November: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month
By: Michael Phipps

Poverty and homelessness have crept increasingly into the lives of communities across the country. For many, this tragedy is foreign, leaving families without basic resources.

In the past few days, we have seen pictures from the East Coast of the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. While it may be difficult to relate to the plight of those now homeless from the effects of this recent natural disaster, there are many ways in which we as a university can help the poor in our community. Throughout the month of November, University Ministry will be offering a number of educational opportunities to better understand the needs of the marginalized in society. In keeping with our Lasallian identity, and in the spirit of Justice and Association, we hope that you will partner with us throughout the month as we seek to serve the poor in our community.

Please contact Martha Villegas-Miranda (villegma@lewisu.edu) for more information.

FYI Reflection By: Jake Garringer

A freshman experience like none other, FYI (First Year Interaction) introduces incoming freshmen to new ideas and people, and in some ways, themselves. Bringing together freshmen who share common feelings regarding the new step they are taking in life, allows these students to see that they are not alone.

Through guided discussions by knowledgeable leaders who have been Lewis freshmen themselves, incoming freshmen learn about how others have handled the problems and feelings that they’re now facing. By being given opportunities to socialize and partake in a low ropes course, freshmen form new relationships and bonds with others.

FYI is designed to encourage freshman students to interact with people they may have not considered meeting before. In addition to being introduced to new people and opportunities, FYI gives freshman a chance to reflect on themselves and their own lives. It challenges students to understand why they are where they are in life and what strengths and weaknesses they possess that can enhance, or detract, from their college experience.

In general, FYI gives freshmen a chance to get out of their comfort zone, meet new people and make new friends, have fun, and, most importantly, learn something about themselves.

Upcoming Events:
- Trick or Treat So Others May Eat Food Drive Oct. 31st-Nov. 16th
- November: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month
- All Saints Day Mass Nov. 1st
- LUK 47 Nov. 2nd-4th
- Gospel Brunch Nov. 17th
- Ministry Euchre Tournament Date TBA

Homelessness Awareness Events:
- From Homeless to Homeowner Lecture; Sancta Alberta Chapel, Nov. 14th, 10 A.M.
- Sleep Out For Hunger; Nov. 29th, 9 P.M.-9 A.M.
- Screening of Casa De Los Angeles Documentary; Nov. 30th, 7 P.M.
- Adopt-A-Family Christmas Giving Tree; Nov. 18th-Dec. 3rd
Join the Lewis University Heritage Team in celebrating the African American community and our faith through reflection, prayer, and song.

Featuring:
- Dynamic reflections
- Fun activities
- Amazing SOUL Food!

November 17th, 1-4 P.M. in the D’Arcy Great Room. All are welcome!

Contact Adam Setmeyer (setmeyad@lewisu.edu) for more information.

LUMINATE Spring Break Trips

LUMINATE Spring Break Service Trips are an opportunity for Lewis University students to spend their spring break serving the poor and marginalized throughout the Midwest.

Three separate groups will be traveling to Flint, Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, and Winnebago, Nebraska, respectively, from March 3-9, 2013. Students will be serving in soup kitchens, rehabbing homes, tutoring children, and learning about the community they are serving in.

Applications and further information are available from the student leaders-Sara Harms, Ryan Newberry, and Joey Preston. For further information and questions, please contact the Coordinator of the trips, Sabrina Poulin, at (ortmansa@lewisu.edu).

MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT

University Ministry, in harmony with Lewis’ Catholic tradition and Lasallian identity, embraces and nurtures enlightened religious experience within our community. University Ministry’s primary focus is to be a sign and instrument of the Gospel. Therefore, we proclaim and celebrate the Gospel and invite the University Community into this mission.

- Find University Ministry on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/LUMinistry
- Visit the University website for additional information on our programs: http://www.lewisu.edu/studentservices/ministry/index.htm

Saint John Baptist de la Salle...

Live Jesus in our hearts...

Pray for us.

Forever.