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PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY CHUCK ENGLUND RETIRES

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Professor of Chemistry Chuck Englund, who has taught at Bethany since 1968, has decided to retire.

Bethany College President Edward F. Leonard III shared the news with the Bethany campus on Dec. 18. In his email announcement, he wrote, "Dr. Englund said that his retirement was a day he hoped would never come, because of his love for his students, and I know that Bethany College will also miss his dedication, his mentorship, his knowledge, and his unforgettable sense of humor."



Englund's influence upon the lives of Bethany students has been immeasurable. He has been awarded the Greg and Beth Pierce Award for service at Bethany, the Bethany College Mortvedt Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership and the Mentor Award from the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Under his guidance, numerous students have gone on to medical, dental, pharmacy and veterinary school, as well as graduate school.

Most importantly, Englund has built lasting relationships with generations of the Bethany family. As he shared in his resignation letter, "Where else could I have shared my faith with students and have had hundreds of students who are not only good but also good friends?"

President Leonard asked the Bethany community to remember Englund's years of service with joy and thanksgiving, and to support and visit him at Lindsborg Community Hospital. Englund's health has suffered in recent months.

Part-time instructors will teach Englund's classes this interterm and spring, and Bethany will open a search for a full-time professor.

Bethany Magazine is planning a special feature for its spring 2009 issue, and invites community members, alumni and friends to share favorite stories and memories of Englund. Please contact Aubrey Streit at 785-227-3380, ext. 8274 or streita@bethanylb.edu by January 21.

Englund earned a Bachelor of Science from Wheaton College in 1958. He taught for two years at White Hall High School in Illinois before earning a Master of Arts and Ph.D. in chemistry from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He also taught at Concordia Teachers College from 1962-1965. In Kansas, Englund also has served as the lay pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in New Cambria.

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 in their search for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.

Caption: Professor of Chemistry Charles “Chuck” Englund.