

August 16-24, 2025

Your Guide To New Student Orientation And Beyond

# **Table of Contents**

| Bethany's Best Week Ever         |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Overview                         | 3  |
| Schedule                         | 5  |
| Event Details                    | 8  |
| New Student Checklist            | 4  |
| Student Guidebook                | 4  |
| Student IDs / Key Fobs / Mailbox | 16 |
| IT Services / Email Account      | 17 |
| Dining at Bethany                | 18 |

| Academic Resource Center / Class Schedule     | 19 |
|---|----|
| Spiritual Life                                | 20 |
| Health Services                               | 21 |
| Counseling Services                           | 22 |
| Safety and Security                           | 23 |
| Campus Clubs and Organizations                | 24 |
| Academic Calendar / Bookstore / Spirit Store. | 25 |
| Campus Map                                    | 26 |
| Bethany's Best Week Ever Sponsors             | 27 |



**Bethany's Best Week Ever**, is designed for all of our students, with orientation for new students and social events to unite our new and returning students into the BLC Community!

Meet other new students, faculty, and staff

Learn more about Bethany and the opportunities available to you

Get involved with activities and participate in events

Bethany's Best Week Ever is designed to get your year off to a great start! Throughout the week and your time at Bethany, never hesitate to ask questions and join in all Bethany has to offer.

Residential students have two great resources they can lean on for assistance during Best Week Ever and throughout the year:

**Resident Hall Coordinators (RHCs)** are live-in staff members who provide leadership, oversight, and direction for our residence halls.

**Resident Assistants (RAs)** are student leaders who live and work alongside their fellow students in the res halls, helping students navigate college life and organizing activities for students to engage with each other.



Common terminology, acronyms, and pronunciations used on campus:

**BAC** - Bethany Activity Center

<u>Campus Green</u> - Open grass space between the SEC and Old Main

Honsey - (HUN-zee) Hall

Lanterns - Large windowed rooms at north (towards Chapel) and south (towards BAC) ends of Honsey Hall on upper level

**OM** - Old Main

**SFC** - Sports and Fitness Center

<u>Teigen</u> - (TIE-gun) Hall

The "V" - Viking Village (in Old Main)

YFAC - Ylvisaker (ILL-vih-sah-kur)

Fine Arts Center or "WHY-fack" for short

See Campus Map on page 26



The Student Guidebook is designed to equip students with information about the various aspects of college life as they grow academically, socially, and spiritually. It includes information regarding college polices, guidelines, standards and responsibilities. Students are expected to be familiar and comply with its contents

The Student Guidebook can be found online at:

# blc.edu/student-guide

Consumer information can be accessed at: blc.edu/consumer-information. Paper copies of the above documents are available from the Dean of Students office.

# New Student Checklist 1



### Before you arrive:

| $\square$ Check your BLC email for announcements and information at ${\it gmail.blc.edu}$   |
|---|
| ☐ Register your vehicle and purchase a parking pass at blc.edu/vehicle-registration   |
| $\hfill \square$ Become familiar with the Student Guidebook (More information to your left).  |
| When you arrive on move-in day:   |
| $\hfill\square$ Complete your room check-in form and return it to your Resident Assistant (RA)  |
| ☐ Between 9 a.m.–5 p.m.*, pick up your textbooks from the Spirit Store on the second floor of Old Main.   |
| $\hfill\Box$ Between 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.,* get your Viking Student I.D. card in Memorial Library  |
| $\square$ Between 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.,* visit the Business Office second floor of Old Main to: $\square$ Pay tuition and fees at the cashier's window (right next to Business Office) $\square$ Pick up your parking pass |

<sup>\*</sup>Offices reopen Monday at 8 a.m. if you miss them on move-in day.

### Events are open to ALL students except where noted.

#### Check digital signage for any updated event locations.

= Parents/Guardians of Students ONLY

= First Year and Transfer Students ONLY

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Residence Halls Open for New and Returning Student Move-In

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Campus Services Open

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Campus Book/Spirit Store Open with Textbook Pickup - Old Main, 2nd floor

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch Available – Dining Center, Old Main

3:30-4:30 p.m. Parent Orientation - Lee Theater, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center

4:30–5:30 p.m. Parents Reception – Rotating Hors d'oeuvres Social, Honsey Hall

5–6:30 p.m. Dinner – Dining Center

8:30–11 p.m. X-Terrain Bonfire – Honsey Hall Amphitheater

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

4:30-5:30 p.m.

