



## Enrollment reaches another record

Bethany Lutheran College’s enrollment reached another all-time high with a total of 832 students being served by the institution in Fall 2022. Included among the 832 students were undergraduate (641), graduate (35), high school students enrolled at Bethany through Minnesota’s Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) or through an online partnership with schools both locally and throughout the nation (143), and a small number of non-degree seeking students (13). Bethany continues to be blessed with a robust international student enrollment which stands at 127 students from 31 countries. These students from throughout the world present Bethany with the opportunity to share the precious Gospel message with them during their time on campus.



## Bethany partners with Scheels

Bethany announced a new partnership with Scheels, a sporting goods and entertainment department store headquartered in Fargo, North Dakota, with locations in fourteen states. Through a naming rights agreement, Scheels Field at Bethany Lutheran College becomes a key component of a new activity and athletic complex on the Bethany campus that will also feature an 84,000 square foot Activity and Wellness Center currently under construction. Scheels Field at BLC will be home to Bethany Vikings Soccer, intramural activities and events, and will also host a range of other community sporting events including high school contests while welcoming thousands of athletes and spectators each year to the campus.

## Top Majors *by enrollment*

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Business Administration | 6 Psychology          |
| 2 Education               | 7 Media Arts          |
| 3 Exercise Science        | 8 Computer Science    |
| 4 Biology                 | 9 Engineering Science |
| 5 Nursing/Pre-Nursing     | 10 Legal Studies      |

## Ranked No. 1 for social mobility

Bethany Lutheran College is ranked number one in the State of Minnesota and number ten in the nation for graduates’ social mobility—the ability to climb the success ladder—in the 2023 U.S. News College Rankings—National Liberal Arts Category. This marks the third time in the past four years that Bethany is the top college in Minnesota for social mobility. The high ranking indicates that Bethany is doing a great job educating students from a variety of academic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Social mobility refers to the ability of a person to move upward in income and social class.



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## Criminal justice major now offered

Bethany is now offering a major in criminal justice. The criminal justice program is a sister program to Bethany’s legal studies major. Criminal justice is one of the most popular majors offered nationwide. The addition of a criminal justice program allows students who want to work in law enforcement to attend Bethany and study in an easily recognizable major. The objective of criminal justice major is to educate and train Christian, culturally competent law enforcement officers in order to restore trust and respect between the police and the communities they serve. The program is fully approved by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.



## Bethany is an affordable college choice

Among all the unknowns surrounding choosing the right college, deciding on a major, and eventually finding a career, one factor stands out among the rest: cost. Though the total price of tuition and room and board for a year at Bethany is \$37,280, the average net price—including scholarships, financial aid, and endowments—what students actually pay—is less than half that at \$16,400 per year. Bethany is priced to be affordable to all students, regardless of background, and is one of the lowest overall cost private colleges in Minnesota. The majority of students receive an academic scholarship, an activity scholarship, and other discounts including coming from a Christian high school or having an alumni connection—such as a parent who attended Bethany.

## News briefs

► The Bethany Lutheran College Education Department was awarded a \$61,000 grant from the St. Paul based Sauer Family Foundation. The grant funds a reading interventions clinic designed to help local elementary school students needing supplemental reading instruction free of charge.

► Hanna Geistfeld, a 2022 alumna, was named a First Team NCAA DIII Basketball All-American, and a national player of the year finalist. For a time this year, her Bethany jersey is on display in the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee, along with other All-Americans.

► Four Bethany students were recipients of Upper Midwest Emmy Student Production Awards for their work with various projects including the Bethany Red Eye Film Festival, Maverick Hockey Productions, Bethany Esports, and Media Arts Capstone.



## Regional Choral Fest at Bethany in '22

Bethany Lutheran College is honored to be hosting (for the first time ever) a Regional WELS Choral Fest. The event entitled “Proclaim the Wonders” will be held November 4–6, 2022. Guest clinicians for the event are Professor Dennis Marzolf and Dr. Eric Harstad. Marzolf has been at Bethany since the fall of 1984. He directs the Concert Choir, is the music director for Bethany Choraliers (Winter Musical), and teaches courses in hymnody and liturgics, and choral conducting. Harstad discovered his love of choral music as a student at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has directed a number of high school and college choirs, and for the past ten years has directed the Minnesota Valley Chorale in Mankato. He currently teaches vocal music, guitar, and elementary music at the Madelia Public Schools.

