



Mission Statement

Churches United is a nonprofit organization of Bemidji area churches lead by the Spirit of Christ to work together to meet the emergency needs of homeless and low-income people in a prayerful way.

"Welcoming the Stranger as Jesus"

Monthly Newsletter
July 2018

HIGH POINTS:

Recently I asked one of our volunteers if there were any particular cases that touched their heart. When Nicole visited Churches United in early May she was staying in a homeless shelter, had a six-year old daughter, and was pregnant. She didn't need much and Churches United was able to assist. She returned in early June living in a new home and needing a little help with food and cloths. She was also due any day. By mutual agreement, the volunteer prayed for a safe delivery. A little over two weeks later she returned with her healthy, six-day old baby boy and thanked our volunteer for the prayers!

SCHOOL BACK-PACK PROGRAM

Please let your church members in need know that the Salvation Army 2018 Back-to-School Program applications are currently available at Churches United and Bi-County CAP. **The deadline to return the completed application to Bi-County CAP is Friday, August 3, 2018.** Assistance will be determined based upon the date of the returned application on a first-come first-serve basis. Distribution will be at the Bemidji Boys & Girls Club on August 16, 2018.

Till next month, *Wanda*

Current Needs

- **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** If you are willing to assist for 2-4 hours per month, please stop in or call.
- Travel size lotion & deodorant
- Snack items for sack lunches: cheese & crackers, peanut butter & crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, juice boxes, fruit snacks, & bottled water
- Toilet paper for clients

Temple Talk:

On Sunday, June 10, I was invited to Bethel Lutheran Church to do a short presentation about Churches United. In addition to explaining the general mission of Churches United, I shared several short stories demonstrating how as a member church they participate in our shared mission of meeting the emergency needs of homeless and low income individuals and families in our community. After the service I was available to answer questions. Thank you Bethel Lutheran for this opportunity. *Wanda*

PASTOR TO PASTOR:

In visiting with a Pastor from another Minnesota community, He expressed appreciation for the coordinated effort Churches United provides. He took notes, to help start a discussion, at home, as to how to unite their churches in their outreach to the homeless and those in need. Thank You God for the blessing of Churches United.

Fr. Chuck

MONTHLY OVERVIEW - JUNE 2018

Total Intakes	175	Laundry Vouchers	41	Employed/Disabled/Retired	101
Total Cash Value		totaling	\$205.00	Unemployed	79
Distributed*	\$5,095.76	Bus Tokens	170	Initial intakes included:	
Requests Accepted.....	132	totaling.....	\$246.00	Rental assistance	16
Requests Denied	31	Other Vouchers.....	0	Electric shut-off notices.....	24
Request Pending	12	totaling.....	\$0	Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices.....	0
Rental Assistance.....	4	Clothing Vouchers	18	Other assistance.....	10
totaling	\$677.72	Diapers [bundles of 10]	20	Revenues:	
Utility Assistance.....	3	Lunchables/Bottled Water	20	Member Churches:	\$5,542.49
totaling	\$482.04	Quilts/Blankets	6	Private Donations:	\$20.00
Other Assistance.....	1	Toiletries	56	Other:.....	\$0
Totaling	\$200.00	Total number of individuals		Total Revenues:	\$5,562.49
Food Vouchers	89	assisted	479	*Note that cash value distributed	does not include diapers, wipes,
totaling	\$2,255.00	Adults	244	lunchables, & water.	
Gas Vouchers.....	47	Children	235		
totaling	\$1,030.00	Homeless.....	96		

PRESENTATIONS:

I am currently scheduling presentations for 2018.

If your church would like me to do a short address to your board or congregation, please contact me at 218-444-1380 or email cunited@paulbunyan.net to set up a time and venue that works for you.

Thank you, Wanda

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YEAR-TO-DATE REVENUES

1/1/2018 to 6/30/2018

MEMBER CHURCHES	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	Y-T-D
Aardahl Lutheran Church	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Assembly of God Missionary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Becida Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany Free Lutheran Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bethel Lutheran Church	\$ 501.59	\$ 877.72	\$ 1,379.31
Calvary Chapel	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Calvary Lutheran Church	\$ 2,681.99	\$ -	\$ 2,681.99
Crossroads Church	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Evangelical Covenant Church	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Evangelical Free Church	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
First Assembly of God Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
First Baptist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
First Lutheran Church	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
First Presbyterian Church	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Malvik Lutheran Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mount Zion Church [In-kind donation]*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
New Salem Lutheran Church	\$ -	\$ 793.00	\$ 793.00
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (NBELP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Seventh Day Adventist Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00
St Philip's Catholic Church	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Tenstrike Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trinity Lutheran Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trinity Lutheran Church of Debs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
United Methodist Church	\$ -	\$ 1,837.50	\$ 1,837.50
Zion Lutheran Church (NBELP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL MEMBER CHURCHES	\$ 11,508.58	\$ 8,658.22	\$ 20,166.80

* NOTE: Mt. Zion Church donates a portion of the rent on the office space each year.

LADIES AIDS/CHURCH WOMEN

Bemidji Methodist Women	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Women	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
TOTAL LADIED AIDS/CHURCH WOMEN	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00

PRIVATE DONATIONS

Individuals	\$ 118.43	\$ 410.00	\$ 528.43
Companies	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL PRIVATE DONATIONS	\$ 118.43	\$ 710.00	\$ 828.43

UNITED WAY GRANT	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 4,500.00
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 11,927.01	\$ 13,868.22	\$ 25,795.23
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