



# Commencement

May 10, 2024



# Welcome

Welcome 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 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 bachelor's graduates are wearing black gowns with an open pointed sleeve. Ceremony participants with advanced or terminal degrees wear gowns that represent their earned degree. Master's graduates 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 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, Counseling

**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 start moving Bethany from an associate to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution. In the spring of 2001, Bethany entered a new era in its history by granting its first baccalaureate degrees. Bethany continued with academic program growth by offering its first master of arts program in 2021.

## Photography and 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: [blc.edu/commencement](http://blc.edu/commencement).

# 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.

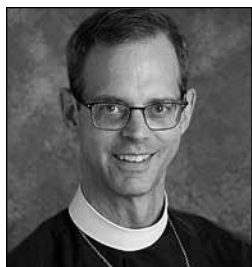


# Medallion



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.

# Commencement Speaker



**Rev. Alexander Ring** grew up in Dallas, Texas, and attended Lake Highlands High School where he was first introduced to Latin literature. He attended Bethany Lutheran College and Mankato State University for a B.S. in Education. He went on to Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1992. Since then, he has served in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) as both a pastor and teacher, spending most of his ministry as a classroom instructor. He currently serves at Christ Lutheran High School in Port St. Lucie, Florida, as the homeroom teacher for grades nine and 10 and as the instructor for Latin, Logic, and Literature, as well as serving as Academic Dean. He also currently serves Amazing Grace Virtual Academy (the online high school for Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and ELS) as their Latin instructor. He served on the ELS Board for Schools from 1996-2019, including serving as Secretary of Schools for the ELS. He has served as a Regent of the College since 2019.

An experienced classroom teacher, Pastor Ring knows how to follow a lesson plan but can be distracted from it by questions about science fiction, 80s music, and of course, Latin literature. He and his wife, Caroline ('82), have been married 34 years and have one daughter, Emeline ('20) and one granddaughter, Greta (BLC 2041, d.v.).

## Board of Regents

**Rev. Mark F. Bartels**, *Chair* – Madison, Wis.  
**Rev. David C. Thompson**, *Vice Chair* – Mankato, Minn.  
**Rev. Alexander K. Ring**, *Secretary* – Port St. Lucie, Fla.  
**Rev. Erwin J. Ekhoﬀ** – New Hope, Minn.  
**Lyle C. Fahning** – Prior Lake, Minn.  
**Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad** – Golden Valley, Minn.  
**Mark D. Madson** – Mankato, Minn.  
**Joshua T. Mears, PsyD** – Lakeville, Minn.  
**James L. Minor** – Danbury, Wis.  
**Timothy D. Roemhildt** – North Mankato, Minn.  
**John Scott** – Vero Beach, Fla.  
**David A. Sparley** - Tigard, Ore.

### *Ex Officio Member:*

**Rev. Glenn R. Obenberger**, President,  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

### *Advisory Members:*

**Gene R. Pfeifer, PhD**, President,  
Bethany Lutheran College  
**Rev. Timothy A. Hartwig**, President,  
Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

# Commencement Ceremony

Pre-Ceremony Music

**Nostalgia** - Rossano Galante

**Metamorphosis** - Andrew Boysen Jr.

*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

**We Walk By Faith** - Kenneth T. Kosche

*Directed by David Paulson*

We walk by faith and not by sight;

No gracious words we hear

From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke;

But we believe Him Near.

We may not touch His hands and side,

Nor follow where He trod;

But in His promise we rejoice,

And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;

And may our faith abound

To call on You where You are near

And seek where You are found;

That, when our life of faith is done,

In realms of clearer light

We may behold You as You are,

With full and endless sight

Author Henry Alford, 1844

Welcome	<b>Gene R. Pfeifer</b> <i>President</i>
Commencement Address	<b>Rev. Alexander Ring</b>
Conferring of Degrees and Honors	<b>Jason H. Lowrey</b> <i>Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
	<b>Gene R. Pfeifer</b>
	<b>Rev. Mark Bartels</b> <i>Chairman Bethany Lutheran College Board of Regents</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 David Paulson</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>Commencement March</b> by Verdi, arranged by Eric Osterling <b>The Thunderer</b> by Sousa, arranged by Jay Bocook <i>Concert Band, Conducted by Benjamin Faugstad</i>

# Bachelor's Degree Graduates

**Mason Ackley**  
Superior, Wisc.  
*Business Administration*

**Naomi Adeniyi-Akins**  
Nigeria, Africa  
*Business Administration*

**Camryn Jessie Ku'u  
Aloha Makamae Baptista**  
Waipahu, Hawaii  
*Business Administration*

**Hailey Marie Barker**  
Mankato, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Gabriel Kevin Bassett**  
Farmington, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Sebastian Berrospid Gutierrez**  
Lima, Peru  
*Business Administration*

