

United for Neighbors

Responding Together in Faith

The ongoing federal government shutdown has created real and immediate consequences for our neighbors here in Kandiyohi County. Programs like SNAP food benefits, MFIP food support, and energy assistance have all been affected. Locally, that means nearly **\$20,000 each day—just in SNAP alone—is no longer available** to support seniors, persons with disabilities, and families with children. In total, roughly **\$800,000 in benefits will not be paid in Kandiyohi County this November.**

These numbers represent more than lost assistance—they represent **meals not shared, homes without adequate heat, and families facing impossible choices.**

In this moment, we have the opportunity to **stand together as people of faith and compassion—to be *United for Neighbors*.** Jesus reminds us that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the least of these, we serve him directly.

First Presbyterian Church is joining other area congregations in a **united effort to raise \$20,000** to meet urgent food, heating, and housing needs across our community.

Here's how your gifts can make a difference:

1. **Kandiyohi County Food Shelf** – Supporting direct food assistance for local families.
2. **Willmar Area Community Foundation – Good Samaritan Fund** – Providing help with food, heat, childcare, and transportation needs.
3. **United Community Action Partnership (UCAP)** – Meeting emergency housing needs, including support for military families unable to pay rent, mortgages, or utility bills during the shutdown.

How to Give:

Contributions may be made directly through **First Presbyterian Church of Willmar**. Please indicate “*United for Neighbors*” in the memo line, and note which of the three partner organizations (**Food Shelf, Good Samaritan Fund, or UCAP**) you wish your gift to support. If you do not designate a recipient, funds will be divided evenly between the three. All designated gifts will be forwarded directly to the appropriate organization.

Together, we can be a living sign of hope and love in a time of uncertainty.