

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name St. Peter's Lutheran Church
other names/site number Dell Rapids Lutheran Church

2. Location

street & number 701 North Orleans not for publication N/A
city or town Dell Rapids vicinity N/A
state South Dakota code SD county Minnehaha code 099 zip code 57022

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide x locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt 01-02-2002
Signature of certifying official Date

SD SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet

determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register.

other,
(explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Linda McCallum 2/15/02

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion Sub: Religious Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion Sub: Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Romanesque Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Asphalt Shingle
walls Stone

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Period of Significance

1902 _____

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1902

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Paulson Brothers

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

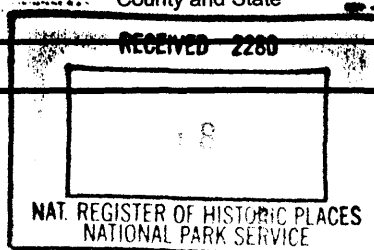
Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State



10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 14 684115 4857905
Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____
 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Dell Rapids Lutheran Church
street & number 701 North Orleans telephone 605-428-3197
city or town Dell Rapids state SD zip code 57022

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The St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located in the community of Dell Rapids in Minnehaha County in the southeastern section of South Dakota. The church is located on a corner lot at Seventh Street and North Orleans Avenue with the surrounding area being residential and commercial. The church was completed in the summer of 1902 and is an excellent example of the Romanesque Revival style of architecture.

The cross-shaped, asphalt shingled church is constructed of Sioux Quartzite, quarried locally. It rests on a foundation of the same material. A steeple is located at the southeast corner. It is constructed of the same materials.

The façade (east elevation) has an entry door at ground level at the northeast corner. The entry has a stone lintel with a keystone. Located north of the entry door is a three story steeple. A staircase leads to an entry in the steeple. A Romanesque stone arch surrounds the entry. The second floor of the steeple has a narrow, arched double hung window on each elevation. The third floor has a square opening on each elevation. It is covered with screen mesh. A stone water table is located above the square openings. The steeple is topped with a pyramidal roof. The roof is capped with a metal finial. The gable portion of the façade has a large central stained glass window with a smaller arched stained glass window on either side. Each window has a stone Romanesque arch lintel. Located in the gable peak are three small rectangular windows. They have a flat stone lintel and sill. A small, one story, shed roof portion is located at the northeast corner. It has an entry door with a transom window. The north elevation of this portion has a narrow window with a hopper window in the bottom section of the window.

The north elevation is three sided with a conical roof. The two sides have a fixed paned window, the main section and a hopper window at the bottom. The middle section has no openings.

The west elevation has a shed roof portion at the northwest corner. The west elevation has an entry door with a transom window. The north elevation of this portion has a narrow fixed pane window with a hopper window in the bottom section of the window. The gable portion of the west elevation has a large, central stained glass arched window with smaller stained glass window on either side. Each window has a stone Romanesque arch lintel. Located in the gable peak are three small rectangular windows. They have a flat stone lintel and sill. A small doorway was cut into this elevation adjacent to the large stained glass window to connect the historic church via a breezeway to the non-historic educational building. The northwest portion of the west elevation has two sets of one-over-one double hung windows at the basement level. The second floor has two sets of fixed pane windows with hopper windows at the bottom.

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The south elevation has a three-over-one double hung window at the southeast and southwest corners of the basement level. Between the two windows is a band of four three-over-one double hung windows. Each of these windows has a flat stone lintel with a keystone. Located in the center of the first floor is a large round stained glass window. The round window is recessed with a Romanesque stone arch surrounding the window. On either side of the round window is a fixed pane window with a hopper window at the bottom. These windows have a flat stone lintel. Located in the gable peak are three small rectangular windows. They have a flat stone lintel and sill.

The interior of the church features an ornately carved oak altar with matching railings in a recessed alcove all accessed by a central aisle. All of the large stained glass windows depict religious symbolism.

Statement of Significance

The Dell Rapids Lutheran Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its architectural style of Romanesque Revival. This is a highly uncommon style in South Dakota.

Minnehaha County is situated in the southeastern portion of South Dakota and has an abundant water supply with the Big Sioux River and Split Rock Creek. While the major city for the State, Sioux Falls, is located in this county, the majority of the county remains rural and agricultural because of its rich soil. The community of Dell Rapids first saw claims made in the early 1870's. From the beginning of Dell Rapids settlement, there has always been a religious facility in the community.

St. Peter's congregation was organized in 1887. The congregation had no church and for some time their services were held in the homes of members. Later they rented the Episcopal hall. Soon, they needed more room and moved to the Presbyterian church and finally found a home in the Danish Baptist church. As the congregation was continuing to grow, the decision was made that a larger facility was needed. On December 28, 1900 action was taken and a new church building was started. The new church, located at the corner of Seventh Avenue and North Orleans Street was completed in August of 1902. It was designed and constructed by the Paulson Brothers of Dell Rapids.

In March 1918 the congregations of Stordahl and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches were combined in Dell Rapids. St. Peter's Church was to be used for divine services. It is at this point that the name of the facility changed to the Dell Rapids Lutheran Church.

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The St. Peter's Lutheran Church is significant under Criterion C for its architectural merit. The church was constructed in the Romanesque Revival style. Romanesque Revival is typified by round topped arches occurring over the windows; masonry walls, usually rough faced; towers present; and an asymmetrical façade. The St. Peter's Lutheran Church exhibits all of these characteristics. Most Romanesque Revival buildings were constructed between 1890 and 1910 in South Dakota. Because of the expensive nature of this style of architecture, it is very rare in South Dakota.

The St. Peter's Lutheran Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an excellent example of Romanesque Revival style architecture in South Dakota.

Bibliography

Architectural History in South Dakota. South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 2000.

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 1 to 4 and 10 to 12 blk 3 DR Graves Addition.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary all the property associated with the historic church building.