

One of Mr. Melheim's finest contributions to his community was made in 1964 when the new Kabetogama United Methodist Church was built. He worked for six months carving a pulpit, baptismal font, offering plates, candelabras and a guest book.

The Church Built For Faith



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In 1977 Melheim gave the church an altarpiece of Mary Magdalene and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the foot of the cross. He worked on it for over a year and a half. He also drew the church sketch and the calligraphy that is still used on church bulletins every Sunday.

Herman Melheim was a fascinating character who enjoyed showing people his hand-crafted works. But it was easy to see that all of his contact with the public had not altered his attitude toward life and the principals by which he lived. His fulfillment was in being able to create beautiful things from the natural resources found on his land.