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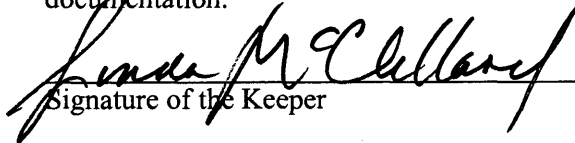
NRIS Reference Number: 03001070

Property Name: Singsaas Lutheran Church

County: Brookings State: South Dakota

Multiple Name: N/A

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

October 23, 2003
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 2: Location

On line 3, the name of the State and its corresponding code are hereby changed to "South Dakota" and "SD" to reflect the actual location of the property. On line 2, "Minnesota" is added to indicate that "Hendricks," the nearest city or town, is located in a neighboring State.

Section 10: Geographical Data

The single UTM reference given on the form is hereby replaced with the following UTMs to indicate the approximate boundaries of the listed acreage:

- A. 14 701508 4933443
- B. 14 701109 4933443
- C. 14 701135 4933045
- D. 14 701491 4933054

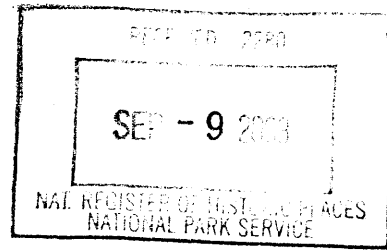
The South Dakota Historic Preservation Office provided the information for this amendment.

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**National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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**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 Singsaas Lutheran Church
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 19716 487th Ave not for publication N/A
city or town Hendricks vicinity X
state Minnesota code MN county Brookings code 011 zip code 56136

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 09-05-2003
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Officer
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 McDelland 10/23/03

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>2</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</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

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

1921

Significant Dates 1921

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

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Buseth and Tollefson

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: Singsaas Lutheran Church

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 40

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>14</u> Zone	<u>701467</u> Easting	<u>4933175</u> Northing	3	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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)

Singsaas Lutheran Church
Name of Property

Brookings County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Congregation of Singsaas Lutheran Church
street & number 19716 487th Ave telephone 605-479-3652
city or town Hendricks state MN zip code 59136

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Singsaas Lutheran Church, constructed in 1921, is located in rural Brookings County near the community of Hendricks MN. The property includes the church, associated cemetery and a shelterbelt.

The façade faces east onto 487th Avenue. The Gothic Revival church is constructed of wood with a concrete foundation. The church consists of a steep gable roof covered in asphalt shingles, a large projecting steeple section and a gable roof small room on the rear elevation. Common elements on the church include gothic arch windows with tracery and wood clapboard siding.

The façade (east elevation) has a central double door entry, which is topped by a small gothic arched window with wood tracery. Concrete steps lead up to the entry. The second floor of the steeple has a pair of gothic arch windows set inside a larger gothic arch. Above the second floor window is a hipped roof capped by a square room. Each elevation of this portion of the steeple has two gothic arch openings. The steeple is capped by an eight sided conical roof with a cross at the peak. At the bottom of the conical roof is alternating decorative details of a triangle pediment and a smaller conical detail at the corners. The south and north elevation of the steeple has a gothic arch window with tracery on the first floor. To the south of the steeple is a one-over-one double hung window at the basement level and a doorway leading to the first floor. The second floor has a gothic arch window with tracery. To the north of the steeple is a one-over-one double hung window at the basement level. The second floor has a gothic arch window with tracery.

The north elevation has five one-over-one double hung windows at the basement level. The main level has seven gothic arch windows with tracery.

The west (rear) elevation has a one-over-one double hung window at the basement level. In the center of the elevation is a concrete block chimney. At the southwest corner is a small gable roof addition. The west elevation of the addition has two one-over-one double hung windows on the first floor and an entry door at the basement level.

The south elevation has five one-over-one double hung windows at the basement level. There is also a door at the southwest corner. The main floor has seven gothic arch windows with tracery.

Interior:

The sanctuary has many ornate details. The ceiling is covered with a pressed metal in an elaborate pattern. The altar has a U-shaped communion rail. The altar is constructed in three sections that are triangular at the top with decorative finials. The center panel has a gothic arch with a Christ crucifix in

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the center. The side panels also have a gothic arch and are separated from the center panel with narrow columns. To the right of the altar is a matching pulpit. At the rear of the church is a second floor choir balcony.

Cemetery:

The cemetery is located on the north, west and south sides of the church. It has been in continuous use since approximately 1880. There are no remarkable headstones but it does have multiple trees scattered throughout the area.

Shelterbelt:

The shelterbelt is located on the north, west and south sides of the cemetery. It was planted in 1950.

Significance

The Singsaas Lutheran Church is significant under Criterion C as a well preserved example of a Gothic Revival style and represents the second generation church construction in the eastern portion of the State of South Dakota.

The church body was first organized in 1874 when the first pastor arrived to hold service in the home of John Knutson. In 1882 the first parsonage was constructed on the property with a second parsonage to follow in 1904. The 1904 parsonage was moved in 1992. The first church was constructed in 1884 and was utilized until 1921 when the current building was constructed. Also located on the property historically was a double privy to the west of the church, a barn at the parsonage for the pastor and a barn to the south of the church for the parishioners.

The Singsaas Lutheran Church is significant under Criterion C as it typifies the "second generation" of church construction in the eastern portion of South Dakota. Structures that are constructed as a second generation church are those building from 1915 forward. They typically exhibit an increased focus on stylistic interpretation of religion and a commitment to creating an impressive house of worship. These buildings are larger in size, scale and massing than their earlier counterparts and are more identifiable as being influenced by the Gothic Revival, Romanesque Revival or Classical Revival styles of ecclesiastical architecture.

Identifying characteristics of the Gothic Revival style include gothic arch windows and openings, steeply pitched roofs, and decorative spires and towers that emphasize vertical lines. The Singsaas

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Lutheran Church exhibits each of these common characteristics.

The Singsaas Lutheran Church is eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a second generation Gothic Revival building.

Bibliography

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

Churches in South Dakota. South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 2002.

Wakonda Community History. 1960.

Verbal Boundary Description

NE ¼, NE ¼, Section 9, Township 112, Range 47 of Brookings County.

Boundary Justification

All the land that has historically been associated with the church.