

It has been said that for great dreams to happen you have to dream great dreams. But beyond that I think you also need people who catch that dream and are willing to help make it a reality. And then empowering that dream and those people is our God, “*who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us!*” (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)

The History Early in 1990, extensive studies were made to plan for the future of St. Michael’s ministry. Finances, enrollment, facilities, demographics, congregational and educational needs were all studied for nearly two years. Five year financial, enrollment and membership projections were made. And by God’s grace and blessing, and the hard work of many people in both the church and the school – the ministry was found to be healthy and growing.

And so a plan for the future began to take shape. This multi-phased expansion would allow the ministry to continue to grow. And so Phase One, entitled **Vision for the Future**, began and 146 contributors pledged and raised \$2,112,000 (92% of all pledges were received). Ground breaking was celebrated on January 5, 1994. This first phase enabled the ministry to:

- Acquire 5 lots on Spanish court and construct the athletic field
- Build the Anderson/Eichler Athletic & Fine Arts Center
- Renovate the Science Lab and Computer Lab
- Create an Art Center



**Artists Drawing of the
Information Center**

INFORMATION CENTER ADDITION
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That first phase enabled the ministry to flourish – growth happened in every area. St. Michael School received national recognition as a “Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.” Ministry to children, to youth, to adults, and to our community increased. The Ministry grew to overflowing and it became increasingly obvious that the time had come for the next phase. You have received a number of mailings to keep you informed about the progression of Phase Two, simply entitled **Imagine...** As you have seen this phase will:

- Complete the purchase of the billing office of Radiology Regional for a Preschool Building (with additional office and meeting rooms. This would also make Spanish Court a private drive.)
- Construct an Information Center that would include a state of the art Media Center (library), Production Lab, and Distance Learning Center (linking us electronically to Lutheran High Schools, Universities, Seminaries and a number of other educational opportunities)
- Construct 2 Fellowship Halls (one for adult education and one for student ministries)
- Construct a bookstore for the church and school
- Renovate the Sanctuary
- And purchase the remaining two (2) lots on Spanish Court

The Opportunity To accomplish these goals we are going to need the generosity of everyone in our St. Michael Family (Church, School, Associates, and Friends) to join together to make this dream become a reality, obviously not in equal amounts but in equal sacrifice. ***So can I be so bold as to ask that you prayerfully consider and challenge yourself to give all that you can.*** Gifts can be pledged over a 3-4 year period of time. If your financial situation requires a longer time frame please feel free to designate that on the pledge card. ***Please prayerful consider your pledge and return the pledge card to the offices as soon as possible. We are suggesting that they be returned by the 17th of October, which will be just in time for our finance committee to review the campaign status.***

There are naming opportunities in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The initial list is enclosed which also shows the naming that was done with the previous Vision campaign. All gifts (cash gifts, securities and stock, gifts in kind, personal property, real estate, pledges, and deferred gifts – annuities, wills, trusts, bequests) received will be recognized in the Information Center.

A pledge card is enclosed for your convenience. All gifts will be gratefully received and wisely used. So won't you come along and join me on this our newest adventure of faith.