

# Imagine

The word "Imagine" is written in a large, blue, cursive font. A thick, yellow brushstroke underlines the letters. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of a cross in yellow and blue, with a yellow swoosh above it and blue waves below it.

We have now completed the *Imagine* Capital appeal. We say **THANK YOU** to the many dedicated volunteers who organized and orchestrated this appeal. We say **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed through prayer, pledges, and encouragement. We say **THANK YOU** to the congregation for embracing this challenge and making a bold commitment to Immanuel's future.

## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, WE ARE SO BLESSED!**

We have received over \$800,000 in commitments and donations for the next three years. We have reached our goal! Thanks be to God! We go forward in ministry with great confidence, striving to walk in the steps of Jesus to live and love like he did. A poem...

### **A Walk** by Rainer Maria Rilke

My eyes already touch the sunny hill.  
Going far ahead of the road I have begun.  
So we are grasped by what we cannot grasp;  
It has inner light, even from a distance -  
And charges us, even if we do not reach it,  
Into something else, which, hardly sensing it,  
We already are; a gesture waves us on  
Answering our own wave...  
But what we feel is the wind in our faces.



We shared this poem at the Pacesetter gathering to kick off the *Imagine* appeal in early May. Immanuel has been on a quite a ride over the last two years. With the *Imagine* appeal, it feels as though we have taken our first steps together on the next leg of Immanuel's journey. We can look back at all that has come before and give thanks for all that was. It got us this far and it is a history and heritage of great faith and conviction. God has done great things at Immanuel! And now we step off together into a brand new day, a new future that we embrace together. God is calling us forward to write the next chapter. We have reached an important goal. We step forward together, and what we feel is the wind in our faces...

Peace, Pastors Sara & Paul VanDeBerg