

COMMENCEMENT

December 8, 2017 | Mankato, Minnesota

Welcome

We welcome you to this ceremony of commencement at Bethany Lutheran College. We are proud of these graduates, confident that they have grown both intellectually and spiritually during their days here. Your presence at this milestone in their lives is another sign of your support and love, which has continued over many years, and which we know they deeply appreciate. It is our prayer that Bethany Lutheran College, and especially the lessons learned here, will remain in the lives of these young men and women on whichever paths they are led by the Lord.

Order of Procession

The commencement ceremony begins with the procession of participants. The chair of the faculty assembly leads carrying the college mace followed by the college president, the chaplain, the vice president for academic affairs, and the marshal of ceremonies. The graduates continue the procession followed by faculty advisors, faculty emeriti, and the remaining faculty concludes the procession.

Academic Apparel

Today's graduates and faculty members are wearing ceremonial regalia that conform to traditions and practices of the academy. The graduates are wearing black gowns with an open pointed sleeve. Ceremony participants with advanced or terminal degrees wear gowns that represent their earned degree. Those holding a master's degree wear a gown with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The oblong shape is square cut in the back, the front section tailored with an arc cut. Those who have earned a doctorate wear a gown distinguished by velvet trim on the front facings and three stripes on the sleeves. This trim may be black or may have color identifying the individual's major field of academic achievement.

Ceremonial regalia also includes academic hoods. The size and cut of the academic hood indicates the level and type of degree an individual holds. The lining of the hood, in Bethany's case red and white, indicates the school colors and the outer velvet trim indicates the bachelor of arts degree. As with the bachelor's hood, the master's and doctor's hoods have the same color designations in the lining of the school where the degree was earned and velvet trim indicating the field in which the degree is held. Since wearing the hood indicates the attainment of the degree, the graduates' advisors and the marshal of ceremonies will hood the graduates after the degrees are awarded.

Photography & Video

Professional photography and video will be taken at today's ceremony. Bethany will be sending one 4"x 6" photograph taken with the president to each graduate. Candid photographs from the ceremony will be available to download and a video link will be available online at: **www.blc.edu/fall-commencement-2017**.

A Brief History of Bethany

In 1911, Bethany Ladies College opened with forty-four students, four faculty members, and a mission to educate young women. In 1927, the Norwegian Synod, later known as the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), purchased the college. The ELS operated the school as a co-educational high school and junior college until 1969, when the high school department was closed. Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary began in 1946 as a department of the College; in 1975 it became a separate institution.

In May 1996, the Board of Regents resolved to move Bethany from an associate to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution. In the spring of 2001, Bethany awarded its first baccalaureate degrees.

Commencement Ceremony

Prelude and Fugue in F Major - J. S. Bach/J. L. Krebs Kristianna Hislop, organ
Macht Hoch die Tür College Choir *Please rise when the procession enters
Chaplain Donald Moldstad Director of Campus Spiritual Life
All Those Who Trust in Christ (Jerusalem) - H. Parry, 1916 Directed by Dennis Marzolf, Professor of Music
All those who trust in Christ are blest
And find in Him eternal rest;
This world's allurements we despise
And fix on Christ alone our eyes.
Through Him we heirs of heav'n are made;
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
That we may firmly trust in Thee,
And through Thee live eternally.
O Christ, our Savior, Helper Friend,
Be with us till our journey's end.
In mercy guide us by Thy grace
Till we behold Thy glorious face.
Though Satan rage, His pow'r is gone
His thundering roar can harm us none
Our strong Defender hurls him down,
And wins for us a heav'nly crown.

Author unknown, 1607; 2. K. Stolshagen, 1550-94

Welcome	Gene R. Pfeifer, PhD President, Bethany Lutheran College
Commencement Address	Robert Hanna, PhD Professor of English
Conferring of Degrees	Eric K. Woller, PhD
and Honors	Vice President of Academic Affairs
	Gene R. Pfeifer, PhD
College Choir	Nunc dimittis in B flat Major - Setting by C.V. Stanford
	Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
	For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
	Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
	To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
Benediction	Chaplain Donald Moldstad *Please remain seated for the recessional
Recessional Music	Fugue in F Major - D. Buxtehude Nathan Madson, organ

The audience will be ushered out after the recessional. A reception for the graduates will be held in Honsey Hall following the ceremony.