**Evelyn G. Beseke**  
Henderson, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Deborah Ann Boeck**  
Amboy, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Sonya Marie Bonnett**  
Amboy, Minn.  
*Interdisciplinary Studies, Legal Studies*

**Marcos Borobia Arias**  
Zaragoza, Spain  
*Media Arts*

**Ashanti Aaliyah Boykin**  
Saint Paul, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Emma Louise Bruegger**  
North Mankato, Minn.  
*Criminal Justice, Legal Studies*

**Alejandro Cabezas Moro**  
Gijón, Spain  
*Computer Science*

**Alejandro Canedo Hernandez**  
Mexico City, Mexico  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Ana Lynn Christofferson**  
Mankato, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Audra Anne Dale**  
Port Saint Lucie, Fla.  
*English*

**Heitor Neves Damaso**  
Cascais, Portugal  
*Business Administration*

**Trace Evan Edmondson**  
Le Sueur, Minn.  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Ethan Mark Tyler Ernest**  
Morton Grove, Ill.  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Ethan Angelo Lujan Espinosa**  
Talo'fo'fo, Guam  
*Legal Studies*

**Benjamin William Foss**  
Saint James, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Amy Carolina Garabedian**  
Pasadena, Calif.  
*Business Administration*

**Ephrem Berhanu Gebre**  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
*Computer Science*

**Raheem Ramege Graham**  
Hanover, Jamaica  
*Biochemistry*

**Calvin Roger Guritz**  
Fairmont, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Brooke Yvonne Hager**  
Apple Valley, Minn.  
*Health Communication*

**Katelyn Jo Halbach**  
Osage, Iowa  
*Exercise Science*

**John Michael Halvorson**  
Mankato, Minn.  
*Computer Science*

**Elizabeth Marie Hanson**  
Saint Charles, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Madelynn Rose Hockenbery**  
Westminster, Colo.  
*Health Communication*

**Calvin Theodore Hoppe**  
Hibbing, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Derek Bradley Hughes**  
Sherburn, Minn.  
*Criminal Justice*

**Daan Huntjens**  
Venray, The Netherlands  
*Communication, Criminal Justice,  
Health Communication, Legal Studies*

**Noah Jarnigan**  
Hendersonville, Tenn.  
*Business Administration*

**Maida Ruth Jaspersen**  
New Ulm, Minn.  
*Studio Art*

**Asia May Jota**  
Pasadena, Calif.  
*Biochemistry*

**Aaron Kabeya Kabengele**  
Kinshasa, Democratic  
Republic of the Congo  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Niklas Gerald Kasa**  
Oak Grove, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Benjamin Paul Kelm**  
Redwood Falls, Minn.  
*Criminal Justice, Legal Studies*

**Makenzie Joy Kinney**  
Burnsville, Minn.  
*Psychology*

**Lucy Renae Klatt**  
Buffalo, Minn.  
*Communication*

**Alyssa Sophia Koebke**  
Bemidji, Minn.  
*Mathematics*

**Sara Ann Kottke**  
Buffalo Lake, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Viktoriana Ann Kranz**  
Gaylord, Minn.  
*Nursing*

**Ian James Krenik**  
Cleveland, Minn.  
*Biochemistry*

**Hannah Claire LeMay**  
Naples, Fla.  
*Exercise Science*

# Bachelor's Degree Graduates

**Beza Kebede Leticho**

Saint Paul, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Samuel Donald Liffengren**

Faribault, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Madisyn Joe Loken**

Janesville, Minn.  
*Physical and Health Education*

**Benjamin Matthew Maes**

North Mankato, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Hope Alexa Malwitz**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Holly Rachel Marquardt**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Graphic Design*

**Lazo Matic**

Belgrade, Serbia  
*Business Administration*

**Megan Hannah McCue**

Mountain Lake, Minn.  
*Elementary Education, Special Education*

**Jordan Elizabeth Merwin**

Isanti, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Brynja Mae Mielke**

Sleepy Eye, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Isaiah Andrew Miller**

Saint Peter, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Ashima Mong Moua**

Saint Paul, Minn.  
*Criminal Justice, Legal Studies*

**Andrejs Mudulis**

Augsdlatne, Latvia  
*Engineering Sciences*

**Eileen Carolyn Dolan Mueller**

Mendota Heights, Minn.  
*Biology*

**Dennis M. Muga**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Colin Ryan Neville**

Marshfield, Wisc.  
*Media Arts*

**Emma Mabel Newton**

Coon Rapids, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Hunter James Nielsen**

