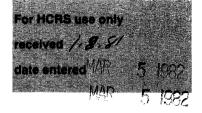
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United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms* Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic	Palestine Evangelic	al Lutheran Church		
and/or common	Palestine Lutheran	Church		
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state	South Dakota code	46 county	Marshall	code 091
3. Clas	sification			
Category district X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence <u>X</u> religious scientific transportation other:
4. Owr	ner of Proper	ty		
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7. Description

Condition	deteriorated	Check one unaltered	Check one X_ original site	
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Palestine American Lutheran Church is still used by its original congregation. The frame building, built in 1903, is a simple rectangle with a square steeple on the front which housed the original entrance and an apse and flanking sacristies on the rear. The sides are three bays with Gothic windows. Gothic arches on the belfry and a simplified broach spire distinguish the steeple. In plan, the church has a traditional central aisle with ten pews to each side. Added in 1914, the Sanctuary is divided from the Nave by three arches which are divided by slender wood columns. The chancel arch dominates the two smaller lancets to each side, one of which is filled by the pulpit. The curved communion rail, set within the chancel, the altar and the reredos installed in 1914, are all of the standard type built by woodworking companies in the East (i.e. Milwaukee and Chicago) for purchase by Lutheran churches. From 1850-1920, these Gothic Revival furnishings, painted white with gold accents, were very popular among Lutherans. The reredos is filled by a large canvas, in this case painted with a scene of the crucifix. Above the wainscote of beaded tongue and groove paneling on the wall is pressed metal paneling of a Gothic design, which extends across the ceiling. The metal paneling dates from 1929. All of these features are griginal. The church was renovated in 1948-1950, including the excavation and finishing of a basement with Sunday School facilities and a kitchen and the addition of the vestibule on the front.

8. Significance

1500–1599	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications	community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlement industry invention	politics/government	_X religion
Specific dates	1903	Builder/Architect		

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Palestine Evangelical Lutheran Church is significant in the areas of Norwegian settlement history and vernacular architecture. As the first church organized on the Sisseton-Waupaton reservation after its opening in 1892, the Palestine Church is one of the earliest structures associated with that period of settlement history. Most settlers moved from Minnesota or Day and Marshall Counties and were of Scandinavian descent. Those who were Norwegian were organized by the Reverend T.A. Gunnerson in the home of Olaus Hoines on June 6, 1893. After ten years of meeting in homes, the congregants erected this building under the supervision of head carpenter, Charles Kocourek of Lidgerwood, North Dakota. The church maintained the use of the Norwegian language until the late 1940's, although it was slowly adopting English from 1920 on. Among its notable members were Ed Veblen, for whom the town of Veblen was named, and Mrs H.J. Hanson, who were brother and sister of the distinguished visitor, Thorstein Veblen, a major American economic theorist. Architecturally, the structure exemplifies the rural, prarie church decorated with mass produced products: opalescent glass, pressed metal wall coverings and mail order pews, altar, communion rails and baptismal font. It's simple, standard naveplan form was reproduced over and again across rural America; yet few retain their period features is such a good state of preservation as found in the Palestine Church.



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