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### BETHANY REVIVES EARTH DAY FESTIVITIES

LINDSBORG, Kan.—With a renewed enthusiasm for sustainability spreading across campus, Bethany College has planned an Earth Day celebration on April 22 to promote education about the environment.

The public is invited to attend to learn about how to live sustainable lives. All events are free.

“This is something that the whole community, not just Bethany, should be involved in. There is a lot of good and forward motion that needs to be shared and explored,” said Mark Kozubowski, professor of biology and chair of the Earth Day event planning committee. “This is the only earth we’ve got; we have to take care of it.”

The day will commence at 9 a.m. with a first round of environmental teach-ins led by Bethany faculty, staff and students, as well as local experts. The presentations will be followed by a formal welcome from Bethany College Provost Eugene Bales, and a proclamation by Lindsborg Mayor Judy Neuschafer.

In between sessions the Bethany art club will be making recycled bracelets. Bins will be provided for community recycling.

The Bethany College Chapel Choir will sing during a service at 10:30 a.m. in Swenson Chapel.

Keynote speaker Jimmy Sjöblom, Bethany’s 2009 Pearson Distinguished Professor of Swedish Studies, will speak on the topic of “Caring for Creation: Asking Three Questions” at 11 a.m. in Lindquist Hall.

Environmental teach-ins will again be offered across campus at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Presenters include: Bruce Kahler, professor of American history; Bruce Texley, professor emeritus of business; Aubrey Streit, director of communications, and Cody Whetstone, student; David Van Tassel of The Land Institute; Steve Dawson of Kiowa County Ministerial Alliance; Nancy Vogelsberg-Bush, beef rancher; and Kristin Van Tassel, assistant professor of English. Presentation topics include ecological literature, food, rebuilding a green city, sustainable ranching and more.

The celebration will conclude following field trips at 3:15 p.m. to Bethany Lutheran Church to view the geothermal heating project, and to the Blacksmith Coffee Roastery to learn about fair trade coffee.

Bethany held its first Earth Day event in 1990, in honor of Earth Day's 20th anniversary. This first event included several faculty members and one expert from The Land Institute. "Community members and students were small in attendance," said Kozubowski. "This year we have hopes for high attendance and retention of this celebration for future Earth Day celebrations at Bethany."

For a brief summary of events and directions to the college, visit [Earthday.net](http://Earthday.net) and search for Bethany College.

For more information about Sjöblom and the Pearson Professorship, visit [www.bethanylb.edu/sjoblom](http://www.bethanylb.edu/sjoblom).

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).