

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Washington
COUNTY:	Wahkiakum
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ENTRY DATE	AUG 7 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Deep River Pioneer Lutheran Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Finnish Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
N of Deep River

CITY OR TOWN:
Deep River vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
#3 - Honorable Julia B. Hansen

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Wahkiakum CODE: 069

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Deep River Cemetery Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o P.O. Box 14

CITY OR TOWN:
Deep River

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Wahkiakum County Court House, County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Cathlamet

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County

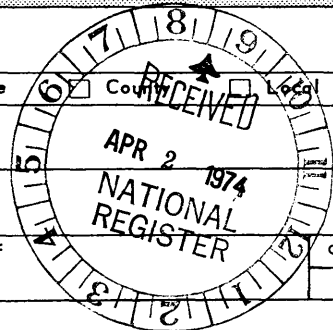
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

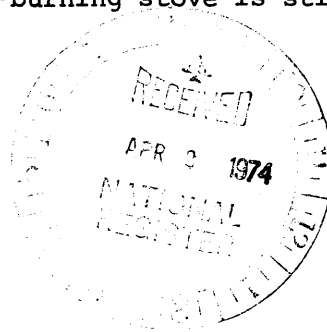
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Deep River Pioneer Lutheran Church, constructed in 1902, remains in good condition today after the completion of recent restoration work. The church is located about two miles north of the junction of East Deep River County Road and State Route #4. The county road passes directly in front of the church, and a road opposite the building leads a short distance up a hill to an old cemetery.

The church stands basically unchanged today. The building is of wood construction; is 26 feet wide, 46 feet long, and 18 feet high; and has a high steeple with dome. Mathew Anderson, an early member of the congregation, donated a toned church bell which remains in the tower. A cedar picket fence originally enclosed the church and lawn, but has since been replaced by a barbed wire fence.

The building has three arched windows high on each side, double ornate doors in front, and similar swinging doors immediately inside. The pews are well made and in good condition. The church has no sacristy or choir loft. The high, wine-glass type pulpit was copied by one of the builders after a pulpit in a church he had attended in childhood. The church also has a circular altar rail, and a beautiful oil painting on the altar wall depicting Jesus on the steps of Mary and Martha's home. This mural was painted by Reverend Hannes Leiviska, an early pastor, who presented it to the church.

A small manual organ, one of the best made at the time, has deteriorated and is no longer usable. The wood-burning stove is still functional.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built 1902**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Deep River congregation, comprised mostly of pioneer settlers who had migrated from Finland, was organized in 1894, eight years before the church was built. This active group held meetings in homes and schoolhouses, and was served by the minister of the Astoria, Oregon, Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church on a once-a-month schedule.

The site on which the church was built was donated at the turn-of-the century by Erik Maunula, a local farmer who was also a skilled mechanic and engineer. Maunula's inventions were used in the salmon canneries at Astoria, Oregon, to where he later moved. The church was completed in 1902, and immediately became the social center of the surrounding rural community.

Through the years, however, the congregation of the church gradually decreased to only a handful of members. Meanwhile, the Naselle Lutheran Church, located about eight miles to the west and served by the same minister, had become very active. Eventually, the two congregations were combined and the Deep River Church was used only for occasional special services, Christmas programs, memorials, and funerals. The building received no care and soon had broken windows, a leaking roof, boards torn off the outside, and cattle roaming through the yard.

The nearby town of Rosburg made attempts to purchase whatever usable lumber that could be had from the Deep River Church to rebuild a burned community hall. A few remaining descendants of the original Deep River congregation became alarmed and appealed to the Naselle Lutheran Church which owned the building. As a consequence, the Naselle congregation deeded the church to the concerned group, now known as the Deep River Cemetery Association, Inc.

The Church needed immediate repairs and the Deep River Cemetery Association had little funds. Despite this, the group proceeded ahead. The leaking roof was repaired at once by professional roofers who installed asphalt material. The leaning steeple was straightened and missing ornamental cedar shingles were replaced.

The Church leaned toward the right altar wall, and the exterior paint was peeling. Also, the original porch was gone. The congregation hired

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of yearly meetings and records of congregational meetings of the Deep River Evangelical Lutheran Church, from inception to the time of consolidation with the Naselle Lutheran Church. These minute books and other recorded data are in custody of the Naselle Lutheran Church, Naselle, Washington.

Verbal and written information provided by direct descendants of the pioneer builders of the Deep River Pioneer Lutheran Church.

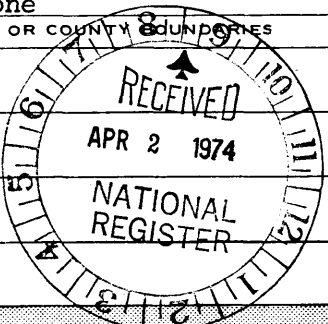
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		
NE	° ' "	° ' "	46 ° 21 ' 35 "	123 ° 40 ' 55 "		
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Martha B. Hess

ORGANIZATION: Deep River Pioneer Lutheran Church Restoration Committee DATE: Oct. 29, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 14

CITY OR TOWN: Deep River STATE: Washington CODE: 53

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Charles H. Odegaard
Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

Date March 13, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/7/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8/1/74

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#8 - Significance
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a professional builder who, with volunteer assistance, put in concrete foundation blocks, new foundation timbers, and straightened the building. This builder also erected a new porch, which was identical to the original as revealed in old Sunday school photographs. Men were hired to paint the building, and the colors used were as close to the original as could be determined. The dome was painted gold, but the congregation felt this was not quite the proper tone because the steeple did not glitter in the sun as their descendants had described it.

The interior of the Church retained the original paint. A gifted local craftsman had painted the inside when the Church was built, and the colors had held well, although mellowing some. This same painter also had been the first to paint the exterior.

In 1969, before the local members celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the congregation, the chairs and organ were varnished, and the entrance hall floor and two benches were painted. The small rest room building, located in the rear of the Church yard, was completely dismantled and replaced by a new one with similar proportions and style. The lumber for this structure was donated.

The building still has no running water, nor electricity. Water for cleaning was obtained from a small spring at the nearby roadside and hot water was brought in large milk cans. Through the years, the lawn has been mowed by volunteers.

The Deep River Pioneer Lutheran Church is a landmark in this quiet rural valley, and is the only Church remaining in the community. The building typifies the simple Gothic-revival style of church architecture that was once popular in much of rural America. Many churches which were built in this style have, of course, been razed in recent times, but the future of the Deep River Church is secure. This Church has been a focal point for the history of the local area, and serves to bind the community together in not only the religious sphere, but also with the pride that is associated with a successful restoration effort.

