



# Commencement

Friday, May 13, 2022





# 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 the procession carrying the college mace, followed by the college president and the officiants, including the vice president of academic affairs, a member of the board of regents, and the chaplain. The faculty marshal follows the officiants and leads the rest of the procession. The emeriti lead the faculty, who march in order of seniority, and the graduates follow the faculty. Banners are carried by junior marshals and represent the various academic divisions of the college.

## 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's degree. As with the bachelor's hood, the lining of the master's and doctor's hoods have the same color designations of the school where the degree was earned and velvet trim indicating the field in which the degree is held.

**White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities

**Olive:** Business

**Light Blue:** Education

**Brown:** Fine Arts

**Purple:** Law

**Canary:** Library Science

**Pink:** Music

**Dark Blue:** Philosophy

**Sage Green:** Physical Education

**Salmon:** Public Health

**Yellow:** Science

**Cream:** Social Science

**Citron:** Social Work

**Scarlet:** Theology

## A Brief History

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. Today the College enrolls 800 full and part-time students awarding baccalaureate degrees across twenty-seven majors of study.

## Photography & Video

Professional photography and video will be taken at today's ceremony. Bethany will be sending one 4" x 6" photograph to each graduate. Candid photographs from the ceremony will be available to download and a video link will be available from the commencement web page: [www.blc.edu/commencement](http://www.blc.edu/commencement).

# Commencement Ceremony

Pre-Ceremony Music

**The Ocean of Fire** by Jeremy Bell  
*Concert Band, Student Conductor, Tamara Omar*

**Sòlas Ané ~ Yesterday's Joy** by Samuel R. Hazo  
*Concert Band, Conducted by Benjamin Faugstad*

Processional Music\*

**Highland Cathedral** arranged by Jay Dawson  
*Concert Band, Conducted by Benjamin Faugstad*  
\*Please rise when the procession enters the gymnasium

Invocation Devotion

**Chaplain Donald Moldstad**  
*Director of Campus Spiritual Life*

College Choir

**All Those Who Trust in Christ (Jerusalem)** - H. Parry, 1916  
*Directed by Dennis Marzolf*

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	<b>Gene R. Pfeifer</b> <i>President</i>
Commencement Address	<b>Chad Janzen</b> <i>BLC Class of 1994</i>
Conferring of Degrees and Honors	<b>Jason H. Lowrey</b> <i>Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
	<b>Gene R. Pfeifer</b>
	<b>Rev. Herbert C. Huhnerkoch</b> <i>Chairman Bethany Lutheran College Board of Regents</i>
Distinguished Alumni Award Presentation/Acceptance	<b>Gene R. Pfeifer</b> <b>Daniel Schaefer</b> <i>BLC Class of 1971</i>
Closing Remarks	<b>Gene R. Pfeifer</b>
College Choir	<b>On My Heart Imprint Thine Image</b> - Genevan Psalter, 1551; Arr. A. Fremder <i>Directed by Dennis Marzolf</i> At this time the choir encourages alumni, family members, and anyone who has a special place in their heart for this arrangement to join the choir in the singing of this anthem.  On my heart imprint Thine image, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace That life's riches, cares and pleasures Have no power Thee to efface. This the superscription be: "Jesus Crucified for me" Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation.  T.H. Kingo, 1634-1703
Benediction	<b>*Please remain standing for the recessional</b>
Recessional Music	<b>Military March</b> by Ludwig van Beethoven, arranged by Benjamin Faugstad <i>Concert Band, Conducted by Benjamin Faugstad</i>
Post-Ceremony Music	<b>The Trombone King</b> by Karl L. King, arranged by John Paynter <i>Concert Band, Student Conductor, Tamara Omar</i>

# Graduates

**Brock John Aaker**

Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
*Communication*

**Julia Abreu Siufi**

Campo Grande, Brazil  
*History, Legal Studies*

**Christopher John Anderson Jr.**

Plymouth, Minn.  
*Media Arts*

**Beau August Babcock**

Elk River, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Dominic Barke**

Janesville, Minn.  
*Nursing*

**Jasmine Amanda Bejarano**

Elk Grove, Calif.  
*Exercise Science*

**Ross Michael Beumer**

Northfield, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Shawn R. Bjerke**

Tomah, Wisc.  
*Studio Art*

**Hannah Irene Bliesmer**

Sherburn, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Benjamin George Bode**

Nicollet, Minn.  
*Biochemistry*

**Miranda Marilyn Bresnahan**

Saint Peter, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Sydnea Marie Brinkman**

