



## THIS PAST WEEK & MORE

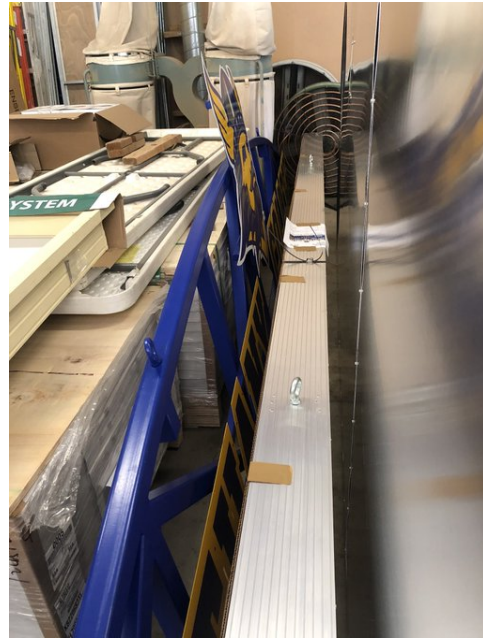
### 2020 Grad Picks up His Diploma



Baptiste Chazelas picked up his diploma earlier this week. Here he is pictured with President Mauch.

# Baseball Scoreboard

Here is a sneak peek at the new baseball scoreboard! Thank you to everyone who made this happen. Stay tuned next week for more information!



## Message to Bethany Backers

Posted by Darren Burch (05-21-2020):

"The voting form JUST got sent out to all you official Bethany Backers! Voting will be open through May 30th. (Check your junk or spam folders.)

We received nearly 100 email kickbacks - meaning an email address is wrong. So if you are an official Bethany Backer (you sent in your \$50 BB gift) and you didn't receive an email, please contact [bethanybackers@gmail.com](mailto:bethanybackers@gmail.com) with the correct address.

NOTE: The voting email came from my personal work account as we had technical difficulties with mass emails in Gmail."

To reiterate: If you are a Bethany Backer and did NOT receive an email titled "Bethany Backers Voting 2020," it means we do NOT have your updated contact info. Simply contact [bethanybackers@gmail.com](mailto:bethanybackers@gmail.com) to provide a valid email address.

See full information for each of the three projects can be found on Facebook in the private group Bethany Backers found

here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/507716769729404/>

## Dr. Lucas Provides Update Regarding Bethany Oratorio's Performance of Handel's Messiah

Greetings. I want to update you on our plans to perform Handel's *Messiah*. For multiple reasons, I feel it would be irresponsible to move forward at this time with our planned June 19 performance. I had hoped we would be at a place where everyone would feel

comfortable gathering together to celebrate and perform this great work. Due to many factors, we are just not in that place right now.

I recently had an opportunity to attend a webinar put on by the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the American Choral Directors Association. The webinar featured medical doctors who are also singers, and outlined what we could expect in the near future in terms of singing together. One thing that struck me was the case of a 120-member community choir that rehearsed Bach's *Passion according to St. John* on a Tuesday and a Saturday, then performed it that Sunday. 101 of the 120 members contracted Covid-19. That is an extreme example, but if even 1 person becomes gravely ill it is too much.

It is our current plan to perform *Messiah* on Sunday, October 4 at 3 pm in conjunction with Bethany College's Homecoming Weekend. I am unsure exactly how it will look, because much will be learned in the next few months, but this is our plan.

When it comes to dealing with Covid-19 it seems we are all, in a sense, "building the airplane while in flight." We learn more every day about the best way to deal with it. I have been in close contact with the administration at Bethany College and we do have other, "backup" plans in the works in case Oct. 4 does not work out. I am very happy that President Mauch is as dedicated as I am to making sure there is a performance of Handel's *Messiah* in the 2020 calendar year by the Bethany Oratorio Society. I hope you will trust us to make sure that performance will be safe for both our performers and our audience. I will keep you updated as we move forward.

