer public housing.

After only three years the benefits have been tremendous. This project provides excellent housing and also connects:



- The LUM Executive Director with the needs in our community
- The Maintenance Director with opportunities to teach parents how to maintain a clean and safe home, be a great neighbor and connect with the community
- The Business Office Staff with opportunities to teach fiscal responsibility & family budgeting.

The LUM Isaiah 32 Project is flourishing and is a blessing to our families, our staff and our community.



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Return Service Requested

Fall is the Season for Planning Your Future

The autumn season is quickly approaching with cooler nights, colorful trees, pumpkins, football and having fun outdoors with family. But it is also a season for preparing. In addition to preparing for the winter months — consider spending some time preparing for the future.

Spend time creating a personal legacy by continuing your support of the mission of **Lafayette Urban Ministry** beyond your own lifetime. Each of us supports our community with our gifts to LUM, but by creating a legacy through Planned Giving, your support of our ministry will continue in perpetuity.

Estate Planning strategy is a win-win for you and LUM. In addition to the altruistic benefits, your charitable gift to Lafayette Urban Ministry brings tax relief — and also allows

you to make a larger gift to LUM than you could from your income alone. The benefits of Estate Planned Gifts can make this type of donation attractive, whether you use **cash, appreciated securities/stock, real estate, artwork, partnership interests, personal property, life insurance** or a **retirement plan**. We also encourage you to remember **LUM in your will**.

Start by meeting with your professional advisor to learn how informed estate planning can increase the overall value of your estate with a gift of tax-burdened assets (like IRAs, 401(k), or savings bonds) to LUM. When you are ready to begin the conversation, please email or call Wes Tillett, LUM executive



director (wtillett@lumserve.org | 765-423-2691). We would enjoy meeting with you. Whatever you decide, enjoy this season with your family and friends and think for a moment about the mission of **Lafayette Urban Ministry** and the families we serve.

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