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#### BETHANY COLLEGE RECEIVES \$200,000 GRANT FOR NEW CHAPEL

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Bethany College has received a \$200,000 grant from the Earl Bane Foundation for the Pearson Chapel and Welcome Center.

“Over the last 15 years, the Earl Bane Foundation has supported scholarships, general operations and enhancements to campus information technology at Bethany College. Students have been the primary beneficiaries of the foundation’s generosity and we are deeply grateful for their previous support as well as their continued support of a new chapel and welcome center,” said Bethany College President Edward F. Leonard III.

The Pearson Chapel and Welcome Center will utilize principles of sustainable design. To be located in the heart of campus, the welcome center will signify Bethany’s core values as a place of open hospitality to all who come to live, study, work or visit the campus. The chapel will be a place to exemplify and affirm the life of faith and learning.

“We hope this gift encourages other foundations, congregations, family groups, alumni and friends to support the project,” said Vice President of the Earl Bane Foundation Mindy Tillberg.

Bethany has raised \$1,260,000 towards the Pearson Chapel and Welcome Center. On May 1, Bethany announced that the Pearson Challenge, a \$1 million challenge from the late Gerald “Bud” Pearson, had been met. The total projected cost of this new building is \$3.5 million.

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](http://www.bethanylb.edu).