

S O U V E N I R P R O G R A M



NOTE BURNING PROGRAM

CALVARY
EVANGELICAL
CHURCH

Colorado Springs, Colorado

November 28, 1943

OFFICIAL ROSTER

- Rev. C. H. Stauffacher, D. D. *Bishop*
 Rev. A. E. Butler *District Superintendent*
 Rev. Francis Bayles, Jr. *Minister*
Organist Mrs. Betty Poole Fisher
Supernumerary Elder Rev. C. F. Wenger
Administrative Council—Rev. Francis Bayles, Jr., President; Mr. C. G. Munson, Vice President; Miss Velma Luehring, Secretary.
Classleader—Mr. H. J. Luehring; Assistant, Mr. C. G. Munson.
Stewards—Miss Velma Luehring, Recording Steward; Miss Katherine Cooper, Communion Steward; Mrs. J. R. Cain, Mr. D. C. Wenger, Mr. Eugene Munson.
Trustees—Mr. H. J. Luehring, President; Mr. G. A. Brecheisen, Mr. Eddie Landes, Mr. J. A. Schmitt, Mr. G. E. Millard.
Sunday School—Mr. H. J. Luehring, Superintendent; Mr. Harold Jordan, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. J. R. Cain, Junior Department Superintendent; Miss Elizabeth Quick, Secretary; Mr. G. A. Brecheisen, Treasurer.
Women's Missionary Society—Mrs. Marie Weide, President; Mrs. Roy Bishop, Vice President; Mrs. Francis Bayles, Jr., Secretary; Mrs. O. R. Lamm, Treasurer; Mrs. L. Pfleeger, Corresponding Secretary.
Mission Band Superintendents—Mrs. Clem Rigdon, Mrs. Virgil Humphrey.
Little Herald Secretary—Mrs. G. A. Brecheisen.
Evangelical Leagues of Christian Endeavor:
 Young People's—Miss Leatha Lamm, President; Mrs. Paul Capes, Vice President; Miss Velma Luehring, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Anna Millard, Corresponding Secretary.
 Junior—Miss Henrietta Hefty, Superintendent; Gene Jordan, President; Clark Bragg, Vice President; Annette Bragg, Secretary; Norma Jordan, Treasurer.
 Adults—Mr. Harry Flake, President; Mr. G. E. Millard, Vice President.
Ladies Aid—Mrs. E. A. Miller, President; Mrs. E. Landes, Mrs. C. F. Wenger, Mrs. Eugene Quick, Mrs. C. G. Munson.
Loyal Women's Class—Mrs. O. R. Lamm, President; Mrs. G. A. Brecheisen, Vice President; Mrs. Roy Bishop, Secretary; Mrs. C. F. Wenger, Treasurer.
Philathea Class—Mrs. A. C. Biddle, President; Mrs. Virgil Humphrey, Vice President; Mrs. Frank Einspahr, Secretary; Mrs. Harold Jordan, Treasurer.
Albright Brotherhood—Mr. G. A. Brecheisen, President; Mr. Harold Jordan, Vice President; Mr. C. G. Munson, Secretary-Treasurer.

HISTORICAL RESUME

The Colorado Springs Mission of the Kansas Conference of the Evangelical Church owes its existence to the zeal and enthusiasm of Rev. C. S. Steinmetz, who took up his residence in Colorado Springs as a carpenter for reasons of poor health in 1899. A zealous man of God, Rev. Steinmetz soon gathered about himself a few worshippers who longed for an Evangelical Church to be established here. Frequent petitions to Kansas for authority to organize were disregarded until in March of 1902 the Kansas Conference at Hiawatha authorized Rev. Steinmetz to bring a class into being in Colorado Springs.

The first class of the Colorado Springs Mission was organized on March 30, 1902, with twenty-three charter members. This meeting was held in the home of R. F. Shepherd on South Cascade Avenue. The first structural home for the class was a tent house which was erected at 209 East Rio Grande Street. Membership increased to thirty-nine by the end of the first year.