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## Affordability

Average net cost per year after grants and scholarships is under:

**\$16,400**

The cost of Bethany is the lowest of any private residential college in Minnesota.

## Be involved

Nearly **90%** of students participate in an extracurricular activity.

**17** NCAA sports compete in a Division III varsity sport

**35+** clubs and organizations to choose from

## Residential life

**TOP 25** Safest Small Colleges in America

**OVER 70%**

of Bethany students choose to live on campus and be closer to our community.

## Global perspective



With **over 20 countries and six continents** represented in our student body and study abroad opportunities, be a part of our global community.

**TOP 10** Best Colleges in Minnesota

We have the program for you

**25+ MAJORS** **25+ MINORS** **7+ PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS**

## Success



## Stand out

Enrollment : **800+**  
Student/Faculty Ratio : **12 to 1**  
Average Class Size : **16**

## Opportunities to grow your faith

Bethany provides a number of spiritual life services to which all students are invited.

- Daily Chapel
- Small Group Bible Study
- Weekly Vespers
- Mission Trip Opportunities
- Religion Courses
- Worship at Area Churches

## Majors

American Studies\*  
Arts Administration\*  
Biochemistry  
Biology\*  
Business Administration\*  
Chemistry\*  
Communication\*  
Computer Science\*  
Criminal Justice  
Education  
Communication Arts  
and Language (5-12)  
Health (5-12)  
Mathematics (5-12)

*(Education cont.)*

Physical Education (K-12)  
Social Studies (5-12)  
Special Education (K-12)  
Visual Arts (K-12)  
Engineering  
English\*  
Exercise Science\*  
Graphic Design\*  
Health  
Communication\*  
History\*  
Integrated Studies  
Legal Studies\*  
Mathematics\*

Media Arts\*  
Music\*  
Nursing  
Psychology\*  
Religion\*  
Social Studies\*  
Spanish\*  
Special Education\*  
Studio Art\*  
Theatre\*

*\*also available  
as a minor*

## Certification

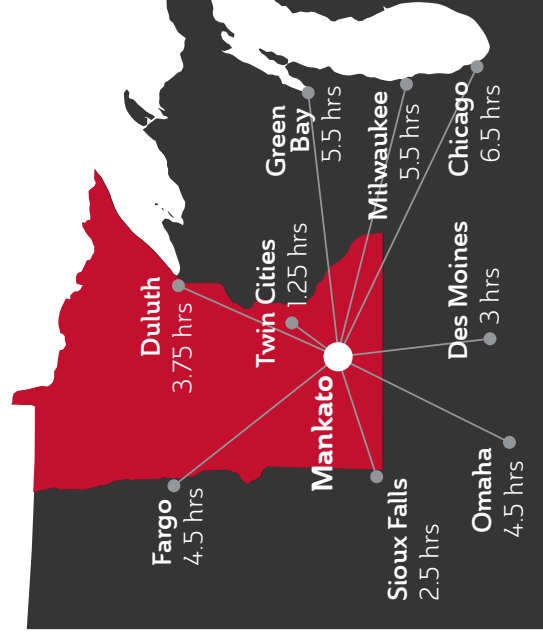
Paralegal Certificate

## Pre-professional

Pre-Athletic Training  
Pre-Chiropractic  
Pre-Dentistry  
Pre-Law  
Pre-Medicine  
Pre-Pharmacy  
Pre-Physical Therapy  
Pre-Seminary  
Pre-Veterinary

## Additional Minors

Art History  
Communication Disorders  
Global and  
Cross Cultural Studies  
Information Systems  
Military Science/Leadership  
Philosophy  
Sociology



## Bethany. Values. Me.

- Expert professors, coaches, and directors eager to guide my growth and champion my future
- Scholarships available for those interested in journalism, music, speech, theatre, visual art, intercultural leadership, music lessons, mock trial, clay target, and esports
- Active learning experiences that enrich my sense of self and launch my aspirations
- Safe hilltop campus within walking distance of thriving downtown Mankato

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