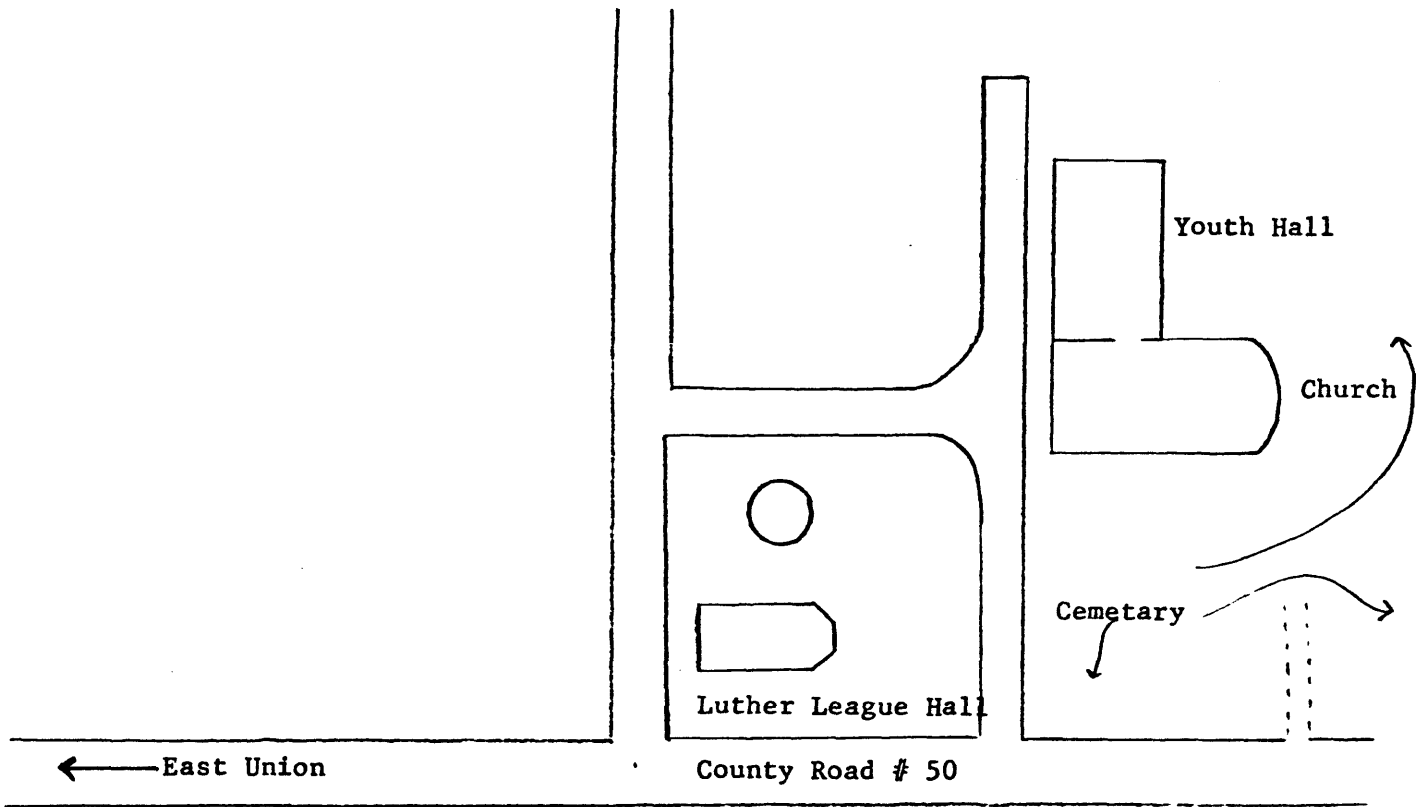


Historic Name: West Union		County: Carver
Common Name: West Union		Community: Hancock Twp. (West Union)
Owner's Name and Address: West Union Lutheran Parish c/o Pastor Robert Kruger Carver, Mn. 55315		Address/ Legal Desc. : County Highway 50
Classification:		Acreage:
Building _____ Structure _____ Object _____ District <u>X</u>		Approximately 6.7 acres
Condition:		Verbal Boundary Desc.:
Excellent _____ Good <u>X</u> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		T114N, R25W, S1 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$
Open to the Public:	Visible from the road:	See Continuation Sheet.
Yes X No Church Services only	Yes X No	
Occupied:	Present Use:	
Yes X No	Religious	
History: N/A - See Significance Statement		UTM Reference:
Date Constructed:	Original Owner:	15/439100/4951500
Architect/Builder:	Original Use:	Belle Plaine Quad
Description:		Level of Significance:
West Union, situated in a heavily wooded rural setting, is located six miles west of East Union in the south central portion of Carver County. West Union is composed of the West Union Lutheran Church, Luther League Hall, a hexagonal shed structure and acemetery. The church and hall are the most significant elements contributing to the historic significance of West Union.		Local <u>X</u>
West Union Lutheran Church: 1868, "Early Gothic Rural Church design," wood frame with wooden lapped siding, cut stone foundation, panelled pilaster strips at corners. In 1871 a steeple and bell were added. A polygonal apse was added to the east end of the church in 1878. Alterations made to the church during the 1920s include replacement of the round arched windows with Gothic arched stained glass window and enclosure of the belfry with shutters. In 1960 a parish hall was added to the south facade (cont)		State _____
Significance:		Nation _____
West Union is historically significant due to its association with the first of three early Swedish settlements in Carver County. Architecturally, West Union Lutheran Church and Luther League Hall are significant examples of early Swedish rural church design.		Status:
The settlement, historically known as King Oscar's Settlement and more commonly known as the East Union Settlement, was established in 1853. In 1858, when the Union Settlement was divided into East and West Union, a meeting hall was constructed at West Union. This hall served as the religious and social center for the rural West Union congregation until the West Union Lutheran Church was constructed in 1868. (In that year the hall was converted into a parsonage which later burned.) Demand for congregational school space and a large meeting hall created the need for additional space. In 1905 the West Union congregation built the Luther League Hall.		Survey _____ Date _____
The West Union Lutheran Church and Luther League Hall are in an excellent state of preservation and continue to serve the religious needs of the West Union congregation. (Cont.)		Local _____ 6/76
		State _____ 9/77
		Nat'l. Reg. _____
		Nat'l. Land. _____
		HABS/HAER _____
		Theme/s:
		Primary <u>Religion</u>
		Secondary <u>Settlement</u>
		Other _____
		Local Contact/Org.:
		Heritage Committee, Carver County Historical Soc. Rev. Robert Kruger
		Prepared by and date:
		Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth 1/78



SKETCH MAP OF WEST UNION



Description -- continued

of the church. Both interior and exterior of the church are in an excellent state of preservation.

Luther League Hall: 1905, wood frame with wooden lapped siding, rubble stone foundation, double door front entry, five sided addition to the rear. The interior is composed of a single room with pressed-tin walls and ceiling. This building is frequently used as a gym and meeting hall by the congregation.

Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing at the NE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 1, T114N, R25W, thence running south 495.80 feet along the section line, thence running west 577.5 feet along a line parallel with the north line of said Section 1, thence running north 495.80 feet along a line parallel with the east line of said Section 1, thence running east 577.5 feet along the north line of said Section 1 to point of beginning.

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**Note: These changes apply to
West Union in Carver County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80001987

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Carver

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Cologne

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 50

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date