



*Grace Lutheran Church & School*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Imagine the most wonderful blessing you could ever receive, and then multiply it exponentially! During the season of Advent we have a wonderful example of how that might work. Mary, who is engaged to Joseph, is found to be with child. According to the law of the day Joseph could have her put to death but his love for her is so great that this is not his desire. He concocts a plan to bless her by saving her life, it is the best that he could imagine until God intervened and gave to him and his wife immeasurably more, responsibility for the Christ child, a life together and an eternity in heaven. That's what God wants to do for you, and in you, through you.

As our congregation moves into its capital campaign, called the Beacon at the Crossroads we're following a process based on Ephesians 3:20.21 – "Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine...."

The first phase of our *Immeasurably More* process is called **Imagine**. We're invited to envision what God wants to do in us and through us, as a congregation and as individuals. We'll talk about ministry, and all that has been prepared for us as we love and serve as the people of God in this community.

We'll gain clarity about what God intends for us, and we'll craft a process that will allow each of us to encounter the love of God that claims us in entirety. Imagine is the 'why' and 'how' phase of the campaign. We will be able to articulate exactly why we are undertaking this campaign, and how the process will flow most effectively. The flow of the campaign will start to take shape. The recruitment and training of participants will begin. Information about the campaign will be shared. And as the campaign comes alive, we'll experience an 'aha' moment. We'll get it! And in so doing we'll move from "I Wish" to "I See".

This *Immeasurably More* campaign is a spiritual process. Of course, we are attempting to raise money. But more, we celebrate the fact that God raises people!

Imagine that!

Your Servant in Christ,



Pastor Loughran