New Prague, Minn.  
*Criminal Justice, Legal Studies*

**Clever M. Nieto-Lazo**

Minneapolis, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Ambrose Theophilus Korby Palm**

Morristown, Minn.  
*Media Arts*

**Joseph Jerome Pasbrig**

Crystal, Minn.  
*Media Arts*

**Natalie Jean Paulson**

Cold Spring, Minn.  
*Elementary Education*

**Corey Russell Peters**

Mazeppa, Minn.  
*Media Arts*

**Liam Rae Peterson**

Port Orchard, Wash.  
*Communication*

**Benjamin George D'angelo Phillips**

Kingston, Jamaica  
*Communication*

**Agostino Quadrio Curzio**

Lecco, Italy  
*Exercise Science*

**Arryanna Rynae Rosburg**

Sioux Falls, S.Dak.  
*Biology*

**Kaleb John Lowell Schmidt**

Waseca, Minn.  
*Music*

**Justin A. Schrupp**

Danube, Minn.  
*Exercise Science*

**Sabrina Marie Seiwert**

Vernon Hills, Ill.  
*English*

**Kayla Mae Senne**

Northwood, Iowa  
*Biology*

**Abigail Marie Skorenkyi**

Redwood Falls, Minn.  
*Art Education, Studio Art*

**Davis Christian Smith**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

**Ila Snustad**

Plymouth, Minn.  
*Nursing*

**Abigail Lee Sorensen**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Biochemistry*

**Izaak Michael Stevens**

Plainview, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Sarah Ashley Swenson**

Oconomowoc, Wisc.  
*Exercise Science*

**Amarildo Syku**

Lezhe, Albania  
*Business Administration*

**Anna Magdalena Tausz**

Chicago, Ill.  
*Studio Art*

**Saron Tesfai**

Saint Paul, Minn.  
*Engineering Sciences, Psychology*

**Jonathan Michael Thomforde**

Crystal, Minn.  
*Biology*

**Megan Gabrielle Torner**

Mankato, Minn.  
*Business Administration*

**Matthew Robert Verdugo**

Arvada, Colo.  
*Criminal Justice, Legal Studies*

**Francisco Guimaraes**

**Neves Vilarinho**  
Lisboa, Portugal  
*Business Administration*

**Jenna Kay Wahl**

Holmen, Wisc.  
*Communication, Psychology*

**Brooke Marie Wolanin**

Littleton, Colo.  
*Communication, Criminal Justice, Legal Studies*



# Bachelor's Degree Honor Graduates

Honor Graduates wear medallions and red and gold tassels.

## Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 – 4.0)

**Emma Louise Bruegger  
Benjamin William Foss  
Derek Bradley Hughes  
Makenzie Joy Kinney  
Lucy Renae Klatt**

**Holly Rachel Marquardt  
Jordan Elizabeth Merwin  
Andrejs Mudulis  
Natalie Jean Paulson  
Abigail Marie Skorenkyi**

**Davis Christian Smith  
Izaak Michael Stevens  
Jenna Kay Wahl  
Brooke Marie Wolanin**

## Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.67 – 3.89)

**Evelyn G. Beseke  
Sonya Marie Bonnett  
Audra Anne Dale  
Trace Evan Edmondson  
Katelyn Jo Halbach  
John Michael Halvorson  
Elizabeth Marie Hanson  
Calvin Theodore Hoppe  
Maida Ruth Jaspersen**

**Asia May Jota  
Benjamin Paul Kelm  
Alyssa Sophia Koebke  
Ian James Krenik  
Hannah Claire LeMay  
Madisyn Joe Loken  
Hope Alexa Malwitz  
Colin Ryan Neville  
Joseph Jerome Pasbrig**

**Corey Russell Peters  
Liam Rae Peterson  
Kaleb John Lowell Schmidt  
Sabrina Marie Seiwert  
Ila Snustad  
Abbigail Lee Sorensen  
Anna Magdalena Tausz  
Jonathan Michael Thomforde  
Megan Gabrielle Torner**

## Cum Laude (GPA 3.33 – 3.66)

**Sebastian Berrospid Gutierrez  
Deborah Ann Boeck  
Ethan Mark Tyler Ernest  
Amy Carolina Garabedian  
Calvin Roger Guritz  
Brooke Yvonne Hager  
Aaron Kabeya Kabengele  
Sara Ann Kottke**

**Viktoria Ann Kranz  
Beza Kebede Leticho  
Samuel Donald Liffengren  
Megan Hannah McCue  
Brynja Mae Mielke  
Isaiah Andrew Miller  
Ashima Mong Moua  
Emma Mabel Newton**

**Ambrose Theophilus Korby Palm  
Kayla Mae Senne  
Sarah Ashley Swenson  
Amarildo Syku  
Saron Tesfai  
Matthew Robert Verdugo**

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.