7-9 p.m.

9–10 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Dining Center, Old Main

ll:30 a.m.–l p.m. Lunch – Dining Center

1:30–3 p.m. Safety and Success at Bethany – Trinity Chapel

3–4:30 p.m. Amazing Viking Race – Campus Green

Choir Rehearsal for Opening Service – Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center 101

5–6:30 p.m. Dinner – Dining Center

Block Party – Campus Green

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

= First Year and Transfer Students ONLY

7 a.m. Dining Center Open – Regular hours begin

10–11 a.m. Opening Service – Trinity Chapel

Il a.m.-noon
Noon
Academic Orientation - Trinity Chapel
Noon
New Viking Luncheon - Younge Gym, SFC

1 p.m.
 2-3:30 p.m.
 4-7 p.m.
 Student Employment Information Meeting – Meyer Hall 101
 Earn College Credits in World Languages – Honsey Hall 129
 Swimming and Pickleball at the Park – Tourtellotte Park

4–8 p.m. Dinner on Campus – Dining Center Old Main

8:30-9:30 p.m. Living at Bethany Meetings - Location posted in Residence Halls

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8 a.m. Classes Begin

10–10:20 a.m. Chapel – Trinity Chapel

1:30–3 p.m. Inkwell Chalk on the Green – Campus Green Sidewalk

3:30 p.m. Concert Band, Jazz, and Drumline Informational Meeting – YFAC III

3:30 p.m. Photojournalism, Student Newspaper, & Yearbook Informational Meeting – Pub Hub, Honsey Hall 133

4 p.m. Varsity Winter and Spring Sports Meeting – Meyer Hall 101

4:30 p.m. Choir, Mary Martha, and Handbell Informational Meeting – Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center 101

7 p.m. Theatre Informational Meeting – Lee Theater, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center

8–9:30 p.m. Custard and Crime – Campus Green

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

8 a.m. Classes

10 a.m./10:20 a.m. Chapel and All-Campus Photo – Trinity Chapel/Campus Green

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 (Cont'd)

3:30 p.m. Auditions for Choir and Mary Martha Singers – Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center 101

4:30 p.m. Speech and Debate Team Meeting – Honsey Hall 217

6 p.m. Vespers – Trinity Chapel

6 p.m. Fall Theatre Auditions – Lee Theater, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center 6:30–8:30 p.m. Psych Club Personality and Pie Social – Honsey Hall Amphitheater

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

8 a.m. Classes

10 a.m. Chapel – Trinity Chapel

1:30–2:30 p.m. Chess Club Blitz Battle – Honsey Hall (room TBD)
7 p.m. Chamber Orchestra Informational Meeting – YFAC 111

7–8:30 p.m. Frost Bite with BOSS – Campus Green
9–11 p.m. Late Night Ultimate Frisbee – Scheels Field

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8 a.m. Classes

10 a.m. Chapel – Trinity Chapel

7–8 p.m. Spanish Club Salsa con Salsa – Campus Green

8:30–10 p.m. Glow-in-the-Dark Capture the Flag – Intramural Field next to Gullixson Hall

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8–11 p.m. World Club Movie on the Green – Campus Green

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

6–8 p.m. DECA Mocktails and Networking – Honsey Hall (room TBD)

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

# **Res. Halls Open for New and Returning Student Move-In** Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Welcome to your home for the year! New and returning students should **sign up in advance for a move-in time** (see your BLC email) then simply report to your assigned residence hall and check in with residential life staff.

#### Campus Services Open

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Campus services including the Memorial Library, Information Technology Services, Financial Aid, and the Business Office will be open and available to lend assistance and answer questions.

#### Campus Book/Spirit Store Open with Textbook Pickup

9 a.m.-5 p.m., Old Main, 2nd Floor

Pick up some great Bethany gear, room and school supplies, and textbooks ordered through Bethany's Partnership with Vital Source.

#### Lunch Available

11 a.m.-3 p.m., Dining Center, Old Main

All are invited to lunch in the Dining Center. Students may use their meal plan and guests can pay at the door.

#### Parent Orientation

3:30-4:30 p.m., Lee Theater, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center

Be welcomed by President Gene Pfeifer and receive pertinent information from Dr. Jason Lowrey, V.P. of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Ted Manthe, V.P. of Student Affairs. The session will conclude with a student panel, which will provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions and hear answers from current students' perspective.