Fairmont, Minn.  
*Health Communication*

**Shoshana Ariela Bruner**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Media Arts*

**Maximilian Busch**

Odenthal, Germany  
*Business Administration*

**Tong Cao**

Beijing, China  
*Music*

**Emma Elizabeth Carmichael**

Eagan, Minn.  
*Communication*

**Hang Chen**

Yueqing, China  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Zhihui Cui**

Suwon, South Korea  
*Business Administration, Mathematics*

**Nathan L. Dawson**

Indianola, Iowa  
*Business Administration*

**Zachary Caleb Diaz**

Tampa, Fla.  
*Business Administration*

**Danica Sara Dick**

Mountain Lake, Minn.  
*Music, Theatre*

**Hannah Elizabeth Meierhenry Dosch**

Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
*English*

**Laura Michele Ellinghuysen**

Winona, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Annaliese Mae Emmons**

Northwood, Iowa  
*Theatre*

**Peter Norman Estrem Jr.**

Leander, Tex.  
*History*

**Domingos M. Borges de Sousa  
Fezas Vital**

Lisbon, Portugal  
*Business Administration*

**Noah Hayden Fick**

Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
*Biology*

**Adam Paul Fjerstad**

Hayfield, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Mackenzie Alison Floyd**

Le Sueur, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Jiahao Fu**

Henan, China  
*Music*

**Kira Ixena Fulbright**

Milwaukee, Wisc.  
*Legal Studies*

**Katelyn Mae Garrison**

Fairmont, Minn.  
*Educational Studies*

**Hanna Rae Geistfeld**

Truman, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Noah Jonathan Erik Gernander**

Jefferson City, Mo.  
*Biochemistry*

**Alex John Gutzke**

New Ulm, Minn.  
*Media Arts*

**Jessica Nicole Hager**

Owatonna, Minn.  
*Special Education*

**Leah Marie Hahm**

Eau Claire, Wisc.  
*Biochemistry*

**Nicholas Stephen Hansen**

Watertown, S. Dak.  
*Business Administration*

**Layne Christian Haroldson**

Amboy, Minn.  
*Biochemistry, Biology*

**Dorothea Haselerhansen**

Santa Rita, Guam  
*Graphic Design*

**Thomas Henry Havnen**

Fairmont, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Talo Heh**

Saint Paul, Minn.  
*Psychology*

**Enzo Hellmeister**

Porto Feliz, Brazil  
*Business Administration*

**Erin Johanna Hepler**

Brisbane, Australia  
*Psychology*

**Keren Christine Horneber**

Lakeside, Ariz.  
*Graphic Design*

**Jonathan David Hull**

Eagle Lake, Minn.  
*English*

**Taylor Ann Jencks**

Cameron, Wisc.  
*Business Administration*

**Austin Scott Jensen**

Beloit, Wisc.  
*Exercise Science*

**Charissa Mae Jensen**

Ixonia, Wisc.  
*Psychology*

**Matthew William Hertling Johnson**

Highlands Ranch, Colo.  
*Psychology*

**Rebekah Joy Johnson**

Carlisle, Iowa  
*Psychology*

# Graduates

**Edmond Yorgbor Jones**

East Grand Forks, Minn.  
*Biochemistry, Biology*

**Marie Paul Kankwende**

Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
*Legal Studies*

**Kaitlyn Diane Kidder**

Owatonna, Minn.  
*Health Communication*

**Zoe Grace Kinakin**

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada  
*Biology*

**Isaiah Victor Koepsell**

New Ulm, Minn.  
*Business Administration, Legal Studies*

**Alyssa Marie Kosta**

Redding, Calif.  
*Communication*

**Taylor Shannon Kottke**

Maple Grove, Minn.  
*Nursing*

**Hannah Grace Kranz**

Gaylord, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Alex James Kreiling**

Sartell, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Rea Kuske**

Lomira, Wisc.  
*Media Arts*

**Kayelynn Lawson**

Escondido, Calif.  
*Music*

**Paige Haley Lindholm-Sullivan**

Owatonna, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Katie Jo Loberger**

Manitowoc, Wisc.  
*Special Education*

**Trevor Chase Lomen**

Fosston, Minn.  
*Liberal Arts*

**Matthew Maisch**

Watertown, Minn.  
*Media Arts*

**Anna Damaris Martinez Pacheco**

Richfield, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Cire Mayfield**

Saint Louis Park, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Junior Mbuyi**

Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Computer Science*

**Lauren LaVon McMackin**

New Ulm, Minn.  
*Graphic Design, Media Arts*

**Aleksandra Medne**

Riga, Latvia  
*Business Administration*

**Olivia Marie Menzel**

New Ulm, Minn.  
*Educational Studies*

**Hunter Irving Meyer**

Wayzata, Minn.  
*Communication*

**Jacob Milinkovich**

New Prague, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Jared A. Milinkovich**

New Prague, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Kacie Jean Miller**

Green Isle, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Kaitlyn Audrey Mortenson**

Granite Falls, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Zachary Gerhard Edgar Mumme**

Maple Park, Ill.  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Melissa Lynn Murack**

Sullivan, Wisc.  
*Media Arts*

**Auston Alexander Murrell**

Milwaukee, Wisc.  
*Business Administration*

**Maxwell William Nerland**

New Ulm, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Nhi Nguyen**

Hanoi, Vietnam  
*Psychology*

**Vladimir Daniel Nitardy**

Fort Atkinson, Wisc.  
*Business Administration*

**Beni Kikulu Nkoy**

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
*Business Administration*

**Joelle Karikari Nkoy**

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
*Business Administration*

**Abigail Ann Olson**

Montevideo, Minn.  
*Communication*

**Daylin Elizabeth Paulson**

Cold Spring, Minn.  
*Arts Administration,  
Communication, Theatre*

**Kyeh Paw**

Saint Paul, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Hannah Rose Petschke**

Fairmont, Minn.  
*English*

**Joseph John Roemhildt**

North Mankato, Minn.  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Daniel Edward Schilling**

Corcoran, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Katharina D. Schleef**

Marshall, Wisc.  
*Graphic Design*

**Sarah Elizabeth Schwartz**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Biology*

**Nicholas Ryan Shubert**

Mapleton, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Rachel Anastasia Sipe**

Waseca, Minn.  
*History*

**Brian Julius Solomon Smith**

Brooklyn Park, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Gabriel Glenn Smith**

Klamath Falls, Oreg.  
*Business Administration*

**Savannah Faith Soltis**

Shell Lake, Wisc.  
*Graphic Design*

**Kayley Alissa Spaeth**

Morgan, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Jacob Roland Stellick**

Inver Grove Heights, Minn.  
*Psychology*

**Tyler Merlin Stolt**

Gaylord, Minn.  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Mikayla May Stradtman**

Fairmont, Minn.  
*Health Communication*

# Graduates

**Hayley Jo Thompson**

Victoria, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Grace Underwood**

Baraboo, Wisc.  
*Psychology*

**Jerret LaVerne Utpadel**

Geneva, Minn.  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Kaden Hunter Vaughn**

Saint Charles, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Sophia Ann Waldner**

Hayfield, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Ashley Mae Ward**

Mapleton, Minn.  
*Media Arts, Theatre*

**Kathryn Michella Warner**

Sullivan, Wisc.  
*Biology*

**Kiara Kristine Wittmus**

Fairmont, Minn.  
*Psychology*

**Miranda Lyn Wolff**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Legal Studies*

**Matthew Bevyn Wood**

West Hills, Calif.  
*Mathematics*

**Jonathan Chameng Xiong**

Maplewood, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**HyunJun Yoon**

Seoul, South Korea  
*Graphic Design*

**Peitong Yu**

Hangzhou, China  
*Business Administration*

## Scholastic Leadership Society

SLS members wear gold cords.

**Brock John Aaker****Julia Abreu Siufi****Danica Sara Dick****Hannah Elizabeth Meierhenry Dosch****Laura Michele Ellinghuysen****Noah Hayden Fick****Mackenzie Alison Floyd****Leah Marie Hahm****Layne Christian Haroldson****Erin Johanna Hepler****Charissa Mae Jensen****Zoe Grace Kinakin****Isaiah Victor Koepsell****Taylor Shannon Kottke****Anna Damaris Martinez Pacheco****Aleksandra Medne****Melissa Lynn Murack****Daylin Elizabeth Paulson****Katharina D. Schleef****Sarah Elizabeth Schwartz****Gabriel Glenn Smith****Hayley Jo Thompson****Matthew Bevyn Wood**

## Sigma Tau Delta

International Honor Society for English Students  
Honorees wear red and black cords.

**Hannah Elizabeth Meierhenry Dosch****Hannah Rose Petschke**

## Mock Trial

Mock Trial participants wear blue and burgundy cords.

**Julia Abreu Siufi****Paige Haley Lindholm-Sullivan****Anna Damaris Martinez Pacheco****Miranda Lyn Wolff**

# Junior Marshals

The junior marshals are chosen to represent their academic divisions based on their high grade point averages and the high regard in which they are held by their divisions and departments.