Minutes of the Thirty-Ninth Session of the Kansas Conference of the Evangelical Church, which convened at Holton, Kansas, March 19-23, 1903, show that authority was given to the Colorado Springs Mission to construct a church edifice. During this year the building project brought into being a structure 28 by 34 feet with an annex 16 by 22 feet, a small basement and a steeple 38 feet high. Cost of this fine church was \$3,727.01. Rev. Steinmetz acted as architect and carpenter and the men of the church gave faithful service in building the structure. Letters from Rev. Steinmetz indicate that Bishop Wm. Horn dedicated this building near the time of the dedication of the Ordway Church, although no date appears in the records.

Record of authorization for construction of a parsonage does not appear in the records, but, during the first year of the pastorate of Rev. M. W. Plettner, a home for the minister must have been constructed, for the Fourth Quarterly Conference Session which convened on March 2, 1907, gives report of the parsonage valuation as being \$2,500.00. This was a new item in the record of the society.

Growth of the congregation was steady during the pastorates of Rev. H. A. Schneider (1908-1912), Rev. C. J. Zager (1912-1917), Rev. E. S. Evans (1917-1919), and Rev. A. E. Butler (1919-1923). The membership had slowly but steadily grown until it could be reported in 1923 that there were 126 members. The Sunday School had reached 213 in 1922 and the congregation was convinced that a larger edifice was required. Rev. Butler led the congregation in an attempt to save money toward a new church building, so that by June 10, 1923, there was a sum of \$2,135.00.

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NOTE BURNING SERVICE

Calvary Evangelical Church

of

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

November 28, 1943

7:30 P. M.



The Organ Prelude—"Hebrew Prayer of Thanksgiving" *Gaul*

The Processional

The Call to Worship

Let the Congregation Rise

Minister—"The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

People—"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

The Gloria Patri No. xxv

The Invocational Prayer Rev. S. Beese

The Congregation May be Seated

The Hymn—"Zion Stands With Hills Surrounded" No. 366

The Scripture—II Chronicles 6:1-11, 7:1-3 The Minister

The Prayer Rev. A. E. Butler

The Offering

The Offertory—"Meditation" *Bubeck*

The Anthems—"Great Is the Lord" *Holton*

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul" *Richolson*

Solo Miss Gwendolyn Weide

The Sermon Bishop C. H. Stauffacher

The Note Burning Service

The Story of the Building	Rev. A. E. Butler
The Story of the Debt	Rev. S. Beese
Congratulatory Remarks	Bishop C. H. Stauffacher
Presentation of Note	Mr. H. J. Luehring President of the Trustee Board

(Representatives of the Organizations Will Assemble at the Altar Rail)

NOTE BURNING LITANY

Leader—Bishop C. H. Stauffacher

Leader—In a spirit of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we were permitted to complete the erection of this edifice and to provide adequate equipment for its use,

People—We now with joy in our hearts proceed to transform this cancelled note, the symbol of our completed task, into the incense of prayer and thanksgiving.

Leader—Being graciously prospered by the hand of our God in lifting the burden of debt from this church, which by His providence we have been enabled to do,

People—We would proceed to burn this note.

Leader—In love for our beloved church and in reverent memory of those who by their services and sacrifices down through the years have bequeathed to us such a valuable and useful church property,

People—We burn this note.

Leader—In grateful appreciation of the generosity of the members and friends of this church, the earnest and fruitful efforts of its organizations and the untiring service and prayers of those who have had a part in this undertaking,

People—We burn this note.

Leader—In appreciation of the spirit of unity, loyalty and sacrifice manifested by the whole church in this achievement,

People—We burn this note.

Leader—In genuine gratitude that we have been more closely united in the bonds of Christian service and comradeship in this enterprise,

People—We burn this note.

