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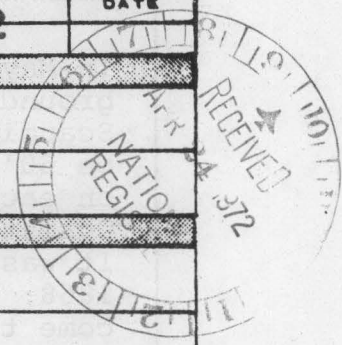
COUNTY:
Manistee

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ENTRY NUMBER: **AUG 21 1972** DATE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Danish Lutheran Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 Walnut Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Manistee

STATE: Michigan CODE: 26 COUNTY: Manistee CODE: 101

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Our Saviour's Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 193

CITY OR TOWN: Manistee STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Manistee Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Third Street

CITY OR TOWN: Manistee STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Michigan Historical Commission Registered Local Site No. 119

DATE OF SURVEY: 5-21-1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Michigan History

STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

STATE: Michigan

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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In May, 1868, lots No. 1 and 2, Block 14, were purchased and ground broken for the erection of a church structure for the Scandinavian Lutherans in Manistee. The dimensions were to be 50' x 32' x 18'. There were to be nine windows, three on each side and three in front, facing Walnut Street. Christian Petersen was to receive \$300 to build the structure. It was hoped that the church would be finished by October, 1868; however, by November the money in the treasury had come to an end, while church construction had not. The structure was enclosed, and the plastering had been completed, but the door and windows were lacking. It was decided to postpone the completion of the white frame building until summer, 1869. The first worship service was held in the church on August 1, 1869. There was no church tower, no ceiling, organ, or pews in the church.

Our Saviour's was one of the few buildings in Manistee that was not damaged by the great fire of 1871. In 1888, the church tower and bell were dedicated. The belfry has louvered openings, decorated gable roof topped by an octagonal spire with finial, weathervane, and cross. The shape of the spire and the use of a weathervane represent Danish influences. In most other respects the church is typical of the small frame church built in Michigan in the mid-nineteenth century.

In 1890, a stone foundation was placed under the church. In 1898, the interior underwent a thorough renovation. The present altar, depicting the resurrection, was purchased. The pulpit was moved from above the altar in the middle of the church to the right side. The ceiling and walls were redecorated. Stairs to the balcony were removed from the churchroom and installed in the narthex, electric lights were installed, and a marble baptismal font was donated. In 1904, stained glass window panes were donated. In 1943, a new foundation was put under the church tower. The floor level of the narthex was raised to the level of the floor in the nave. New and wider concrete steps were made in front of the church.

The property has been carefully preserved through the years, the altar painting is as penetrating as ever, and the old hymnals are in the pews.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1869-1870 - 1970

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Ethnic history |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1860, the year the first Dane arrived in the lumber town of Manistee, there were fewer than 10,000 Danish immigrants in the United States. Limited numbers prevented the Danes from seeking a separate Lutheran church modeled on the lines of nationality and language, which was the pattern for European Lutherans. Consequently, Danish Lutheran worshipped with other Scandinavian Lutherans until their growing numbers justified formation of a separate church. In Manistee, twenty Danes, twelve Norwegians, and eight Swedes were led by a Norwegian minister, Rev. Tobias Wald. On May 5, 1868, they selected a committee for the erection of a Scandinavian Lutheran church.

Two lots at Third and Walnut were purchased, and construction began. Progress was slow, partially due to financial problems, and the new church was not completed until 1869-1870. On Christmas Day, 1871, the new church was officially named the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church, and a new constitution was written.

The ranks of Danish immigrants in the United States swelled in the 1860s and 70s as a result of the disastrous Prusso-Danish War (1864) in which Denmark was stripped of a third of its territory and two-fifths of its population. By 1872 the greater numbers of Danish immigrants seems to have lent more confidence to Danish Lutherans; in addition doctrinal disputes had taken their toll; and a Church Mission Society was founded at Neenah, Wisconsin, to promote the Danish view of Lutheranism. In 1874, the Mission Society became officially known as the Danish (Evangelical Lutheran) Church in America. The result in Manistee was the departure of the Swedes and Norwegians who soon formed their own congregation. On May 23, 1875, the original church was dedicated as the Danish Lutheran Church in Manistee.

The Danish Lutheran Church at Manistee (later known as Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church) is among three or four contenders for the distinction of being the oldest Danish Lutheran congregation in the United States. Only the question
(cont'd)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Mortensen, Enok. The Danish Lutheran Church in America. Philadelphia: Lutheran Church in America.

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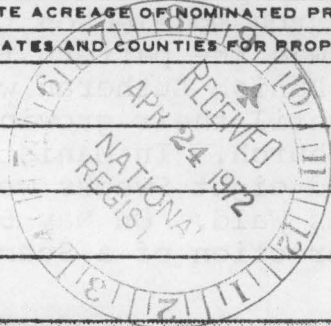
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Constance Henslee & Catherine Ellis, Assistant Historians

ORGANIZATION: Division of Michigan History DATE: March 23, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Samuel A. Milstein
 Title: Deputy Director - Recreation and SLO

Date: 4/12/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Terry
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/21/72

ATTEST: William H. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date:

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8. Significance (cont'd)

of its mixed Scandinavian origins obscures Our Saviour's right to the distinction. On the other hand, the church building is clearly the oldest existing Danish Lutheran church in the United States. The congregation operated the first (1871) Danish Lutheran parochial school in the United States as well.

