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In 1911, Bethany Ladies College opened with forty-four students and 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. 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 Lutheran College provides studies culminating in a bachelor of arts degree. Bethany seeks to be a community of faith and learning. The college offers 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 calls people to make the most of their God-given talents. Bethany currently offers twenty-one majors and several pre-professional programs.

Generations of students have benefited from their education at Bethany. Numerous communities have also benefited from young people prepared in a culture of strong values and integrity and in an atmosphere of devotion and service.

The Planned Giving Program exists to help donors discover creative ways of giving which utilizes assets such as securities, real estate and personal property, in addition to cash, while saving taxes and preserving income. Bethany's Planned Giving office phone number is 507-344-7375 or toll-free 800-944-3066.

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