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Smoky Valley Community Foundation Board member Susie Ruggels, left, presents a check from SVCF to the Reverend Noni Strand, Bethany College Campus Pastor, and Jayne Norlin, Bethany College Associate Vice-President for Advancement, in support of Bethany's new Pearson Chapel and Welcome Center.

Smoky Valley Community Foundation assists in meeting the Pearson Challenge Grant

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) is pleased to assist Bethany College in meeting the challenge provided by Gerald "Bud" and Beverly Pearson with their matching grant for the Bethany Pearson Chapel and Welcoming Center. Bethany has announced that funds to meet the Pearson matching grant are now in hand and \$2 million of the \$3.5 million cost has been raised.

By making its charitable gift from the SVCF Heritage Fund to the Pearson Chapel and Welcome Center SVCF recognized the entwined history of Bethany College and Lindsborg. The Heritage Fund was initiated by the Lindsborg City Council and endowed by the City of Lindsborg to help celebrate the history of the people of the Smoky Valley. Heritage gifts from this fund are made each spring.