#### Parents Reception

4:30–5:30 p.m., Rotating Hors d'oeuvres Social, Honsey Hall

You are our honored guests! Rotate through various hors d'oeuvres stations and mingle with other parents. This is also a great opportunity to visit with BLC faculty and staff who will be present to meet and greet you. Complimentary food and drink are provided from local Mankato restaurants.

#### = Parents/Guardians ONLY

#### **Dinner**

5-6:30 p.m., Dining Center

Students may use their meal plan and guests can pay at the door

#### Start of the Year Bonfire

8:30-11 p.m., Honsey Hall Amphitheater

A bonfire to meet and get to know each other. S'mores and hotdogs will be provided! (Hosted by X-Terrain)

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

#### Continental Breakfast

9-10 a.m., Dining Center

Grab a quick bite before heading to church.

#### Lunch

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dining Center

All are invited to lunch in the Dining Center. Students may use their meal plan and guests can pay at the door.

#### Safety and Success at Bethany

1:30-3 p.m., Trinity Chapel

Students will learn about Bethany success and support resources available to them such as: Mayo Express Care Health Clinic, the Academic Resource Center, spiritual support through our Campus Chaplain, and mental health counseling provided by CFS. Also addressed will be risk factors that are inherent in the college-going experience, making smart decisions, and the standards of conduct that apply to all Bethany students. This event is for new and transfer students. *Attendance is required*.

#### Amazing Viking Race

3-4:30 p.m., Campus Green

Teams of students will embark on a trek around campus. At each destination, the team must complete a challenge in order to learn the location of their next challenge. Prizes will be awarded!

#### Choir Rehearsal for Opening Service

4:30 p.m., Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center 101

Every singer on campus is welcome to join us for this rehearsal and for singing for the Opening Service.

= First Year and Transfer Students ONLY

#### **Dinner**

5-6:30 p.m., Dining Center

All are invited to dinner in the Dining Center. Students may use their meal plan and guests can pay at the door.

#### The Bethany Block Party

7-9 p.m., Campus Green

Head to the Campus Green for games, music and treats! The Block Party will feature games including bag toss, nine square, spikeball, and participate in a mural painting in STORM's 'The Colors of Campus' event. Lots of fun for all!

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

#### **Dining Center Open**

7 a.m., Old Main

Sodexo, the campus food service provider, is now operating with its regular hours for the academic year.

#### **Opening Service**

10 a.m., Trinity Chapel

This brief worship service officially opens the academic year and features the Concert Choir and remarks by the College Chaplain and College President.

#### Academic Orientation

11 a.m., Trinity Chapel

Meet your academic advisors, the V.P. of Academic Affairs, the Registrar, the Academic Success Coordinator, and learn everything you need to know about academics at Bethany. This event is for new and transfer students. *Attendance is required*.

#### New Viking Luncheon

12 p.m., Ron Younge Gym, Sports and Fitness Center

Enjoy a pizza luncheon with your new classmates and your advisor. Remarks will be shared by Bethany alumni and friends to welcome you as a part of the Bethany Viking Family! The Bethany Alumni Association sponsors the event.

Attendance is required.

= First Year and Transfer Students ONLY

#### Student Employment Information Meeting

1 p.m., Meyer Hall 101

Interested in working on campus? New and returning students who have not worked for Bethany in the past should come to this meeting to learn more about student employment. Please bring proper identification to complete an I-9 Employment Verification Form. Bring your driver's license and social security card.

#### Earn College Credits in World Languages

2-3:30 p.m., Meyer Hall 129

Students who have studied Spanish, German, French, or Chinese in high school are invited to an informational meeting to learn how to earn additional college credits for these languages. For questions, contact the international language coordinator: John.Gunderson@blc.edu or 507-344-7543.

#### Swimming and Pickleball at Tourtellotte

4-7 p.m., Tourtellotte Park and Pool

Jump into a new school year at Tourtellotte Park! Cool off in the pool or play some pickleball. Students can provide their own transportation to the park, carpool, or ride in a Bethany van (departing Old Main at 4, 4:30, and 5 p.m., and departing Tourtellote at 6, 6:30, and 7 p.m.). Pool admission is covered by Bethany Activity Committee (Pickleball paddles not provided).

