

Historic Name: Marysville Swedesburg Lutheran Church MAR 5 1979		County: Wright
Common Name:		Community: <i>Howard Lake vic.</i> Marysville Township Address/Legal Desc.: County Highway 9
Owner's Name and Address: Zion Lutheran Church 206 NE 2nd Avenue Buffalo, Minnesota 55313		
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreeage: Less than one acre
Condition: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: see attached
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Limited _____	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	UTM Reference: 15 Buffalo Quad. 425125 4996025
Occupied: Yes _____ No _____	Present Use: Church	
History: Date Constructed: 1891 Architect/Builder:		
		Original Owner: Congregation Original Use: Church
Description: Constructed in 1891, the Marysville Swedesburg Lutheran Church is located on County Road 9, approximately 3½ miles north of Waverly, Minnesota. It is a simple gabled structure, constructed of local red Marysville brick, and set upon a foundation of granite blocks. In plan, the church is of the parish church and hall type. Entry is gained through the base of the tower which occupies the central bay of the east facade. The body of the church consists of a simple nave with central aisle. The central aisle terminates in a polygonal apse. The east facade is divided into three bays; the longitudinal facades are divided into four bays. The bays are defined by engaged pilasters which parallel a lancet-gothic window with moulded brick hood. Cornices are corbelled throughout. continued		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
		Status: Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State _____ 1/78 Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
Significance: The Marysville Swedesburg Lutheran Church is one of the finest brick Gothic Revival parish churches in Wright County. The church is also associated with the Swedish homesteaders who settled in Marysville Township. Beginning in 1869, a few Swedish families settled in the recently organized Marysville Township. These families had emigrated from Dalarne and Vermland, Sweden. By 1870, with the arrival in the township of large numbers of Swedish-born settlers, the need for a church became a pressing concern. Individual homes, where religious meetings had been held, were too small to hold the growing congregation. The Swedish Lutheran Church of Marysville was, therefore, organized. This occurred in 1873 in the home of J.M. Peterson. The first church was constructed of hewn logs in 1874; it was replaced in 1891 by the present Gothic Revival church. The church continued to serve its Swedish congregation until 1952 when it was closed because of declining membership. For the next twenty years, when the church stood vacant, it was subject to vandals and neglect. In 1971, the remaining continued		Theme/s: Primary <u>Settlement</u> Secondary <u>Religion</u> Other <u>Architecture</u>
		Local Contact/Org.: Wright County Historical Society
		Prepared by and date: John Hackett April 1978
		Typed by:FR

Description:

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The principal architectural design feature of the church is an octagonal spire with louvered belfry which surmounts a square tower. The roof covering of the spire is of cedar shingles in alternating diamond and rectangular patterns.

The interior decoration of the church is relatively simple, consisting of unornamented wooden pews, carved and painted altar, pulpit, and baptismal font. A balustraded communion rail separates the altar from the nave-proper; it is elevated one step above the main floor.

Located just southwest of the church is a 5 ft. by 5 ft. wood frame, clapboard sided privy. The brick church is situated in a rural farm setting.

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parishioners and the descendants of former parishioners began efforts to preserve the church. By August 12, 1973, when the congregation celebrated its centennial anniversary at the Marysville Swedesburg Lutheran Church, the building had once again become an important element in township life.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 119, of Range 26, Wright County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 16; thence South $89^{\circ}0'$ West along the Quarter line distant 364.75 feet to the Northwest corner of tract as described in Book 92 of Deeds on page 575, Register of Deeds Office of said County for a point of beginning of tract herein described; thence continuing on said last described course distant 132 feet; thence South $0^{\circ}30'$ East distant 182 feet; thence North $89^{\circ}0'$ East distant 274 feet; thence North $0^{\circ}30'$ West distant 17 feet to the Southeast corner of tract as described in Book 35 of Deeds on page 345, Register of Deeds Office of said County; thence South $89^{\circ}0'$ West along the south line of said tract distant 142 feet to the Southwest corner of tract as described in Book 92 of Deeds, on page 575; thence North distant 165 feet to the point of beginning, subject to road easement and containing 0.51 acres more or less.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper *Melvin Lynn*
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**Note: These changes apply to
Marysville Swedesburg Lutheran
Church in Wright County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001270

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Wright

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Waverly

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 9

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date