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Reverend William Carl Eifert

(1897-1982)

Reverend William Carl Eifert was born in Wilmot, South Dakota in 1897. Following in the footsteps of his father, just as six of the seven brothers had done, Reverend William Eifert chose to enter the ministry and dedicate his life to the Lutheran Church.

Ordained in Alberta in 1919, Reverend Eifert graduated from the Concordia Seminary (Saint Louis) and served a number of parishes in Alberta. He served the Alberta-British Columbia District as district president from 1930 to 1951. During this period, he moved to Edmonton in 1950 to become a full time church executive. He also continued to serve the Alberta-British Columbia District as executive secretary from 1951 to 1969.

Prior to his retirement in 1970, Reverend Eifert was active in the Lutheran Laymen's League, including ten years as branch manager of the Lutheran Hour office. In 1980, Concordia College awarded him with a Christo Ecclesiae medallion, honouring his many years of service to the church.

Reverend William Carl Eifert passed away on November 26, 1982 in Edmonton, Alberta. He and his wife Ida Eifert had 11 children together.

In a statement written about Reverend Eifert, he was described as being "committed to serving the church, and though he came from the United States, he loved Edmonton and Canada, and never thought of fulfilling his calling anywhere but in Canada."

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