

Today our Inspiration Visitors will be delivering bags of information about the *More Than a Roof* Capital Campaign effort to faithfully provide space for ministry. We rejoice in their service and ask that you receive these brief "front porch" visits in warm fellowship.

Included in these bags will be your invitation to special joint worship at 10 AM on February 20! Be sure to join us for a worship service and a brief presentation of the campaign. No commitments will be made at the event.

Also included in the bag you will receive today is a book of stories, authored by disciples of Ascension's congregation about where they've experienced the joy of generosity in their lives, a brochure about the campaign, as well as a copy of the campaign prayer and Bible verse.

Please place these in a prominent place in your home and pray daily for Ascension Lutheran Church, the campaign, and our hard-working volunteers.

If you are not home for your visit, your bag will be hung on your front door handle or placed on your front porch.

Loving Creator, Your blessings abound through the generations and your good gifts have formed us into your people. May your Spirit of Generosity continue to fill us so we may joyfully answer the call to renew our place of worship and hospitality. Grant us the courage to step forward in faith and recommit ourselves to your mission of Love. May our effort, combined with your grace, allow us to serve the people of Milwaukee and the world for generations to come. **Campaign Prayer** 

"What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up." -1 Corinthians 14:26



## **Step 3: Place God First in Your Budgeting and Spending**

The Ten Commandments stress that God must be first in our lives. Jesus said, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well." (Matthew 6:33)

Many experience difficulty, giving generously despite the desire and pledge to do so, because they attempt to give from what is left over at the end of the week or month rather than from first fruits, from all they have received.

The simple practice of placing God and The Church first in budgeting and spending has helped many to experience joy in their giving. When you do this you are giving from all that a good and loving God has provided. And you are practicing stewardship, understanding that you are but a temporary trustee of what God has entrusted to you.

"'I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.' (Phil 4:13) is my confirmation verse. I fully believe we can achieve amazing things together, with Christ in our hearts, and His love our mission."

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