Bachelor of Arts Graduates

Isaiah Morris Bergemann

Port Orchard, Wash. Business Administration Advisor: Mary Jo Starkson

Charles Alfred Bushell Saint Peter, Minn. *Liberal Arts* Advisor: Julie Kjeer

Kristina Jane Carpenter Cannon Falls, Minn.

English Advisor: Robert Hanna

Elizabeth Kay Eder

Geneva, Minn. *Psychology, Theatre* Advisor: Jonathan Stadler

Amber L Gutzke New Ulm, Minn. *Psychology* Advisor: Jonathan Stadler

Kalley Ruth Hoshaw

Circle Pines, Minn. *Media Arts* Advisor: Kurt Paulsen

Andrew James Jelken Luverne, Minn. *Business Administration* Advisor: Mary Jo Starkson

Kasenia Jacquelyn Beverly Keller Buffalo, Minn. *Business Administration* Advisor: Sarah Harstad

Daniel Thomas Kneeland

Windom, Minn. Broad Field Social Studies with Secondary Licensure Advisor: Ryan MacPherson

Teal Jayden Leskey

Madison Lake, Minn. *Media Arts* Advisor: Kurt Paulsen

Cora Elaine Mumme Hardwick, Minn. *Studio Art* Advisor: Andrew Overn

Samuel Allen Stevens Delano, Minn. *Business Administration* Advisor: Mary Jo Starkson

Patrick Joseph Vance

Vernon Center, Minn. *Chemistry* Advisor: Eric Theiste

Leah Carmen Zacate New Ulm, Minn. *English* Advisor: Robert Hanna

Honor Graduates

Honor graduates wear medallions and gold tassels.

Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 – 4.0)

Andrew James Jelken

Samuel Allen Stevens

Cora Elaine Mumme

Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.67 – 3.89)

Amber L Gutzke

Kristina Jane Carpenter

Kalley Ruth Hoshaw

Cum Laude (GPA 3.33 – 3.66)

Elizabeth Kay Eder

Kasenia Jacquelyn Beverly Keller Teal Jayden Leskey Patrick Joseph Vance

Graduation honors were calculated based on spring 2017 cumulative GPA. Publication in today's program is not official documentation of graduation or academic honors.

Scholastic Leadership Society

SLS members wear gold cords.

Amber L Gutzke

Andrew James Jelken

Samuel Allen Stevens

Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society for English Students | Honorees wear red and black cords.

Kristina Jane Carpenter

Commencement Speaker



Dr. Robert C. Hanna is originally from the Village of Inverness, located northwest of Chicago in what was previously countryside beyond the suburbs. He holds degrees from Lake Forest College (B.A.), Northwestern University (M.M.), The College of William and Mary (Ed.S.), and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Ph.D.).

Prior to joining Bethany Lutheran College's faculty in 2005, he was a member of St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) in Adrian, Michigan, and Chair of the Teacher Education Program at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Dr. Hanna prepared the College's proposals for its first three Minnesota secondary licensure programs during 2005-06. Minnesota's Department of Education reviewed and approved all three programs during 2006-07, and in 2007, Bethany began offering secondary licensure

preparation for future art, English, and social studies teachers.

His areas of specialty include the English language and British literature, with emphasis on the works of Charles Dickens and William Shakespeare. He serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Dickens Studies Annual*.