#### **Dinner on Campus**

4-8 p.m., Dining Center Old Main

**NOTE:** The on-campus dinner hours overlap with activities at Tourtellotte. Students are encouraged to dine before heading down to Tourtellote or return to campus prior to the Dining Center closing.

#### Living at Bethany Meetings

8:30-9:30 p.m., Location posted in Residence Halls

Students will meet in their residence halls with their Resident Assistants (RAs) and Resident Hall Coordinators (RHCs) to get to know one another, receive important information, and learn about living in a community. Specific meeting locations are posted in the residence halls. Attendance is required for residential students.

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**

Classes Begin, 8 a.m.

#### Inkwell Chalk on the Green

1:30-3:30 p.m., Campus Green Sidewalk

Join the Inkwell staff for a beautiful afternoon outside drawing with chalk on the sidewalk! (If it rains we will have coloring sheets, colored pencils, and markers in the writing center to color with instead.)

#### Concert Band, Jazz, and Drumline Information

3:30 p.m., Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center III

Stop by to meet Professors Ben Faugstad and Evan Bierer for 30 minutes to learn about concert band, jazz, and drumline. Rehearsals officially begin for Concert Band at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8/20; and both Drumline (4:30 p.m.) and Jazz (5:30 p.m.) begin on Monday, 8/25. All are welcome!

# Photojournalism, Student Newspaper, and Yearbook Informational Meeting

3:30 p.m., The Pub Hub, Honsey Hall 133

Learn what it takes to become involved with a campus organization that is exciting and helps build your resumé. Participants earn one free academic credit. This brief meeting explains the low commitment as a student journalist/photographer working for your student newspaper or yearbook. No experience necessary!

#### Varsity Winter and Spring Sports Meeting

4 p.m., Meyer Hall 101

Do you plan on participating in a winter or spring sport? If so, attend this meeting to complete NCAA paperwork and meet with coaches. Attendance is required for varsity athletes participating in a winter or spring sport.

### Choir, Mary Martha, and Handbell Informational Meeting

4:30 p.m., Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center 101

Interested in singing in the Concert Choir or Mary Martha Singers, or playing with the Handbell Choir? If so, we look forward to meeting you! Stop by to learn more about auditions and rehearsals.

#### Theatre Informational Meeting

7 p.m., Lee Theater, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center

Interested in any aspect of theatre? Even if you've never been involved in a play before, we'd love to meet you. Come to the Sigurd K. Lee Theater to find out all about classes, productions, auditions, and opportunities that await you this year.

#### **Custard and Crime**

8-9:30 p.m., Campus Green

Sit on the green and watch a video about an interesting legal case (hosted by Law Club). Afterwards, play a game of Kahoot for gift card prizes while having Culver's custard sundaes served by the BLC Alumni Department.

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**

Classes, 8 a.m.

#### All-Campus Photo after Chapel

10 a.m., Trinity Chapel / Campus Green

After the morning chapel service, meet out on the Campus Green for Bethany's traditional all-campus photo. Bring your smile!

#### Auditions for Choir and Mary Martha Singers

3:30 p.m., Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center 101

A sign up sheet for audition times will be posted in the YFAC on Tuesday. Students who missed the informational meeting are still welcomed by Professors Fredrickson and Paulson to attend.

#### Speech and Debate Team Meeting

4:30 p.m., Honsey Hall 217

Information about Bethany's award-winning Speech and Debate Team. Students compete in a wide variety of speaking topics. There is something for everyone! No experience necessary. Learn life-long skills, have fun, travel, and make new friends on the Bethany Speech and Debate Team!

#### Vespers

6 p.m., Trinity Chapel

Evening Chapel Service offered every week.

#### **Fall Theatre Auditions**

6 p.m., Lee Theater, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center

Auditions for both Fall productions this evening: *Theatre Physics 31* (the return of a BLC tradition!) directed by Peter Bloedel and the *Little Women*, a brand new original adaptation of the classic novel, directed and co-adapted by Emily Kimball. All are encouraged to audition!

#### Personality and Pie Social

6:30-8:30 p.m., Honsey Hall Amphitheatre

Do you know your personality? Take a test and find out! Come enjoy some pie and bond over your similarities and differences! (hosted by Psych Club)

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**

Classes, 8 a.m.

#### Chess Club Blitz Battle!

1:30-2:30 p.m., Honsey Hall Room (HH331)

The Bethany Chess Club will be hosting an exciting chess tournament at this time. Get ready for an afternoon of fun gameplay, strategic thinking, and camaraderie!

