

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM	1:8	6:2:3	7:3:0 4:5 4:6 2:1:0
QUAD:	Stamford		
DISTRICT		IF NR SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Zion Lutheran Church		Inventory #9	
2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
Stamford			Fairfield
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
132 Glenbrook Road (corner of Arlington Street)			
4. OWNER(S)			
Zion Lutheran Church <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Church		Church	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	By appointment
7. STYLE OF BUILDING			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Late Gothic Revival			1925; addition 1955
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Limestone
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: reinf. found.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1	60' x 100' with 40' x 100' addition on south		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN?	Alterations?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			Brick addition (1-3) storys on south
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

The church faces east on Glenbrook Road, a heavily travelled street through a predominately residential area. The church with its modern addition fully occupy the corner lot.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and or exterior)

The off-center gable of the apse contains the main entrance to the church, set in recessed pointed, compound-arched opening. A large quadruple window is centered above the entrance. To the right of the apse, set slightly back, is a massive square tower, highlighted at the top by a traceried, double, pointed-arch window. To the left of the apse, a smaller incomplete tower completes the asymmetrical balance of the facade. This later tower, along with the main tower, displays several smaller rectangular windows, trimmed and keyed into the brick with limestone. The side elevations of the nave have slim buttresses capped with limestone and display a combination of square-headed and pointed arched windows. Set well back from the street and connected to the church by a low, one-story connector is the 1955 brick addition, which is one story in front and three on the rear due to the slope of the lot. It houses the education department and offices.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
Unknown	Unknown

SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Zion Lutheran Church was founded in 1897 by German immigrants in Stamford. The present building is their second church in the city; the other was located elsewhere in the downtown area. A fine example of Neo-Gothic ecclesiastical architecture, and the only one built of red brick in the city, this building on its landscaped grounds makes an important contribution to the urban residential streetscape. As a tangible symbol of the pride and strength of one of Stamford's major immigrant groups, it expresses a vital part of the city's diverse ethnic heritage.

SOURCES

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	Place Photograph See attached. Here
	J. Cunningham	3/15/87	
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	NW	Conn. Hist. Commission	
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	Jan Cunningham	4/20/87	
	ORGANIZATION		
	Cunningham Associates		
	ADDRESS		
	98 Washington Street, Middletown, CT		
20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS			

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known.	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____