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Holmer Peterson, left, receives a trophy from church council vice-chairman, Dave Vangsness. The trophy and testimonials were given in honor of Peterson's 38 years of service as church financial secretary

## COUNTS OFFERING 38 YEARS

# 38 Years Service Cited by St. Ansgar's

Holmer Peterson was honored last Tuesday night at St. Ansgar's Lutheran church. Holmer, or 'Shorty' as many call him, has been financial secretary of the church for the past 38 years, and he now has retired.

Dave Vangsness, vice-chairman of the church council, presented him with a large trophy bearing this inscription: "To Holmer Peterson, for 38 years of dedicated service as financial secretary of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, 1970."

He was also given a stereo phonograph set, as a gift from the church congregation.

A number of church members gave testimonials to Holmer: they were Dr. Williams, Ray Holmes, Walter Anderson, George Dalton, Dr. Hellickson and Burt Olson.

It was figured out that Holmer had counted the offering

for 2,072 Sundays, over the past 38 years. He said one thing always got him fuming—those people who always sealed their envelopes with scotch tape, over and over.

Mrs. Darlene Hallanger will be taking over the position of financial secretary, following Holmer's retirement.

Other business conducted at the annual meeting, the 101st of the congregation, included election of council members for three-year terms. They are: Marvin Prink, Earl Johnson, Gary Benson, Jim Norstad, Jerry Erickson and Gordon Fredrickson.

It was reported that the total cost of the new church building to date is \$390,000, and nearly 40% of that has already been paid off.

The congregation approved a local budget of \$39,337 for the 1970-71 church year.