In 1888 the present church tower and bell were added to Our Saviour's. The general shape of the octagonal spire and the use of a weathervane cross are reminiscent of Danish architecture, while most other features of the church are typical of the small frame church built in Michigan in the mid-nineteenth century.

The first service in the English language was held July 30, 1911. About 1924, the church became known as Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In 1962 the American Evangelical (Danish) Lutheran Church had only 25,000 members across the United States. It merged with other Lutheran churches--the Suomi (Finnish), Augustana (Swedish), and United (German) Lutheran Churches to form the Lutheran Church in America.

By January, 1970, Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church had decided that it could no longer survive as a small congregation. The congregation discontinued holding services and merged with two other Manistee churches affiliated with the Lutheran Church in America.

Our Saviour's Historical Society was formed by a group of concerned persons who wanted to perpetuate this monument to the first organized Danish Lutheran church life. They obtained ownership of the building, its contents, and other memorabilia with the intention of making it an interdenominational museum of Manistee's religious history.

Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church is the oldest existing church of the American Evangelical Lutheran (Danish) Church in the United States. The lines of this simple frame church reflect its mixture of Danish and rural Midwest American influences. The congregation was one of the first organized in the synod and sponsored the first Danish Lutheran parochial school in the United States.

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9. Bibliography (cont'd)

Detroit Free Press. June 24, 1962, p. C-3; June 25, 1962, p. A-3; and June 29, 1962, p. A-3.

Manistee News-Advocate. December 8, 1970.

Manistee Times. December 21, 1871, p. 1.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.

DATE 2/7/72

NAME OF PROPERTY Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

*with
Serial
424/72*

Insufficient locational information.

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

No bibliography.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Chemical copies of forms unacceptable.

Nomination form needs SLO signature.

Acreage

Comments: _____

Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments: _____

Description (Item #7).

Comments: _____

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments: *We notice that you have not checked architecture as an area of significance. Our staff feels that an emphasis on the vernacular architecture of the church should be stressed here, and would appreciate a brief paragraph stating such.*
Thank you?

Note that NR criteria specify religious institution's significance must be derived from "architectural or artistic distinction" or historical importance. Rgn

Clarification or correction of the items noted above must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors or deficiencies does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

SIGNED Robert J. Mullen

I trust you will find the added research and rewriting sufficient to your requirements.
Catherine Ellis

1-25-73

Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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ACKNOWLEDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



RESUBMIT 9/24/72

REVIEW Architectural Significance? agree w/ Betty J. Marusin
 Might ask to substantiate on arch. also, but what do you think of local historic significance, Ben? Marusin
Stand to say ok. 8/12/71

HISTORIAN second thought: Qualifies on ~~the~~ history of immigration and nationalities
Different emphasis needed on history unless the architect qualifies Center says 9/2/71

ARCHITECT I suppose the 1st. Pin item 8 brings it out of religiosity into history, but I'm not sure. Architecture would be a legitimate emphasis if they admit it's submitted as a representative type (almost an archetype)
Chambers 9-23-71 See note attached OK, Chambers 5-12-72

KEEPER Considerable historical importance as well as vernacular architecture OK Muller
8/14/72

ENTRY keeper 8/16

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR I don't think the emphasis in # 8 is acceptable. we need to know something about the role the church played in the community & its architecture. CD
Jan't this a xerox form? Date should be rewritten CD