Finally, I would ask that you consider supporting the festival financially. Even though we were unable to collect the money from ticket sales for this past Holy Week, there were still some expenses we must cover. I have considered it one of my great achievements to always balance the budget during my 7 years at Bethany and I would like that to be the case this year as well. If you choose, you may donate by following the link below OR going to [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu) and scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on "donate now." **MAKE SURE TO PUT "MESSIAH" WHERE IT ASKS FOR A DESCRIPTION.** Link: <https://simplecheckout.authorize.net/payment/CatalogPayment.aspx>

Thank you to each of you. You are the backbone of our festival and, indeed, the backbone of this college and community. You make me proud to be the Director of the Bethany Oratorio Society.

Sincerely,

Mark Lucas, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Music  
Director of Choral Activities  
Director of the Bethany Oratorio Society

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On April 25, after cars paraded by Dr. Pigge's house to congratulate her on 50 years of service to Bethany, Ed Pogue presented her with a framed copy of his concept drawing for the molten metal mold he created as part of



Sweden to the Plains - Living the Legacy  
Founded in 1869 - Thriving in 2019  
Artist: Ed Pogue

Lindsborg's 150th birthday. Pogue poured molten metal into molds at the college foundry in February of 2019. The piece was installed on the planter in front of City Hall on Midsummer's Day, June 15, 2019.



## Message to the Class of '69 from the Habiger's

Dear Bethany Class of 1969,

We hope that you are successfully weathering "Stay-at-home" and the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has presented challenges never experienced in our lifetime and you can only imagine the challenges it has presented to institutions like our Bethany College.

In celebration of our reunion year and to recognize the significant contribution Bethany has made to our lives, our class (combined with the class of 1968) set a challenge of 50/50/50: 50 years since graduation, raising \$50,000 for Bethany, and achieving 50% participation from our living class members in contributing to our college during the current fiscal year.

We have successfully achieved the first and second '50' goals having passed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation and contributing more than \$50,000! Thank you to all who have made this gift a reality. We still have some distance to close on the 50% participation goal- the most challenging of the three goals to achieve. The good news is, we

still have until **June 30** to achieve that third and final goal! Alumni participation is more than a reunion goal since strong, broad alumni support is the foundation for a healthy Bethany, especially now. Whether it is contacting prospective students, visiting campus, or providing financial help, alumni involvement of any kind and at any level is a wonderful gift.

If you have not yet contributed to our class(es) reunion gift to the college, please thoughtfully consider doing so before June 30. You can join the alumni association's BETHANY BACKERS initiative with a gift of only \$50, or, if your circumstances permit, larger gifts are welcome, too. Though your gift does not need to be large, your participation will play a large role in our class(es) challenging 50 year reunion classes in the future to "match this!"

**Please make your contribution by June 30!** Contributions can be made online at the college website [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu) (look for the 'give' button), or by mail to the Bethany College Advancement Office, **335 E. Swensson St., Lindsborg KS 67456**.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Rob and Celeste (Bohman) Habiger

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## Attention Class of 1973!!

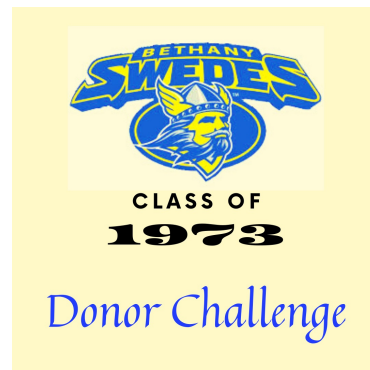
A matching challenge gift has been issued to members of the Class of 1973.

The donor has made a matching gift challenge up to \$10,000 for gifts that come in to Bethany for the Annual Fund between now and June 30 from the Class of 1973.

Currently 24 members of the Class of '73 have made a gift to Bethany in FY20 (July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020).

Leading the way right now is the class of '91 with 37 donors! '69 has 35 donors, '71 has 27 donors and '80 has 25 donors.

There are six classes with 24 donors. So come on Class of '73! Your donation is doubled thanks to this generous challenge!



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## Update on the Giving from the Class of '68 and '69

In celebration of their 50th anniversaries last year, the classes of '68 and '69 had a goal of 50 years/50% participation/\$50,000. Any gift donated for any cause during this fiscal year by either class would count toward that goal. To date the class of 1968 with 24 class members have given a total of \$25,384.72 and the class of 1969 showing 35 class members have given a total \$34,284.18.

