

# The Seed

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## LUM Holiday Traditions Take on Added Meaning This Year

During the last three years, the unemployment rate in our community has spiked more than threefold - from 3.1% to 10.3%. Throughout these years literally thousands of our neighbors have come to LUM struggling to find ways to cover the basic costs of food and shelter. During the coming holidays, those struggles will only intensify.

LUM's Community Thanksgiving Celebration and Jubilee Christmas Program have always been an important part of our community's holiday tradition. This year, with so many of our neighbors remaining out of work, those efforts take on a special meaning. With your help our unemployed neighbors and their families can remember this holiday season as one of their warmest.

**Please give as generously as you can so that these important LUM holiday traditions can take place.** Place your check in the enclosed envelope or give online at [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org)

### LUM Community Thanksgiving



LUM's 25<sup>th</sup> annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration will be held at Central Presbyterian Church on Thanksgiving Day, November 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00pm. More than 1,000 guests are expected this year.

**Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more, will help make this special event possible.**

Volunteer positions are available and can be reserved online: [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org)



### Jubilee Christmas

Jubilee Christmas strengthens families during difficult times by supporting the important roles of mom and dad. Rather than providing gifts directly to the children at large parties, or having volunteers deliver the gifts to the children's homes, Jubilee directly engages parents allowing them to be the heroes at Christmas. Parents choose gifts for their children while volunteers from the churches offer support and encouragement. Jubilee Christmas will happen this year on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The program will take place at 26 church sites throughout our community. 1,700 children will benefit.

**You can help by donating a cash gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more to LUM's Jubilee Christmas program.**

Your cash gift to Jubilee Christmas can be given as a special Christmas gift for a friend or family member. LUM will send a card to that person, in time for Christmas, sharing that a gift has been made by you to Jubilee Christmas in their honor.

We also need new, unwrapped toys or clothing for newborn to 12 year old boys and girls. Bring those gifts to the LUM office by Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup>.





## A New Thing!

**Joe Micon**  
Executive Director

First it was the 9" snowstorm on the day LUM moved its offices across the street to its new location – followed by another snowstorm on the morning of our Campaign for the Future kick off. In March there was new computer hardware and software to learn, followed by several months of construction noise and carpenters' dust at LUM's new Youth Program Center.

Two new program directors have joined LUM's staff. Our case management and tax preparation programs have expanded. A new ID Clinic and Achieve Stay-in School Program have begun. And plans are well underway for next year's Afterschool Program expansion, our new 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Summer Learning Retention Program and the start of Family Asset-Building Programs.

In recent months we have upgraded LUM's accounting practices to match our growth and made our finances even more transparent to our donors.

All of this has happened during a time of economic recession that has placed larger demand on LUM's existing programs than ever before. Emergency financial assistance, our shelter ministry, LUM Camp, the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry, Community Thanksgiving, Jubilee Christmas and all the other vital LUM programs continue to provide a safety net for those in our community who are unemployed.

When my schedule becomes over-booked, when every moment seems to bring a new challenge and each day seems more chaotic than the last, the words of the Prophet Isaiah help me to maintain focus....

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."*

*IS 43:19*

The words remind me of God's hand in this work. They help me not to sweat the small stuff. God is doing a new thing right here at LUM!

What a joy it is to work under the direction of LUM's visionary board of directors. What a privilege it is to join each day with LUM's outstanding staff to turn that vision into reality. How grateful we are to LUM's many volunteers who continue to be the face of Christ to those in our community who have critical needs. Where would we be without you, our friends and donors, who provide the support and encouragement that allow us all to move forward in faith?

