



O God, you are the giver of every good gift, most of all our very lives. You have equipped us with all that is needed to build up your body, the church. You call us to give of ourselves and our resources with generosity. Give us, also, the will to respond joyfully when you call. We ask this in the name of our Risen Lord who gave and gives his life for us. Amen

### CAMPAIGN PRAYER

This weekend our Inspiration Visitors will be delivering bags of information about the *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign effort to live out our mission of welcoming all people, and to prepare for our next era of 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 the all-congregation ***Forward in Faith Event*** on **April 24th immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall**. Be sure to join us for a wonderful catered meal, fellowship, and short presentation on the campaign. No financial commitments will be made at the event.

Please RSVP by emailing [rsvpcampaign@elcseguin.org](mailto:rsvpcampaign@elcseguin.org) or by calling Nancy Meier at 830-303-4676.

Also included in the bag you will receive this weekend is a devotional booklet authored by members of Emanuel's, 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 Emanuel's 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.

**It is our responsibility to equip God's people, to do God's work, and to build up the church, the body of Christ - Ephesians 4:12-13**



## STEP 3: PLACE GOD FIRST IN YOUR BUDGETING AND SPENDING

The Ten Commandments stress that God must be first in our lives. And 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 the first fruits of 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.

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**"So many doors for ministry open wider with the renovation plans we are undertaking. We have been a congregation invested in the wellbeing of Seguin and the larger Guadalupe County and these plans allows us to seek new ministries, new partners, and to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." – Pr. Marcus Bigott**