## Scholastic Leadership Society

SLS members wear gold cords.

**Sonya Marie Bonnett  
Emma Louise Bruegger  
Katelyn Jo Halbach  
Benjamin Paul Kelm  
Makenzie Joy Kinney**

**Lucy Renae Klatt  
Megan Hannah McCue  
Jordan Elizabeth Merwin  
Kaleb John Lowell Schmidt  
Abbigail Lee Sorensen**

**Jonathan Michael Thomforde  
Jenna Kay Wahl  
Brooke Marie Wolanin**

## Sigma Tau Delta

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

**Audra Anne Dale  
Sabrina Marie Seiwert**

**Davis Christian Smith  
Jenna Kay Wahl**

## Christ In Media Institute Fellows

These students have completed significant projects that employ media and technology to spread the Gospel.

**Maida Ruth Jaspersen**  
**Holly Rachel Marquardt**  
**Colin Ryan Neville**

**Joseph Jerome Pasbrig**  
**Abigail Marie Skorenkyi**

## Master's Degree Graduates

**Eden Layne Ambrose**  
Hugo, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Charles Leonard Dale III**  
Milwaukee, Wisc.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Katie Marissa Hartwig**  
Norseland, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Erin Johanna Hepler**  
Mankato, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Justin Daniel Kasten**  
Gilbert, Ariz.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Markus Paul Klingenschmitt**  
Rosemount, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Katherine Louise Martin**  
Jefferson, Wisc.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Gideon David Ripley**  
Chatfield, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Bret Timothy Skaer**  
Watertown, Wisc.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Erin Joyce Strom**  
Mankato, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Ronald Carl Szep**  
Little Chute, Wisc.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Ethan Thomas Urtel**  
Brooklyn Center, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Christian James Walz**  
Clara City, Minn.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

**Megyn Amber Wirkus**  
Fond du Lac, Wisc.  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

## 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*  
**Sierra Brown**

*Fine Arts*  
**Caroline Gernander**

*Health and Human Performance*  
**Emma Lau**

*Humanities*  
**Leif Johnson**

*Mathematics and Science*  
**Josiah Hoppe**

*Nursing and Allied Health*  
**Alexander Gittsovich**

*Religious Studies*  
**Caleb Schultz**

*Social and Behavioral Sciences*  
**Calla Alfred**

*Graduate Studies*  
**Tyler Nelson**

# 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.

# 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.

## **Memorial Scholarships**

Ruth Abrahamson Scholarship  
Julian G. and Latona M. Anderson Scholarship  
A.L. Barry Memorial Scholarship  
Tilmen and Viola Berke Scholarship  
Martin and Lila Birkholz Scholarship  
Lyle and Lorraine Bruss Scholarship  
Stephen Casai Memorial Scholarship  
Rev. Stuart Dorr Scholarship  
Victor L. and Doris J. (Dickson) Fenske Scholarship  
Delores Fisher Scholarship  
Victor and Viola Geistfeld Scholarship  
Lester Goetzke Educational Scholarship  
Rev. George Albert Gullixson Scholarship  
Ruth Gullixson Gunderson Scholarship  
Thelma I. Halverson Scholarship  
Norman and Martha Harstad Family Scholarship  
Howard and Ruby Hougan Memorial Scholarship  
Ruth Imm Berry Memorial Scholarship  
Barbara Imm Schroeder Memorial Scholarship  
Martin A. Jensen Scholarship  
Harold O. and Elsa K. Johansen Natvig Scholarship  
Todd Johnson Memorial Scholarship  
Adolph and Glendae Jungemann Scholarship  
Peter Kjeer Memorial Scholarship  
Louis H. Knop Scholarship Endowment  
Louise Koehler Memorial Scholarship  
Wayne Kropa Memorial Scholarship  
Eugene and Aldene Landwehr Scholarship  
Joel Laube Memorial Scholarship  
Linda S. Loge Memorial Scholarship  
Richard S. Long Memorial Scholarship  
Glenn R. and Rebecca E. Lussky Memorial Scholarship  
Marilyn J. Lussky Nursing Scholarship  
Rev. Paul G. Madson Scholarship  
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