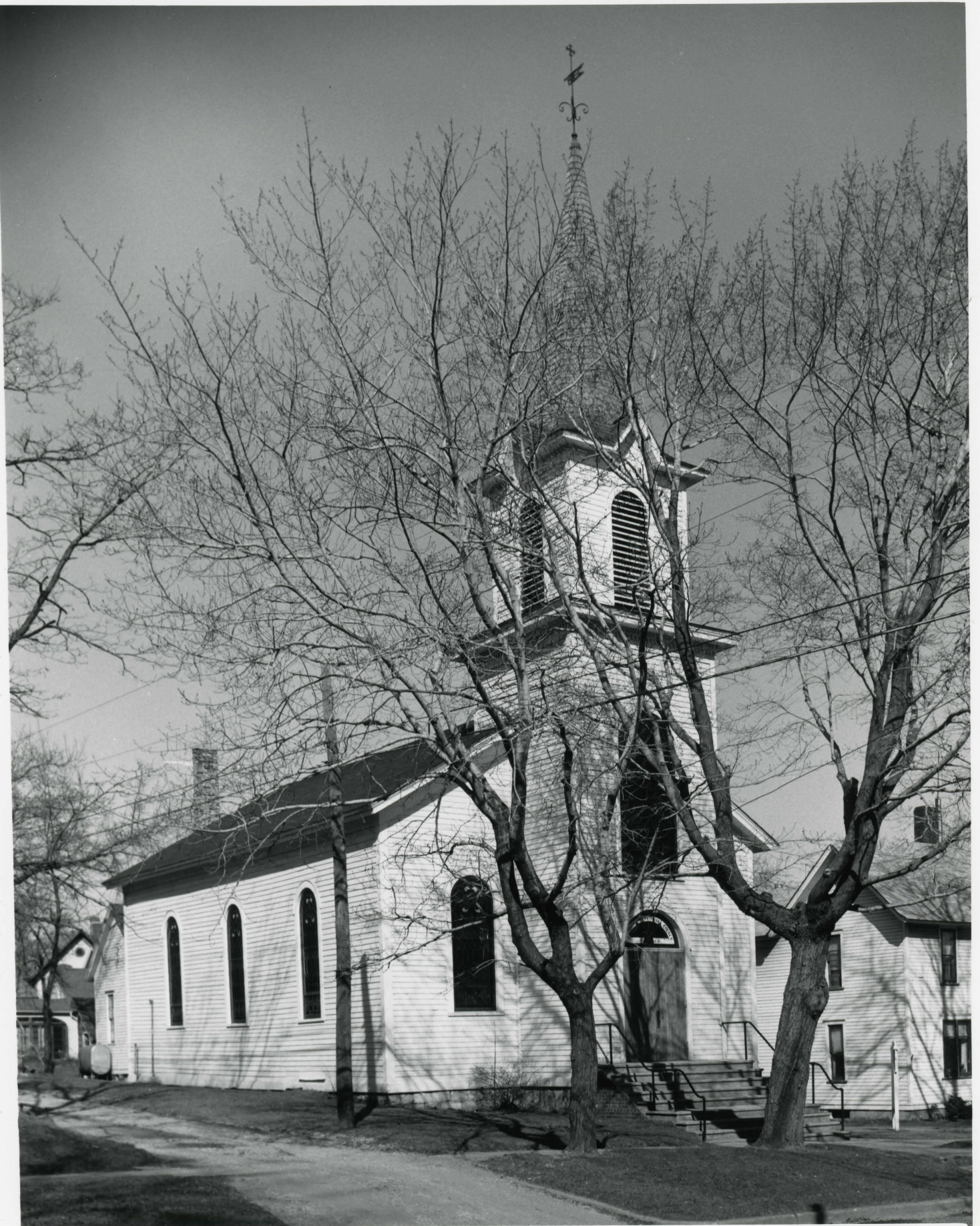
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 Annual Edition Entry Reject unless local arch. does not add to "ethnic" history. 6/11/72
6.24.71.8

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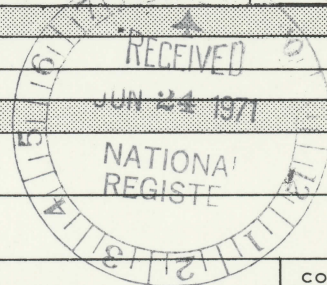
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COMMON: Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Danish Lutheran Church			
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CITY OR TOWN: Manistee			
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Date of Photo:
April 1971

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BENZONIA 31 MI.
PARKDALE 17 MI.

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PARKDALE 15 MI.

R. 16 W. 86°15'

44°15'

L A K E M I C H I G A N

APPROXIMATE MEAN LAKE ELEVATION 280

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CADILLAC 4.2 MI.
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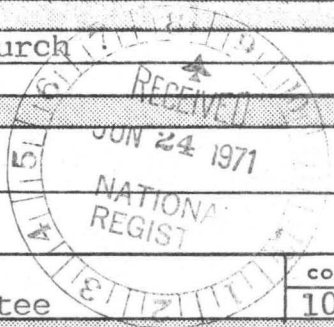
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3. MAP REFERENCE

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U. S. G. S., Manistee, Michigan

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 2. North arrow.
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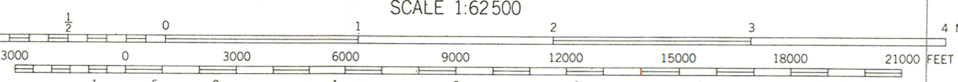
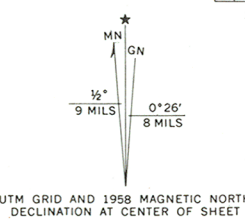
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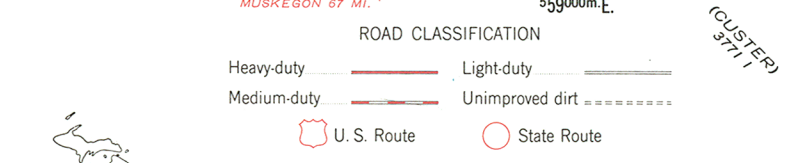


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Director, Northeast Region

HR

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8/21/72

Keeper

This resubmission
emphasizes "historical
importance" (add existing
church -) and, as
requested, "architectural
distinction" (page 2 of item #2)

- Al says OK
- Betty says No
- I recommended OK
- You decide