



## 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  
December 2018

## HIGH POINTS:

Hello everyone:

The high point of the month of November for me was when a group of young men from the Calvary Lutheran Church came in to do a community service project as part of their confirmation classes.

They spent some time learning about Churches United and our joint mission to the homeless and low-income population in our area.



They had an opportunity to pack sack lunches for the homeless using items that were purchased with a Thrivent Grant received in October.

They also assisted with re-arranging donations in the back room so that staff no longer have to access the top shelves for hats, mittens, scarves, etc.



It is always a joy being part of the spiritual growth of our youth as they give back to the community.

Till next month,  
*Wanda*

## Current Needs

- Shampoo & Conditioner [any size]
- Lotion [any size]
- Laundry soap

## PRESENTATIONS:

If your church, group, or organization would like to learn more about Churches United contact me at 218-444-1380 or email [cunited@paulbunyan.net](mailto:cunited@paulbunyan.net) to set up a time and date for me to do a short presentation.

Thank you, Wanda

### PASTOR TO PASTOR:

Generosity! A definition of the Spirit of God in action! Thanks... As we begin our New Year we give Thanks for the generosity shown by the Churches of the Greater Bemidji area during of the past year and look forward to serving those God places at our doorstep this year.

Fr. Chuck

## MONTHLY OVERVIEW - NOVEMBER 2018

<b>Total Intakes</b> .....	71	Laundry Vouchers .....	6	Employed/Disabled/Retired .	33
<b>Total Cash Value</b>		totaling .....	\$30.00	Unemployed .....	44
<b>Distributed*</b> .....	\$965.00	Bus Tokens .....	30	<b>Initial intakes included:</b>	
Requests Accepted.....	66	totaling.....	\$45.00	Rental assistance .....	9
Requests Denied .....	6	Other Vouchers.....	0	Electric shut-off notices.....	3
Request Pending .....	2	totaling.....	\$0.00	Propane/Natural gas shut-off notices.....	1
Rental Assistance.....	3	Clothing Vouchers .....	9	Other assistance.....	4
totaling .....	\$0.00	Diapers [bundles of 10] .....	5	<b>Revenues:</b>	
Utility Assistance.....	2	Lunchables/Bottled Water .....	5	Member Churches: ....	\$2,879.15
totaling .....	\$0.00	Quilts/Blankets .....	11	Private Donations: .....	\$121.00
Other Assistance.....	2	Toiletries .....	22	Grants & Other:.....	\$0.00
Totaling .....	\$0.00	<b>Total number of individuals</b>		<b>Total Revenues: .....</b>	<b>\$3,000.15</b>
Food Vouchers .....	29	<b>assisted</b> .....	222	*Note that cash value distributed	
totaling .....	\$455.00	Adults .....	105	does not include diapers, wipes,	
Gas Vouchers.....	25	Children .....	117	lunchables, & water.	
totaling .....	\$435.00	Homeless.....	27		

## Partnerships

While Churches United did not help financially with the rent and utility requests that were approved this month, we were able to form partnerships with other organizations that resulted in a total of \$1,722.30 in assistance.

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