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ST. OLAF COLLEGE STUDENT WORK CAMP

1947

Armand Asper
*Ed Barsness
Oliver Carlson
Bill Dion
Paul Hanson
David Helgen
Les Larsen
Bill Ostroot

Alice Erlander
Irma Gangsie
Doris Grimsvedt
**Celeste Johnson
Ruth Johnson
Marilyn Morgenson
**Faythe Nelson

Prof. and Mrs. Arnold W. Flaten—Work Camp Leaders.

1948

*Ed Barsness
Bob Bergeson
Norris Erdahl
Ivan Fagre
Maurice Schmidt

Bill Smith (Carleton College)
Ann Harang
**Beatrice Helgen
**Faythe Nelson
Allyson Rieke

Prof. Arnold W. Flaten, Camp Leader.

1949

*Ed Barsness
Willie Buehl (U. of W.)
Don Cook
Morris Dalton
Lambert Locker
John Makestad
Dick Nelson

Dorothy Berge
Dorothy Divers
Beatrice Helgen
**Celeste Johnson
Polly Lindem
Floy Schimmel

Prof. Arnold W. Flaten, Camp Leader.

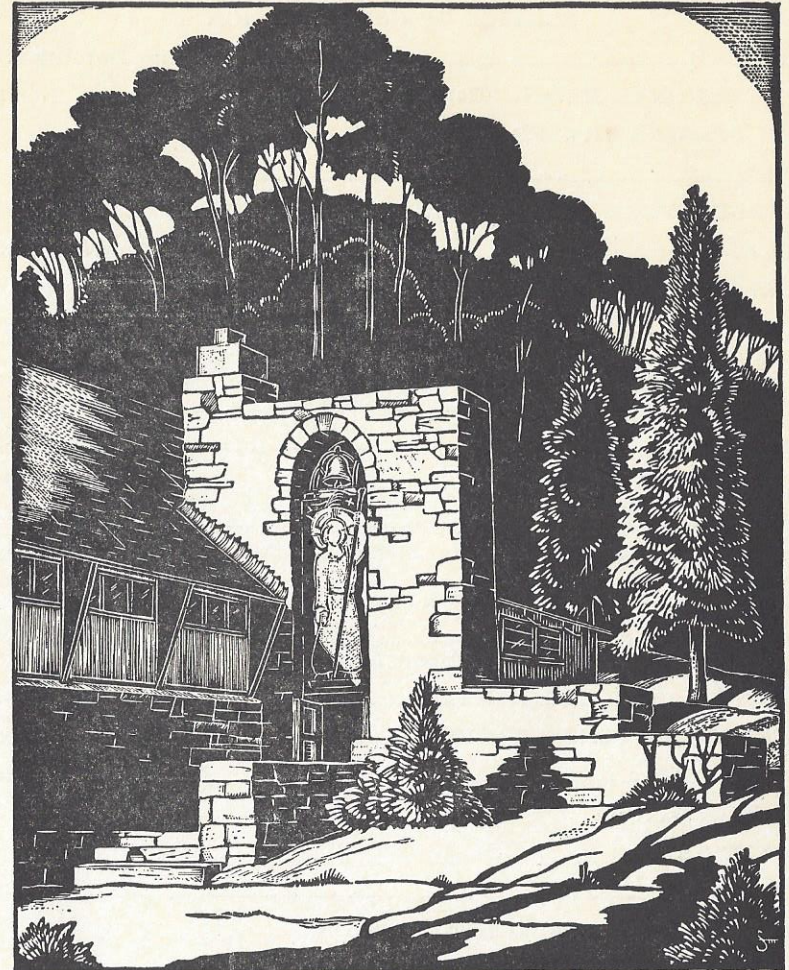
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**Served two years.

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Trinity Lutheran Church

Hovland, Minnesota

Dedication, July 16, 1950

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PRELUDE	Miss Dorothy Koss
PROCESSIONAL HYMN—"Holy, Holy, Holy"	No. 232
THE OPENING PRAYER	
HYMN	No. 3—1-3
INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS	Pastor A. L. Edmonds
VOCAL SOLO	Mr. Maurice Schmidt
COLLECT FOR THE DAY	
SCRIPTURE READING	I Kings 8: 22-30
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalms 84
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalms 100
HYMN	80—1-4
SCRIPTURE READING	Hebrews 10: 19-27
SCRIPTURE READING	Revelation 21: 2-6
THE APOSTLES' CREED	
HYMN	No. 239—1-2-4
DEDICATORY SERMON	Dr. P. S. Dybvig Director of Home Missions E. L. C.
HYMN	No. 81—1-3
THE RITE OF CONSECRATION	Dr. P. S. Dybvig
VOCAL SOLO	Mr. Maurice Schmidt
THE OFFERTORY	
GREETINGS	
HYMN	No. 242
CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	
DOXOLOGY	
POSTLUDE	

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THE HOVLAND STORY

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24. Trinity Lutheran Church gives thanks to God for this day when their new church is dedicated. They gratefully look back to the building of their new sanctuary. Before our eyes is the crystallized dream of those who designed and planned it—Prof. Arnold W. Flaten, Ed Sovik and the members of the building committee. Within

these walls is built the character of the students of the St. Olaf College Work Camp and the consecrated labor of its members and friends. Upon this printed page we want to give recognition to the many hands that toiled to rear this temple upon its rock foundation.

