

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

CASE STUDY

 SPORTS + RECREATION
APPLICATIONS



LOCATION

Mankato, MN

MARKET SECTOR

Sports

APPLICATION

**Student
Activities Center**



SIZE

200 ft x 334 ft (66,800 sq ft)

SPECIAL FEATURES

**Attached to brick and mortar
building; frames support
nets, scoreboards, and fans;
custom vinyl logos on walls**

INSTALLATION

Legacy in-house crews

ESTABLISHED IN 1927, Bethany Lutheran College is a Christian liberal arts college that is owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Over Bethany Lutheran's history, they decided to go from a junior college to a four-year institution and within that growth, they added additional athletic opportunities such as cross-country, track and field, softball, baseball, and soccer athletic programs.





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The addition of the new athletic programs required new facilities, and in 2018, after five years of planning and researching, Daniel Mundahl, Sr. Vice President for Finance and Administration, connected with Legacy Building Solutions (Legacy) through partnerships to learn more about tension fabric structures. Mundahl connected with Shannon Humbert, Building and Project Design Consultant for Legacy, who specializes in athletic and event buildings. “They had been working on this project for many years, and we were able to bring them a solution that allowed them to meet budget needs, but also a building that not only fit in with the rest of campus but would become a place where students could congregate,” explained Humbert.

Bethany Lutheran’s student activities center was to be the focal point for students, but the building also needed to blend in with the rest of the campus. “We tossed around a lot of concepts of what this building was going to look like and be —is this a two-story building, a traditional building, do we move forward with a bubble or explore the concept of a Legacy building,” explained Mundahl.

Legacy worked with Bethany Lutheran through the design process and provided them with a building plan that gave them everything they were looking for within budget.

The building’s exterior is clad with precast panels and attached to a traditional brick-and-mortar entrance building. The interior of the fieldhouse is fabric-lined, insulated, and features large decals on the interior sidewall and endwall. Bethany’s student activities center is 66,800 sq ft and is home to an indoor track and turf for softball and baseball practice. The interior not only features batting cages, but Legacy was also able to engineer the building to accommodate the large retractable netting that protects the interior turf.

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