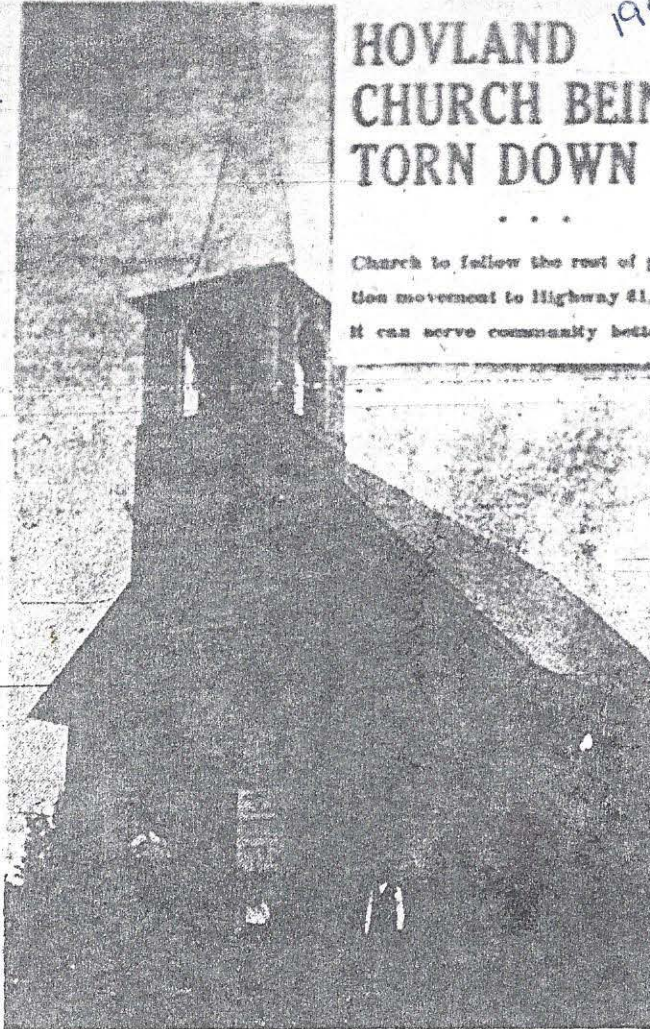


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# HOVLAND CHURCH BEING TORN DOWN

Church to follow the rest of population movement to Highway 61, where it can serve community better.



The Lutheran congregation at Hovland has for some time planned to either rebuild its church or move it to a new location on Highway 61 so that it would be more accessible. The difficulties of moving were weighed against the cost of tearing down the old church and rebuilding. There were endless delays until a lot could be procured for the new site. Then just recently it was decided to tear down the structure and rebuild. The work has been going on now for about two weeks.

The building was built back in 1913, during the time Rev. T. G. Sandeno was pastor here. Rasmus Hall was in charge of the actual building. The picture above, taken while the church was being built shows Mr. Hall in the doorway, and Rev. Sandeno in the lower right corner. Mr. Hall was the brother of a pastor serving the Tofte congregation at the time.

At the annual meeting of Trinity congregation of Hovland held on Monday, March 23, 1913, the following business transpired according to the News-Herald of that week:

"It was unanimously agreed to erect a commodious church building at 'Frank's Corner' near the county road junction, the same being considered the most convenient location for all concerned, and work on same will begin at once. The building committee in charge consists of Martin Johnson, L. N. Ellasen and A. Westlund."

Elected at that meeting were the following: Trustees, V. Sunquist, Paul Jacobson and M. Johnson; Treasurer, Martin Johnson; Deacons, Steven Nelson, H. Christiansen and E. Jacobson; "Kloker," M. Hanson; Janitor, S. Nelson.

Only a few of the church officers of 1913 are now living.

The new building will probably call for new planning, and will be located south of the Old Settlers cemetery. At the time the church was built in 1913 the highway went right past the church, but when the state highway was moved further south and homes and businesses tended to move with it, and the old settlers farther inland moved away, the old church site became unhandy. In the winter it was seldom used because of blocked roads and for other reasons.

ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNCILS.

## Trinity History Notes...

Trinity Lutheran Congregation was organized September 12th, 1909, at a meeting in the Flutereed Valley School. The charter members were: Esten and Ingaborg Jacobsen and family, Hans and Olive Christiansen and family, Martin and Caroline Johnson and family, Stephen and Lise Nilson and family, Tom Knutson, Jacob and Marie Soderlund and family, Andrew and Marie Westerlund and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Teberg, Werner and Anna Marie Sundquist and family, Oscar Halvorson, and Mons and Anna Hanson - a total of 42 members. The name *Trinity* was chosen for the congregation, which belonged to the Hauge Norwegian Evangelical Synod of America. The first minister was Pastor Carl Eidnes, who had recently arrived to become the pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Grand Marais. At a meeting held on January 17th, 1910, the pastor's annual pay was set at \$75.00, tentatively, with the understanding that if more funds were available, the salary would be higher. It was also decided to begin a Ladies' Aid Society, or *Kvindeforening*, whose main purpose was to raise money to build a church.