Leader and People—We now dedicate ourselves anew to the work and support of this our church and the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout this community, the nation and the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Bishop C. H. Stauffacher

Burning of the Note . Bishop Stauffacher and Church Representatives

(Symbolism of the Candle Colors: Large White—Christ Our Lord; White—Faith in God; Cream—Faith in the Enterprise; Pink—Hope; Rose—Love of God; Light Blue—Love for the House of God; Orange—Zeal and Service; Dark Blue—Loyalty; Yellow—Willingness in Giving; Red—Sacrifice; Green—Consecration; Silver—Spirit of Stewardship.)

The Hymn of Praise—"The Doxology" No. 1

The Benediction Bishop C. H. Stauffacher

The Unison Response—"Lord Let Us Now Depart in Peace" . No. 589

Organ Postlude—Theme from "Symphonie No. 1" . . . Brahms

HISTORICAL RESUME—*Continued*

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The four-year pastorate of Rev. D. C. Ostroth began in May of 1923 and witnessed the building of the present structure and a large increase in the membership. The Conference Church Building Committee authorized a \$20,000 project in August of 1923. The cornerstone laying took place on Sunday afternoon, May 26, 1924. Many of the members of the congregation worked in the building activity and the dedication was made on November 30, 1924, by Bishop S. P. Spreng. The total cost of the building was \$32,734.00. The indebtedness at that time was \$23,266.00. This period was distinguished by the change of the Colorado Springs church from a Mission to a "Station" by action of the Colorado Conference at Loveland in 1924. The name Calvary Evangelical Church of Colorado Springs first appeared in the record at the same time. Membership peak was reached in 1927 when 176 were listed on the roll.

Rev. C. J. Zager returned to serve the Calvary Church as its pastor for three years (1927-1930). Rev. T. A. Marks (1930-1933), Rev. F. A. Crain (1933-1935), and Rev. S. Beese (1935-1936), served Calvary Church during the days of the depression and recession which brought tremendous hardships. The membership decreased to 91 and the debt, which had become overwhelming, was divided between the congregation and the conference, with the understanding that the debt be cleared in ten years. A pipe organ was installed in February of 1937 at a cost of \$525.00, which has added materially to the attractiveness of worship and music in the sanctuary.

The last seven months of 1938 were supplied by Rev. Harvey Marks and the District Superintendent, Rev. A. E. Eutler. The present pastor was sent to the field on December 31, 1938. The congregation has rallied splendidly in these better times and paid off \$3,750.00 on the church debt and \$100.00 on the organ debt. Payments slowly increased in size through these years until in 1942 a special observance of the Fortieth Anniversary made it possible to pay off \$700.00. The final \$1,400.00 has been cleared during the months since April 30, 1943.

The record of the years is not all to be found in the account of buildings, finances and membership increases. Calvary has served her Lord well in souls saved and in workers sent out to special service. The earliest recruit was the Rev. E. W. Petticord, who has won hundreds of souls to Christ. Shortly after this Miss Huldah Christner was recommended to the Deaconess Society, and she has given a life of faithfulness in this service. Rev. C. F. Wenger, who served the Colorado Conference in days of great need, is a son of the Calvary Church. Recent years have seen the recommending of V. I. Flynn and James Brecheisen for license to preach. These young men are in school preparing themselves for service and are counted on for the immediate future.

HISTORICAL RESUME—*Continued*

We cannot here recall all of the important events and activities of this church. Calvary has had a rich history and a glorious fellowship. The congregation and pastor would express gratitude to God for His bounteous care which has made it possible for us to meet the challenge of our building debt. Further gratitude is offered to the Colorado Conference which has seen us through hard days and has shared the burden of debt and interest. The 131 members join hands and hearts in a pledge to crusade effectively for Christ in this community and to undergird the work of the Colorado Conference to the best of our ability. May God see fit to make effective use of us in the days now upon us. May He open doors before us and open our eyes and hearts to pass through them in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.