*Communication and Visual Arts***Emily Dietz***Fine Arts***Holly Harris***Graduate Studies***Zach Laughlin***Health and Human Performance***Kathryn Matzke***Humanities***Tristen Lindell***Math and Science***Nuria Perez Casas***Nursing and Allied Health***Maya Franks***Religious Studies***Adam Hoeft***Social and Behavioral Sciences***Daniela Rizo Martinez**



# Honor Graduates

Honor Graduates wear medallions and gold tassels.

## Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 – 4.0)

**Brock John Aaker**  
**Julia Abreu Siufi**  
**Zhihui Cui**  
**Laura Michele Ellinghuysen**  
**Keren Christine Horneber**  
**Charissa Mae Jensen**

**Rebekah Joy Johnson**  
**Isaiah Victor Koepsell**  
**Aleksandra Medne**  
**Daylin Elizabeth Paulson**  
**Joseph John Roemhildt**  
**Katharina D. Schleef**

**Sarah Elizabeth Schwartz**  
**Tyler Merlin Stolt**  
**Hayley Jo Thompson**  
**Matthew Bevyn Wood**

## Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.67 – 3.89)

**Shawn R. Bjerke**  
**Maximilian Busch**  
**Danica Sara Dick**  
**Hannah Elizabeth Meierhenry Dosch**  
**Noah Hayden Fick**  
**Mackenzie Alison Floyd**  
**Noah Jonathan Erik Gernander**  
**Leah Marie Hahm**

**Layne Christian Haroldson**  
**Dorothea Haselerhansen**  
**Erin Johanna Hepler**  
**Zoe Grace Kinakin**  
**Hannah Grace Kranz**  
**Katie Jo Loberger**  
**Trevor Chase Lomen**  
**Anna Damaris Martinez Pacheco**

**Hunter Irving Meyer**  
**Melissa Lynn Murack**  
**Gabriel Glenn Smith**  
**Mikayla May Stradtman**  
**Ashley Mae Ward**  
**Peitong Yu**

## Cum Laude (GPA 3.33 – 3.66)

**Jasmine Amanda Bejarano**  
**Sydnea Marie Brinkman**  
**Tong Cao**  
**Hang Chen**  
**Nathan L. Dawson**  
**Annaliese Mae Emmons**  
**Peter Norman Estrem Jr.**  
**Jiahao Fu**  
**Hanna Rae Geistfeld**  
**Jessica Nicole Hager**

**Nicholas Stephen Hansen**  
**Talo Heh**  
**Enzo Hellmeister**  
**Taylor Shannon Kottke**  
**Alex James Kreiling**  
**Rea Kuske**  
**Kayelynn Lawson**  
**Lauren LaVon McMackin**  
**Olivia Marie Menzel**  
**Kacie Jean Miller**

**Kaitlyn Audrey Mortenson**  
**Zachary Gerhard Edgar Mumme**  
**Maxwell William Nerland**  
**Abigail Ann Olson**  
**Kyeh Paw**  
**Savannah Faith Soltis**  
**Kayley Alissa Spaeth**  
**Grace Underwood**  
**Miranda Lyn Wolff**

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

# Board of Regents

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**James L. Minor** – Danbury, Wisc.  
**Rev. Alexander K. Ring** – Port St. Lucie, Fla.  
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**John Scott** – Vero Beach, Fla.  
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**Rev. David C. Thompson** – Lombard, Ill.

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Bethany Lutheran College  
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Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

## Commencement Speaker



**Chad Janzen** grew up in Butterfield, Minnesota, and graduated from Bethany with an Associate in Arts degree in 1994. He continued his studies at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, graduating in 1997 with a degree in history and secondary education.

Janzen's first teaching job was at Los Angeles (LA) Lutheran Jr/Sr High School where he taught and coached basketball for three years. He continued at LA Lutheran for three more years as the principal while obtaining his master's degree in educational leadership from California State University, Northridge. In the fall of 2000, he and his wife moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he taught and coached for three years in Baltic, South Dakota. From there he became the middle/high school principal in Canistota, South Dakota. While there he obtained his education specialist degree from the University of Sioux Falls and became the elementary principal and superintendent. He has been the superintendent in Rock Valley, Iowa, for the last 11 years. Next fall he will be the new superintendent of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community (Iowa) School District.