#### Chamber Orchestra Informational Meeting and First Rehearsal

7 p.m., YFAC 111

Plan on bringing your instrument to this info meeting and first rehearsal. String, woodwind, and percussionists are welcome to be a part of this instrumental ensemble. Chair placement auditions will take place the following week (TBA).

#### Frost Bite with BOSS

7–8:30 p.m., Campus Green

Come learn about science and enjoy ice cream while you're at it. A chemistry demo will be joined with liquid nitrogen ice cream treats! \*no frostbite included (hosted by Bethany Organization of Student Scientists)

#### Late Night Ultimate Frisbee

9-11 p.m., Scheels Field

Enjoy some physical activity and fun competition late into the night! (hosted by Ultimate Frisbee Club)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Classes, 8 a.m.

#### Salsa con Salsa

7-8 p.m., Campus Green

Come join us for a fun night of learning how to salsa and eating salsa! (hosted by Spanish Club)

#### Glow-In-The-Dark Capture the Flag

8:30–10 p.m., Intramural Field next to Gullixson Hall

Try and capture the other team's flag with a glow stick twist!

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

#### Movie on the Green

8-10 p.m., Campus Green

Come join World Club for a cozy evening under the stars on the Campus Green! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy a classic film projected on a outdoor screen and eat some delicious treats.

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

#### Mocktails and Networking

6-8 p.m., Honsey Hall (room TBD)

This event is open to all students, providing a relaxed space to connect with peers from across campus. Enjoy a variety of non-alcoholic mocktails while discussing business ideas, leadership opportunities, and upcoming DECA events in a fun, informal atmosphere. (hosted by DECA)

# → YOU'VE GOT MAIL

All on-campus students will have a mailbox (shared with your roommates) for weekday delivery of letter mail and school announcements.

If you live on campus, your room key will open your mailbox. If you commute and would like a mailbox, please email bookstore@blc.edu to request one.

Your mailing address will be:

Your Name 700 Luther Drive Mankato, MN 56001

There is no need to use your room number or mailbox number as it changes each year.

# Make It Official

VIKING STUDENT I.D. - Issued in Memorial Library

Issued for free in Memorial Library from 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on Move-In Day or during normal business hours during the first week of classes. After the first week of classes, I.D. cards are \$10. The Viking Student ID card is used for entry

into the Dining Center, cashing checks, checking out library materials, course registration, and attending events on campus.

#### **KEY FOBS**

All students, residential or commuter, will need to have a key fob to access buildings on campus. Residential students will receive a key fob when they move into the residence halls. Commuting students should pick up their fobs in the Memorial Library from 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on Move In Day at the Business Office window, during business hours.

Halvar Viking

# Need Tech Help?

The Information Technology (IT) Office operates a Help Desk for all technology inquiries (computer, network, TV, phone, web, etc.):

To contact the BLC Help Desk:

- · Email your request to helpdesk@blc.edu
- · Call 507-344-7411
- · Visit the IT office in Meyer Hall 203

More information can be accessed at **blc.edu/it-services**. Service is provided for **current BLC students and staff only**.





Use the BLC user ID and password you were sent over the summer to log-in and check your email account frequently. Bethany uses email as the main form of communication to students.

· Access your account here: **gmail.blc.edu** 

If you do not have your BLC log-in information, please go to the Information Technology Office in Meyer Hall room 203.



## **MEAL PLANS**

Residential students in standard rooms are subscribed to the Unlimited Meal Plan. This plan gives students continuous access to the Dining Center during the hours of operation. Residential students in apartments are subscribed to the 5-Meals-Per-Week plan. Commuter students typically add "Dining Dollars" on their student ID card to pay as they go.

# Let's Eat!

Dining and visiting with friends is an important part of college life.

The Dining Center has food available from early morning breakfast to late night selections. Traditional meal times include expansive menu selections, while lighter menu items continue to be available between meals. Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions.

More information on Dining Services can be found at: blc.edu/dining-services

|                      | Hot Breakfast           | Continental<br>Breakfast | Full Lunch   | Light Lunch | Dinner      | Late Night    |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Monday-Friday        | 7-9:30 a.m.             | 9:30-11 a.m.             | 11 a.m2 p.m. |             | 4–7 p.m.    | 7–10:30 p.m.* |
| Saturday &<br>Sunday | 10:30 a.m–1 p.m. Brunch |                          |              | 1–4 p.m.    | 4-7:30 p.m. |               |



<sup>\*</sup> Late Night will have a closed dining room. Students can order food for take out.