Dr. Howard Hong of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota gave the impetus for the initiation of a Student Work Camp in our church in the school year 1946-47. When he was called to duty in war-torn Germany by the Lutheran World Federation, his idea was brought to fruition by Prof. Arnold Flaten, chairman of the Department of Art at St. Olaf. After the preliminary planning Prof. Flaten along with Mrs. Flaten and their four children, Ann, Robert, Mary and David set out from Northfield with fifteen students—eight men and seven women. They traveled in a jeep owned by Prof. Hong, pulling a trailer, owned by Oscar Sundquist of Hovland and in Pastor Edmonds' car.

Arriving at the site, the work camp began as the students were led in prayer. They proceeded to Mons Hanson's farm, seven miles "up-country" which was to be their home for the two months. Here with the guidance of Mons Hanson they made his place into a "Utopia." Here many happy hours were spent in reading and discussion along with the activity it takes to feed and take care of the temporal wants of the camp.

The terrain had been cleared by the men of the church and the ground prepared by C. A. Johnson's bull-dozer. The work progressed rapidly and by the end of the summer the rock work was done to the main floor level. After the student camp left the men of the church put in the joists, donated by Vincent Agurkus, and a temporary roof was built so that the basement could be used for worship.

The following year Prof. Flaten led a group of six men and four women to Hovland and the rock tower wall was completed and the arches fabricated and several of them placed. This was made possible by a loan from the Church Extension Fund of the E. L. C. The men lived in the church and the women in a cabin which Charley and Mildred Mainella graciously donated for the summer.

In the summer of 1949 Prof. Flaten again led a group to Hovland; this year they were composed mainly of art students, with the faithful "regular," Ed Barsness. The men of the church had finished the arches and roofed the building. In the spring the floor from the old church was installed and Warren Hansen sanded it and it was ready for the wedding of Karen Seaberg in May. The art students decorated the arches. Prof. Flaten along with Dorothy Divers, and Dorothy Berge and the art students designed and sculptured the figure of the Resurrected Christ over the main entrance. The building was given its finish lumber and the windows were installed during the summer and fall of '49 and into the spring of this year. The '49 camp lived in the church, the men in the basement and the women in the room that became the sacristy.

The men and women of Trinity have labored faithfully and well to bring the building to its present readiness for the consecration today. Many evenings and holidays were given for this labor in the Lord. The students of the work camp have left with us the example of stewardship which shall never be forgotten. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to all who have made possible this sanctuary of the Lord!

DEDICATION DAY DATA

The day of dedication was one not to be forgotten in the minds of those present for the occasion. A beautiful day dawned on July 16 and it was an impressive one. This day of dedication tied the knot that completed the project and the church was offered to God.

Dr. P.S. Dybvig's sermon question "Why do we dedicate churches?" keynoted the day. The answer "That we may have more dedicated lives!" sums up not only the aim of the church for the future but also calls to mind the dedicated lives in the past that worked on the church and were influenced by the Hovland project. For many it was a Saul of Tarsus experience; for others it was a call to mature Christian growth; for all it was a time of spiritual enrichment.

In his informal way, pastor Edmonds kept the program moving smoothly and linked a formal and impressive service to a more informal section very effectively. Morrie Schmidt's musical selections enhanced the beauty of the service and added to the sermon a supplement in song. During the greetings we all chuckled as a retired pastor (pastor Jonson) said a preacher must be like a root beer barrel; always ready to flow when tapped. Professor Flaten said "I know that the Holy Spirit has worked in this church" and the very stones of the church could say Amen to that.

The Ladies Aid furnished a lovely supper and fine fellowship was enjoyed by all. Mons Hanson appropriately closed a perfect day with a few simple words. This charter member of the congregation who pulled his children 6 miles to Sunday school on a toboggan revealed his faith in the Christ that builds churches. With a tear in his eye he shook hands with all the campers saying: "God bless you. If I don't see you again, I'll see you in heaven." So scattered workers of the Hovland project we say: "If we don't see each other again, we'll see each other in heaven."