Dr. Hanna has published the following books:

The Dickens Family Gospel (1998) The Dickens Christian Reader (2000) Dickens's Nonfictional, Theatrical, and Poetical Writings: An Annotated Bibliography (2007) Dickens's Uncollected Magazine and Newspaper Sketches as Originally Composed and Published 1833-1836 (2012)

In addition, he has published the first complete collection of Charles Dickens's juvenilia and early writings (1820-1833). He has also edited the first publication of the plays *A Court Duel* (1850) and *The Storm at the Lighthouse* (1855), both by Dickens's friend and fellow novelist Wilkie Collins. He has most recently translated from French and edited the first English publication of the 1856 article "Contemporary Biographies: Charles Dickens" by literary critic and Anglophile Émile Forgues.

In 2015, the editor of the *Evangelical Heritage Version* of the New Testament and Psalms asked Dr. Hanna to serve as English stylist, reviewer, and proofreader, while this new translation was being prepared for its 2017 publication by Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee. In 2016, the editor of the Old Testament asked him to continue with the remaining books of the Bible, which work he completed earlier this year.

Dr. Hanna presently serves as the Humanities Division Chair, and he has previously served as the English Department Chair and the Faculty Chair. He is a member of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) in Mankato, where he presently serves as an Elder.

Dr. Hanna and his wife Lesley live in Mankato. They have two daughters, named after the Brontë sisters.

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Mission Statement

Bethany Lutheran College provides Christian higher education in a challenging academic environment where personal mentoring guides students to pursue knowledge, truth, and discernment for productive and fulfilling lives.

College Seal



The college seal was made official by a resolution of the Board of Regents in 1932. The idea of the college seal originated with Ruth Seidel, who was an instructor at Bethany, and her artist brother, Wilbur Seidel of Chicago, who furnished the detailed drawing.

The seal is distinctive and most appropriate. The inscription "ENO Σ E Σ TIN XPEIA" is Greek and means "One Thing Is Needful," the words of Christ spoken to Martha at that first Bethany. The "One Thing Needful" is the Gospel of the crucified Savior, expressed by the cross upon which the inscription is placed. For Bethany Lutheran College we thereby declare that there is no true education, even as there is no salvation, without the Gospel of Christ,

Son of God and Savior of the world from sin. That Gospel is, and must remain, the heart and soul of every educational effort at our beloved institution. The cross is encircled by a star with twelve points, upon which are shown rays of light extending from the cross. As the twelve apostles were commissioned to be bearers of the light from the cross, so the goal of our training at Bethany must not be our own advancement, but the spread of the Gospel.

Mace

The college mace is a symbol of power or authority. Its origins can be traced to early medieval times when it was literally an instrument of power as a war club. It eventually evolved into the ceremonial scepter of monarchs. For colleges and universities it symbolizes the authority to grant degrees given to the faculty by the state or church. The mace is carried by the chair of the faculty assembly.

The mace was designed and carved by Bethany art professor Eric Ouren. The wooden cross at the top of the mace is carved from one of the "Koshkonong Oaks." The first Norwegian Lutheran worship service in America was conducted under the oak trees by Lake Koshkonong near Madison, Wisconsin, in 1844. The shaft of the mace has three bands over what looks to be "roots" connecting the top to the bottom. This is reminiscent of Scandinavian/Viking



carving, something that connects Bethany to the old world and its Norwegian-American cultural origins. At the base of the shaft is a small piece of the old Bethany gates. These gates had been part of the foundation of a planned conservatory next to Old Main that was never finished. Inset in the top of the mace is a bronze casting of the college seal.

Medallion



The presidential medallion signifies the authority of the college's chief executive. The college president wears the medallion at commencement, opening service, and other times when academic apparel are appropriate. The medallion is hand tooled, cast in oxidized bronze and hand polished. It measures 3-5/8 inches in diameter with a decorative bezel around the three-inch medallion. The presidential medallion hangs on a bronze chain individually listing the past presidents of the college on a small metal banner. The current president's banner is in the center above the medallion, and is separated from those of past presidents by leaf clusters. The seal of Bethany Lutheran College is engraved on the front side of the medallion.

Scholarships

A special thank you to the businesses, individuals, and families who have established these scholarships for the benefit of Bethany students. The following scholarship funds each have assets of \$10,000 or more.

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