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## USD 400 Gifts Replacement Turf and Costs Toward New Track at Anderson Stadium on Bethany College Campus



In the midst of the cancellations, postponements and quarantine resulting from the unforeseen COVID-19, a demonstration of commitment, community resolve and partnership has been forging in the background. As of May 11, the Board of USD 400 approved a gift for the costs to replace the synthetic turf at the Clyde and

Glenn Lindstrom Field, and also toward the costs of the track, both at Anderson Stadium on Bethany College campus. Bethany College and Smoky Valley schools have shared these facilities for more than thirty years pursuant to use agreements. The various recreational teams organized through the City of Lindsborg also enjoy the track and field.

Dr. Elizabeth Mauch, Interim President of Bethany College notes that while COVID-19 has created challenging times, “community partners such as USD 400 have demonstrated a true commitment to the future of Bethany and the entire Lindsborg community with their investment in the turf and track.”

Bethany and USD 400 have been in discussion about the turf and track replacement for a few years now, as it was known the surfaces were close to exceeding their recommended lifespan. When COVID hit, the college administration took some time to carefully reevaluate the project. However, a commitment to the safety of all athletes combined with the fortune of special funds provided the opportunity to move the project forward. According to USD 400 Superintendent, Glen Suppes, “the district’s Capital Outlay funds allow for capital physical improvements but cannot be utilized for daily operational expenditures. We are grateful to have a wonderful working relationship with Bethany College, and the opportunity to spend our budgeted Capital dollars on the new turf in an effort to assist our students as well as our college athletes. Although general fund dollars may be limited later this fall and programs or positions may be greatly affected because of the effects of COVID-19, capital improvements will continue to move forward. Replacing the unsafe turf and track is an anticipated expense that must be addressed.”

“Facilities are such an integral part of athletics in not just the collegiate setting, but in all levels of sport. The safety of all student-athletes is our top priority, and we are very thankful for the strong working relationship and partnership with USD 400 that is allowing for the necessary capital improvements. In addition to ensuring a safe playing surface, these improvements will also play a pivotal part in both recruiting and retention for many of our programs. The partnership between Bethany, USD 400, and the City of Lindsborg truly demonstrates a commitment to the tradition of excellence and future of sport for the Swedes, Vikings, and the Smoky Valley,” commented Laura Moreno, Dean of Athletics at Bethany College.

While COVID requires communities and businesses to be prudent in spending, moving forward with community investment is equally important. “In this difficult time in many communities throughout our state, Lindsborg continues to look for ways to keep things moving forward,” stated Lindsborg Mayor, Becky Anderson. Mayor Anderson further commented, “the cooperation between USD 400 and Bethany College is another shining

example of working together. The leadership of both institutions searched for a way to provide a much needed improvement to athletic facilities at Bethany College.”

The turf replacement will start in the next few weeks and the track will be replaced in the fall. Both USD 400 and the Smoky Valley School District look forward to a shared use of the facilities for years to come and Mayor Anderson thanks both for “continuing this legacy of community cooperation.” To borrow from the City of Lindsborg CVB, who is currently showcasing Lindsborg’s collective unique small-town offerings as “Lindsborg Lemonade,” this is a true case of making lemons into lemonade.

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## Virtual FIKA

Next FIKA will be **June 5 from 9 - 10 a.m.**

Feel free to join at any point during this time

Simply [click this link](#) to join (there's also a "dial-in" option for those who do not have PCs):

Fill your favorite mug, cut a big piece of Kanelbullar and simply click the "join hangouts meet" link, above, if you are willing and able to join!

We'll continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month until further notice.

Please feel free to share this Google Meet link with fellow Swedes across the country!



We'd love to keep in touch with you! Please use the [Alumni News Update](#) link on the Bethany website to tell us what's new with you: let us know that you've just gotten married or welcomed a new baby into your family, or tell us about your new job. Information submitted will be included in a future issue of the Bethany Magazine.

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