Download the Everyday app for daily menus, nutrition and allergen information, and to place late night food orders.

# **Academic Resource Center**

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) at Bethany Lutheran College is a mentoring and counseling program designed to help ensure your academic success. Our personalized approach provides academic support for students through advising, study sessions, tutoring services, and writing coaching provided by our own Writing Center. We also provide appropriate accommodations for students with identified disabilities through the creation and implementation of Academic Resource Plans.

If you would like to learn more or have questions regarding the Academic Resource Center, please send an email to Kristi Ringen, Academic Resource Center Coordinator, at Kristi.Ringen@blc.edu.

Watch for announcements regarding specific hours of operation during the school year.

Located on the second level of Luther Hall (LH203).





- l. Log in to your account on any computer at **my.blc.edu**.
- 2. Go to the **Student** tab at the top of the page, then choose **Class Schedule and Text Books** on the left, and click **Search**.
- Scroll to the bottom of your schedule and click on Print Schedule. You'll see your schedule as a PDF; go to File on the menu above, and Print.



# Spiritual Life

Bethany Lutheran College is a community of faith and learning and we prioritize spiritual development together with your academic studies. Bethany faculty focus on your spiritual well being as well as your academic pursuits. At Bethany, the Christian faith is integrated into our campus in many ways for you to learn about and strengthen your faith.

- · Daily chapel at 10 a.m. Monday-Friday
- · Wednesday evening Chapel (Vespers) is offered weekly at 6 p.m. during the school year. *Times may change during Advent and Lent.*
- · Weekly Bible studies
- · In Depth speaker series
- · Spiritual counseling

With the exception of Fall Festival Weekend, Bethany does not offer Sunday morning worship services on campus. Students are encouraged to get involved at local churches in the area. If you need help finding a ride, or information about a local church, please contact Chaplain Moldstad in the lower level of Trinity Chapel or by phone at 507-344-7312.

# **Health and Wellness**

#### MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM - EXPRESS CARE CLINIC

All students have access to an on-campus Express Care Clinic operated by Mayo Clinic Health System on the first floor of Luther Hall, adjacent to Old Main. There is no charge for student visits to the Express Care Clinic. Students simply need to provide their current Bethany student l.D. card to receive medical services.

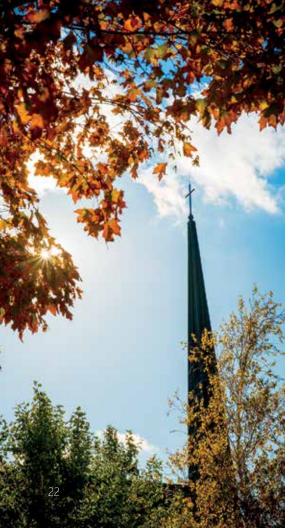
The Express Care Clinic is staffed with board-certified Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners from the Mayo Clinic Health System. These health care professionals are able to diagnose and prescribe medications for common conditions such as: strep throat, pinkeye, sinus infections, respiratory illnesses, skin infections, and the like

The clinic is open every weekday morning from 7:45 – 9:45 a.m. while classes are in session. Located on the lower level of Luther Hall.

More information can be found at blc.edu/health-services.







# **Need To Talk?**



#### SPIRITUAL COUNSELING

The campus Chaplain is available for students seeking spiritual guidance.

**Chaplain Don Moldstad**, Director of Campus Spiritual Life Office: Lower level of Trinity Chapel, room 111 507-344-7312 | Don.Moldstad@blc.edu

#### PERSONAL COUNSELING

Bethany offers personal counseling to students through Christian Family Solutions. Their licensed counselors provide a wide range of counseling, assessment and psychological testing services. Appointments can be requested by calling **800-438-1772**.

More information can be found at **blc.edu/counseling-services**.

