

**NEWS ITEMS IN THE
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Beside his primary congregation in Ogden Utah (St. Paul's Lutheran), for over two years Rev. Brauer served Calvary Lutheran Church in Logan, Utah. It was a very small, mission congregation previously served by Rev. Clemons Harms, who resided in Brigham City, Utah and served there as the chaplain at the military hospital. Rev. Harms may have started the mission congregation in Logan, Utah. Sometime in 1946 after WWII had ended, the hospital closed and Rev. Harms took a different assignment that caused him to move away from Brigham City. Brigham City is about half way between Ogden and Logan.

Logan is the home of Utah State University.

When Rev. Harms assistance to Calvary Lutheran Church ended near the end of 1946, Rev. Brauer took on that assignment about January 1947 in addition to his primary duties in Ogden. To manage this he drove about 50 miles north through a mountain pass using basic highways of the time. There he held services for Calvary Lutheran. During its development, Calvary Lutheran found facilities other than having its own church for worship. During Rev. Brauer's period of service, the congregation worshiped at the Episcopal Church in Logan, usually on Tuesday evening.

Rev. Harms had also started a devotional radio program at the Logan radio station, KVNU. The 15-minute program was called "Lutheran Vespers." In 1947 Rev. Brauer also took on this responsibility, which required him to prepare a devotion to fit the radio station format and to work with the radio station on broadcasting that program. The devotional sermons are included among the sections of this website devoted to sermons. That collection includes 11 devotions that captured Rev. Brauer's actual voice.

In addition to Lutheran Vespers, KVNU broadcast the national program of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, called the Lutheran Hour.

In early 1949, Rev. Brauer accepted a call for his services to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Symco (rural Manawa), Wisconsin. When he left Utah, the church services for Calvary Lutheran continued for a short time and then appear to discontinue. Several years later, a new mission congregation in Logan began and is now operating as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Also when Rev. Brauer moved from Utah to Wisconsin in early 1949, the radio program Lutheran Vespers appears to have discontinued.

The following pages from the Logan newspaper, *The Herald-Journal*, list advertising that helps paint the story for Lutheran Vespers and Calvary Lutheran Church and Rev. Brauer's work in Logan, Utah.