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 dean of academic affairs, and the marshall 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, with 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 via U. S. mail. Candid photographs from the ceremony will be available to download from a link on the commencement web page: www.blc.edu/commencement.

If you would like to purchase a video recording of this ceremony, order forms are available in Old Main at the information desk the day of commencement and on the commencement web page. The deadline to order videos is February 1.

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 Speaker

Professor William Bukowski was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a master of arts degree in 1978 and a master of fine arts in 1979.

When Bukowski was hired at Bethany in 1980, he was the only member of the art faculty. Now, in his 32nd year at Bethany, he teaches studio art and art history classes and was instrumental in developing the four-year program in studio art.

Bukowski currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Christ in Media Institute and is the chairman of the art department at Bethany Lutheran College.

He is a productive artist and has been awarded many commissions throughout the years including: The Life of Christ Altarpiece in Bethany's Trinity Chapel; The Creation Fresco in the Meyer Hall of Science and Mathematics at Bethany; Como Park Mural, St. Paul Children's Hospital; The Means of Grace Altarpiece, Grace Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin; Reformation Altarpiece, Reformation Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon; Community of Believers, Christ Chapel at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota; Sibley Summer Morning, Pathstone Living, Mankato, Minnesota

Bukowski has participated in more than 150 juried, group, or one person exhibitions and has artwork in many public and private collections including Minneapolis Children's Hospital, The University of Minnesota Collection-Minneapolis, the Madison Art Center, Madison, Wisconsin, and Cargill Corporation. He has been one of the artists involved in the Arts and Healing Program at Children's Hospitals of Minnesota.

Bukowski not only teaches art and art history, he seeks to bring students to the great works of art and in so doing has accompanied study groups to New York and Europe over 20 times during his teaching career at Bethany Lutheran College.

Bukowski enjoyed his fourth sabbatical in the fall of 2011 when he and his wife, Sherri, spent part of the fall semester in Rome, Italy, and also toured Athens, Greece, and some of the art museums in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C.

He married Sherri Goetzke, a 1974 Bethany alumna, in 1976 and their three children Jeffrey, Julia, and Jennifer all attended Bethany.

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Mission Statement

Bethany Lutheran College, owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is a private, residential, liberal arts college committed to the teachings of the Bible as set forth in the Lutheran Confessions. Bethany provides studies culminating in a bachelor of arts degree. The college serves Lutherans and others by offering a challenging, student-centered approach to education that fosters spiritual development, intellectual and creative growth, self-understanding, and responsible citizenship. In keeping with its heritage, Bethany aspires to produce students with a clear understanding of Christian vocation, which encourages students to make the most of their God-given talents.
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
DECEMBER 14, 2012 - 3:30 P.M.

PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC
Rev. Mark DeGarmeaux, organist
Associate Professor, Religion, Languages

PROCESSIONAL*
*Please rise when the procession enters

INVOCATION
Chaplain Donald Moldstad
Director of Campus Spiritual Life

COLLEGE CHOIR
All Those Who Trust in Christ (Jerusalem), H. Parry, 1916
Directed by Rev. Dennis Marzolf, Professor, Music
Organist, Rev. Mark DeGarmeaux

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’nlly crown.

Author unknown, 1607; K. Stolshagen, 1550-94
WELCOME
Dan R. Bruss, Ph.D.
President

ADDRESS
William Bukowski - “Reunion”
Professor, Art

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND HONORS
Eric K. Woller, Ph.D.
Dean of Academic Affairs

COLLEGE CHOIR
Nunc dimittis in G, C.V. Stanford
Directed by Rev. Dennis Marzolf, Professor, Music
August Jeske, Soloist

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

RECESSIONAL
Rev. Mark DeGarmeaux, organist

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

Zach J. Aker
Minneapolis, Minn.
Communication

Zachary Paul Bases
New Ulm, Minn.
Studio Art

Lindsey Dorris
Mankato, Minn.
Communication

Jessica Englund
Andover, Minn.
Elementary Education

Michael Grunke
Fairfax, Minn.
Theater

Monique Hagel
New Richmond, Wisc.
Elementary Education

Zachery Steven Hendrickson
Cokato, Minn.
Broad Field Social Studies Secondary Licensure

Matthew Hiller
Saint Clair, Minn.
Business Administration

James E. Hohenstein
Appleton, Wisc.
Studio Art

Kelsey A. Hoyord
Mosinee, Wisc.
Communication

Kab A. Kaniess
Saint Paul, Minn.
Communication

Charles Kotulski
Madelia, Minn.
Biology

Angela Marie Kraft
Kenyon, Minn.
Mathematics

Thomas Kramer
Blooming Prairie, Minn.
Communication

Peter David Krause
Eden Prairie, Minn.
Psychology

Taylor William Krier
South Saint Paul, Minn.
Business Administration

Bradley W. Lawson
Belle Plaine, Minn.
Elementary Education

Bridget McDowell
Mahtomedi, Minn.
English

Tracey Jane Mehlhouse
New Ulm, Minn.
History

Brooke Michelle Osmundson
Delavan, Minn.
Business Administration

Carissa Marie Ott
New Prague, Minn.
Broad Field Social Studies

Amanda M. Poch
Fond du Lac, Wisc.
Studio Art

Tiffany L. Preuss
Waterville, Minn.
Elementary Education

Kathryn Schuman
Morristown, Minn.
Communication

Courtney Paige Shadbolt
Port Orchard, Wash.
Communication

Heidi Krista Trulsen
Woodbury, Minn.
Biology

Noah D. Walz
Custer, S. Dak.
Business Administration

Jessica Anne Werre
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
English

Honor Graduates
Honor graduates wear medallions and gold tassels.

Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 - 4.0)

Zachery Steven Hendrickson
Angela Marie Kraft

Courtney Paige Shadbolt
Heidi Krista Trulsen

Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.67 - 3.89)

Peter David Krause
Tracey Jane Mehlhouse

Brooke Michelle Osmundson
Amanda M. Poch

Jessica Anne Werre

Cum Laude (GPA 3.33 - 3.66)

Lindsey Dorris
Jessica Englund

Monique Hagel
Kab A. Kaniess

Carissa Marie Ott
Kathryn Schuman

Graduation honors were calculated based on spring 2012 cumulative GPA.
Publication in today’s program is not official documentation of graduation or academic honors.
**College Seal**

The college seal, which appears on the cover of this program, 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 “ἘΝΟΣ ΕΣΤΙΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ” 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.
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