Janzen and the Rock Valley Community School District have been recognized for a variety of accomplishments during his time there. Rocket Manufacturing, a student-run manufacturing business within the Rock Valley High School, received the Kirk Grau Innovation Award. Janzen was recently recognized as a candidate for the Iowa Superintendent of the Year. He also currently serves on the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and the Iowa Business Education Alliance. He gives back to Bethany by performing mock interviews with Bethany education majors.

Janzen is married to his wife of 25 years, Lou Ann Janzen. They have two children, Evan (17) and Dylan (14).

## Distinguished Alumni Award



University of Wisconsin Professor Emeritus **Daniel M. Schaefer**, PhD, a 1971 Bethany graduate, is the 2022 Bethany Lutheran College Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Dr. Schaefer is regarded as an expert and leader in meat and animal sciences.

Schaefer grew up on a livestock and poultry farm. The experience and work on the farm piqued his interest and served as the impetus to eventually study animal science. After receiving his associate in arts degree from Bethany, he went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW), where he completed bachelors and master's programs in meat and animal science. He then earned a doctor of philosophy (PhD) degree from the University of Illinois-Urbana in nutritional sciences with a joint emphasis on ruminant nutrition and rumen bacteriology.

Schaefer did research and taught at Purdue University from 1979 to 1981 before joining the faculty at UW-Madison in the Meat and Animal Science Department. At UW-Madison, he was elected to chair the department in 1999 and continued until 2016, except for sixteen months when he served as the Interim Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CAL S). Schaefer served as the faculty lead for the UW-Madison Foundation's and Meat Science Advisory Committee's fundraising efforts which resulted in the Department being able to build the \$56 million Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building of which he was the founding Director. After completing forty years in academia and retiring as a faculty member, he was awarded with the title of Professor Emeritus of Animal Sciences.

On top of teaching numerous courses and advising many undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students over the years, Schaefer provided extensive research support to several agricultural agencies, wrote hundreds of papers and submissions for publications, and was invited to present on many topics in meat and animal sciences throughout the nation and internationally.

Schaefer has received numerous honors and awards for his work over the years. In 2020, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science, which recognizes distinguished service to animal science and the livestock industry.

Schaefer makes his home in Madison, Wisconsin, with his wife Gail of 47 years, and they have two children together, Jeremy and Mary. He is a member of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church (CLC), where he has served on several committees, including Council President.

# 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 “ΕΝΟΣ ΕΣΤΙΝ ΧΡΕΙΑ” 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 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 is 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.

# Mission

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.

# Purpose

Bethany Lutheran College engages students with the saving knowledge of Christ and assists them in developing their God-given talents and abilities for meaningful lives of service in the family, church, and society. A program of study grounded in the liberal arts and taught through the discerning lens of a Christian worldview equips students with knowledge, understanding, and adaptable skills.

# Vision

Bethany Lutheran College aspires to produce compassionate graduates firmly grounded in Christian faith and teaching who REFLECT CHRIST'S LOVE with integrity, character, and unshakable values;

- to be a center for EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP and in all aspects of higher education;
- to place a priority on PERSONAL MENTORING from faculty and staff to students;
- to provide OPPORTUNITIES for students to identify and develop their God-given talents and abilities; and
- to positively impact the lives of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters through a CARING CHRISTIAN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY.

# Core Values

COMMITMENT TO THE GOSPEL – Because God's Son, Jesus Christ, has lived perfectly in our place and paid for all sins, God declares all people to be innocent in His sight, an innocence received by faith. Bethany therefore proclaims this Good News to students that they may believe, and grow in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus as their sure hope for eternal life.

PURSUIT OF THE TRUTH – Grounded in the liberal arts, the curriculum promotes a search for knowledge and wisdom by fostering independent critical thinking through the discerning lens of the Bible as the ultimate source of truth in order to support students' spiritual development, intellectual and creative growth, self-understanding, responsible citizenship, and lifelong learning.

FOCUS ON THE STUDENT – The College places the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs of the student first in all decisions, policies, and procedures.

# Statement of Faith

Bethany Lutheran College is a Christian liberal arts college. The College and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod are committed to the teachings of the Bible as the inerrant Word of God – the only authority for faith and life. The statements of faith known as the Lutheran Confessions are accepted as the correct understanding of the teachings of the Bible.

This commitment to the Confessions is summarized by the principles of the Lutheran Reformation: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone. Specifically, the College confesses that salvation is a free gift from God's grace alone, not dependent upon our works. We receive forgiveness for our sins through faith in Christ alone, which is produced in the individual's heart by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and the Sacraments. Scripture alone is the standard by which all teachings and practices ultimately are evaluated.

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