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FORMER BETHANY COLLEGE PRESIDENT DIES

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Former Bethany College President G. Kenneth Andeen passed away on June 8 in Wauwatosa, Wis. A memorial service will be held on July 2 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wis.

After President L. Dale Lund left Bethany in 1965 to become the dean of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Andeen stepped into the position of president. He served as the Seventh President of Bethany College from September 1965 through February 1967. In his inauguration speech he declared, "The task and purpose of Bethany College stated simply is 'Bethany is a Christian community at study.'"

"We are saddened to hear of the loss of Reverend Andeen. He was an esteemed member of Bethany College and we continue to appreciate the impact he made during his presidency. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time," said Bethany College President Edward F. Leonard III.

Throughout his tenure, he remained close to the student community by sharing fellowship with student groups and organizations. Upon his resignation, a student representative wrote, "The Student Congress of Bethany College feels a great loss in hearing of your resignation. You have shown interest in students by your policies and leadership. Your integrity and honesty have been a trait of character which has undoubtedly influenced...those students with whom you have come in contact."

A graduate of Upsala College, East Orange, New Jersey and Augustana Theological Seminary, Andeen had been awarded the Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. Before Bethany, he was a professor of Christianity at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. After leaving Bethany College, Andeen served as dean of William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, Ill., and was chosen as president of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, in 1968.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.