## LUM Campaign for the Future Update

The Lafayette Urban Ministry Campaign for the Future is a \$2.75 million fund drive that will establish 12 new or expanded programs designed to provide the children and families served by LUM the education and tools they need to escape poverty. The campaign will also provide the facility and capital upgrades needed to support these new efforts. **To date the campaign has received \$2,475,000 in gifts and pledges – or 90% of its goal.**

## End of Year Giving

Perhaps a major gift to LUM's Campaign for the future would fit into your end-of-the-year tax planning or charitable giving plans. If you would like to learn more, contact your financial advisor, or Dave Vorbeck at the Bison Financial Group in Lafayette - 742-8300. If you'd like to learn more about LUM's campaign and how your gift can be used to support an organization and mission you care deeply about, please contact Joe Micon at 423-2691.

## Kresge Challenge Grant

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, MI has committed \$375,000 to LUM's Campaign for the Future. But there's a catch... LUM only receives the grant if we reach our full \$2.75 million goal by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. In essence, any amount pledged to LUM's campaign from this point forward will be matched dollar for dollar by Kresge. Help us to do a new thing – and double your pledge!

# Hunger Hike Raises Over \$85,000

At a time when lingering unemployment means more hungry people, this year's Hunger Hike was the most successful ever! More than 1,100 participants, our corporate sponsors and action grants raised over \$85,000. This will definitely help in the fight against hunger!

Proceeds from the walk provide important financial support for LUM's food programs, Food Finder's Food Bank and St. Tom's Haiti Ministry.

Participants enjoyed music by Justin Paschel and the Wiley Hall DJs; hot dogs provided by Bison Financial Group; ice cream, balloons, massages and clowns from Smiles Unlimited. Our 5K run was very popular, even though some ran 5 *miles* instead of 5K. But most important of all, the community came together to support a great cause.



## Prizes:

### Top Adult Teams:

- 1st Place – St. Tom's (\$12,458)
- 2nd Place – LUM Staff (\$2,735)
- 3rd Place – Bethany Presbyterian (\$2,491)

### Top Individual:

- Kathie Kiser (\$1,016)
- Rob Pahl raised \$3,085 as part of St. Tom's team

### Top Youth Teams:

- 1st Place - St. John's Episcopal (\$2,800)
- 2nd Place – WESSO (WLHS Girls Service Organization) (\$2,411)
- 3rd Place – CBS Saints (\$2,200)

### Golden Sneaker Award:

- 1st Place – Purdue Crew (\$3,220)
- 2nd Place – Purdue Catholic Students (\$819)

## Corporate Sponsors:

Bison Financial Group  
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## By the Numbers

### Last Month at LUM

- 10.3% Lafayette Unemployment Rate
- 19.7% Tippecanoe County Childhood Poverty Rate
- 13.2% Tippecanoe County Poverty Rate
- \$2,161 shared to keep 53 families in their homes
- \$2,594 shared to keep 73 families from losing utility service
- \$442 shared to purchase prescription medications for 19 individuals
- Overnight stays in LUM's Emergency Shelter - 77 guests, 428 bednights
- 10 individuals aided in re-establishing their legal identities
- Case management sessions - 40 clients, 96 appointments
- St. John's/LUM Food Pantry households served – 721
- After School Program enrollment – 26 children
- Achieve Program enrollment – 15 youth
- 1,183 people raised over \$85,000 for hunger relief programs in Lafayette and Haiti



### Briefly noted

- **The St. John's/LUM Food Pantry is in great need of volunteers** willing to work at least one morning each month. Food pantry hours are M, T, Th, F from 9:00am to 11:30am. For more information contact Jane Venable at 463-6158.
- **Please make a donation of snacks** to LUM's Afterschool Program: Juice, milk, peanut butter, crackers, cheese sticks, fresh fruit, fresh small carrots, cheese crackers, cookies, nuts, popcorn or healthy sweet treats (graham crackers, animal crackers or granola bars). Bring to 420 N. 4<sup>th</sup>. M – F, 8:30am to 4:30pm.
- **A message to Lafayette Urban Ministry donors:** LUM's 2009 audit, Federal 990 form and September 30, 2010 balance sheet and management reports are all available for public inspection online at [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org), or at the LUM office (420 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Thank you for your special friendship and generous support of those we serve.