# Safety and Security

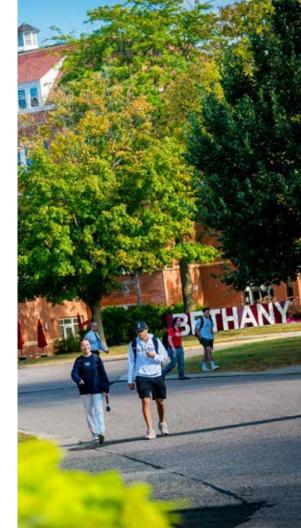
Bethany Campus Security Services exists for the protection and safety of persons and property on the campus. Security officers provide regular patrols of buildings and grounds, perform daily security checks, and when appropriate issue security alerts

Every member of Bethany's campus community contributes toward a safe campus and bears responsibility to report crimes or suspicious activity and maintain a safe environment. To report a crime or an emergency on campus, contact:

- · Emergency: dial 911
- · Campus Security Services: 507-344-7888

Topics for students including: standards of conduct, weapons, sexual misconduct, alcohol and drug policies can be found at **blc.edu/student-guide**.

Visit the security web page at **blc.edu/security** for a full list of services provided and for access to the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.



# → THERE'S A CLUB FOR YOU

Here's a sample of the many clubs and organizations students can join on campus:

- · Bethany Business Club
- Bethany Organization of Student Scientists
- · X-Terrain Sports Club
- · Psych Club
- · Scholastic Leadership Society
- · Student Athlete Advisory Committee
- · Student Senate
- · World Club

For more information, visit: blc.edu/clubs-and-organizations

# **Getting Involved**

#### CAMPUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bethany has about twenty-five different clubs and organizations for students. Throughout the first weeks of class, several clubs and organizations will be set up outside the Dining Center where you will be able to visit with group leaders and find out more information about each club and organization.

The Bethany Activities Committee organizes many of the campus-wide student activities that occur during the year, including Bethany's Best Week Ever. Information about upcoming events is available on the BLC website calendar and at blc.edu/student-activities.





# Academic Calendar

Online: blc.edu/academic-calendar



# BETHANY BOOKSTORE /SPIRIT STORE

Fall Semester, 2025

Dec. 12

| Aug. 16    | All Campus Move In            |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| Aug. 18    | Bethany Opening Service       |
| Aug. 19    | Fall Semester Classes Begin   |
| Aug. 25    | Last day to add a class       |
| Sept. 1    | Labor Day - No Classes        |
| Oct. 6-8   | Midterm Exams                 |
| Oct. 9-10  | Fall Break                    |
| Oct. 13    | Classes Resume                |
| Oct. 15    | Advising Day                  |
| Oct. 17    | Last day to drop with a "W"   |
| Oct. 31    | Last day to drop with a "WP/W |
| Nov. 27-30 | Thanksgiving Break            |
| Dec. 1     | Classes Resume                |
| Dec. 5     | Fall Commencement             |
| Dec. 8-11  | Final Exams                   |

**Christmas Break Begins** 

Spring Semester, 2026

| Jan. 3         | Res Halls Reopen                |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Jan. 5         | Spring Semester Classes Begin   |
| Jan. 9         | Last day to add a class         |
| Jan. 19        | MLK Jr. Day - No Classes        |
| Feb. 16        | Presidents' Day - No Classes    |
| Feb. 23-26     | Midterm Exams                   |
| Feb. 27-Mar. 8 | Spring Break                    |
| Mar. 9         | Classes Resume                  |
| Mar. 12        | Advising Day                    |
| Mar. 13        | Last day to drop with a "W"     |
| Mar. 27        | Last day to drop with a "WP/WF" |
| Apr. 2-6       | Easter Break                    |
| Apr. 7         | Classes Resume                  |
| May 4-7        | Final Exams                     |
| May 7          | Commencement Vespers            |
| May 8          | Spring Commencement /           |
|                | Residence Halls Close           |

The Bethany Bookstore/Spirit Store partners with **Vital Source** for college textbook sales. Sign in to **MyBLC** and view your class schedule to see your personalized textbook list.

# Visit the Bookstore/Spirit Store in Old Main for:

- School/office supplies, Christian reading materials, and greeting cards
- · A complete line of official college clothing and accessories
- · Coffee Corner
- · Stamps, postage, mailing packages

**Bookstore Hours:** 

Mon.—Fri. 9 a.m.—4 p.m. (hours subject to change)



# Parents – Eat before you go!

Join us at the **Parents Reception** following Parent Orientation on Saturday, August 16 at 4:30 p.m. for great food and drinks from these local business sponsors!





















Coming Soon!





INN & SUITES

HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

(507) 225-0007 countryinns.com/mankatomn