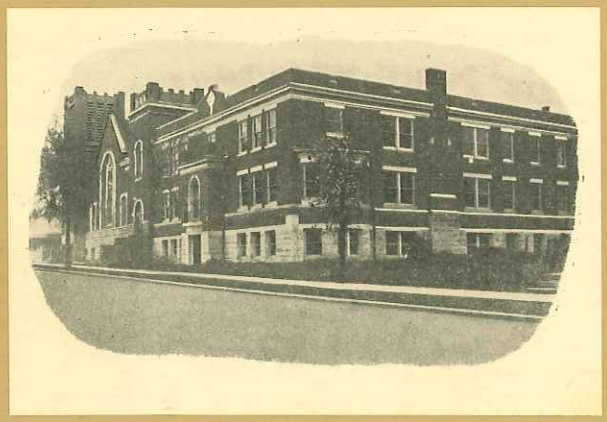
Program of Dedication

Church School Building



First Evangelical Church

Naperville, Illinois

November the Twenty-Second

MCMXXV

WITH Thanks to the Fathers before us ✝ With Hope for the Children about us ✝✝ With Gratitude to God above us ✝ We Dedicate This Church School ✝ ✝✝✝ Building ✝✝✝

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History

SOME of the outstanding events in the history of this congregation are as follows:

1837

The Rev. Jacob Boas, sent from Ohio to Illinois as a missionary, preached the first sermon under the auspices of the Evangelical Church. The congregation was organized during the same year.

1841

The first church building of the congregation was erected and the Rev. J. G. Zinser, the presiding elder, dedicated it. Captain Naper donated the lot.

1845

The growth of the congregation necessitated the building of a larger church.

1859

The famous *Brick Church* was built. It was dedicated by the Rev. J. J. Esher who afterwards became bishop. Two general conferences were held in this church.

1870

When North-Western College located in Naperville a second congregation, worshipping in the college chapel, was organized.

1910

The two congregations were amalgamated under the pastorate of the Rev. W. A. Schutte.

1912

The completion and dedication of the present structure took place, Bishop Spreng officiating at the dedication, assisted by President Seager of North-Western College. The debt on this building was liquidated in 1919 under the pastorate of the Rev. A. J. Boelter.

1925

With the steady growth of the church school, it became evident that the equipment was not adequate. Fifteen classes were meeting in a large basement room. For this reason the present plant has been built. The two upper floors provide departmental units for Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary. Junior, and Intermediate Departments. The Young People's Department and several adult classes are accommodated on the ground floor. There are thirty-two rooms in the building. The Senior Department, the Student Department and several of the Adult classes are taken care of in the Old Building. With this equipment we have room to double our presente enrollment of one thousand pupils.

Order of Service

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Divine Worship at 10:45 A. M.

C. C. Pinney, *Director of Music*

Mrs. C. O. Druschel, *Organist*

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Prelude

Prelude to Third Sonata in C Minor *Guilmant*

Gloria Patri

Invocation

Response

Hymn

No. 37 When morning gilds the Skies.

Scripture Lesson

Hymn

No. 96 Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer

Response

Offertory

Andante Seraphique *Debat-Ponson*

Anthem

Seek ye the Lord *Roberts*

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,
Call ye upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts,
And return unto the Lord,
And He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon.

Sermon

Bishop S. P. Spreng, d. d.

Dedication Offering

Benediction

Seven Fold Amen

Postlude

Grand Choeur *Rogers*

Order of Service

Dedication Service at 2:30 P. M.

Prelude
Offertoire de St. Cecilia *Batiste*

Processional Hymn
No. 347 (The Congregation will please stand and join the choir with the singing of the second stanza).

Invocation

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Hymn
No. 439

Greetings
The Rev. L. C. Schmidt, for Naperville Ministerial Association

Greetings
Mayor Benjamin Piper, for the citizens of Naperville.

Anthem
Build Thee more stately mansions *Matthews*

Offertory
Virgin's Prayer *Massenet*

Address
Bishop S. P. Spreng, d. d.

Vocal Solo
Dorothy Goodge

Dedication
of the *Church School Building*

Leader: We dedicate this Church School Building to the cause of Jesus Christ and His Church, believing that Christianity furnishes the only hope for the redemption of all nations.

Assembly: To this purpose we dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building to the holy task of evangelism through the vital processes of religious education.

Assembly: To this purpose we dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building on behalf of childhood and youth, recognizing that "the race moves forward on the feet of little children."

Assembly: To this purpose we dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building to the memory of those whose vision and sacrifice have made possible a new day in religious education.

Assembly: To this purpose we dedicate this building.

Leader: we dedicate this building to the task of creating goodwill and fellowship toward our fellow men, and love and loyalty to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: To this purpose we dedicate this building.

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude
Alleluia *Rockwell*

Order of Service

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Evening Service at 7:30 P. M.

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Prelude
Prologue *Rogers*

Doxology

Invocation

Hymn
No. 20 O for a Shout of Joy

Scripture Lesson

Hymn
No. 354 Where cross the Crowded ways of Life

Prayer

Offertory
Intermezzo *Rogers*

Anthem
Breast the Wave, Christian!
Shelley

Breast the wave, Christian,
When it is strongest;
Watch for day, Christian,
When the night's longest;
Onward and onward still.
Be thine endeavour;
The rest remaineth,
Will be for ever.

Fight the fight, Christian,
Jesus is o'er thee,
Run the race, Christian,
Heav'n is before thee;
He who hath promised,
Faltereth never;
He who hath lov'd as well,
Loveth for ever.
Lift thine eye, Christian,
Just as it closeth;
Raise thy heart, Christian,
Ere it reposeth.
Thee from the love of Christ
Nothing shall sever;
And, when thy work is done
Praise Him for ever

Sermon
Bishop L. H. Seager, d. d.
Le Mars, Iowa

Hymn
No. 134 (Second Tune) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Benediction

Postlude
March *Rogers*

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