

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Bayfield
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE DEC 27 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Christ Episcopal Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Christ Church Mission of Bayfield

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North 3rd Street, west side, between Washington and Rice Avenues

CITY OR TOWN:
Bayfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh

STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55 COUNTY: Bayfield CODE: 007

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

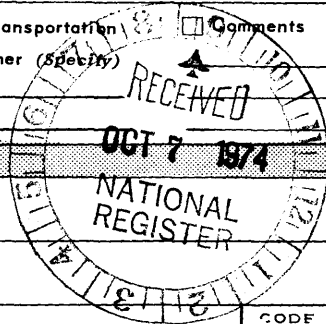
OWNER'S NAME:
Diocese of Eau Claire (Bishop Stanley Atkins)

STREET AND NUMBER:
311 South Farwell Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Eau Claire

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
55



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bayfield County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
117 East 5th Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Washburn

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
55

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, The Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
53706

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 original body of the church was built in 1870 and included the rectangular sanctuary and small, gabled entry. A square, pyramidally-roofed belfry-tower was added to the southeast corner of the church in 1883, and the semi-circular apse on the west end was constructed in 1893. Three stained-glass windows above and behind the altar were installed in 1892, and larger stained-glass windows flanking the altar were added in 1896. In 1948 a new concrete foundation was built replacing the original cedar posts which had served their purpose for 78 years.

The church was built with vertical boards and battens of local white pine in the Gothic Revival, or Carpenter's Gothic, style. The later tower and apse additions used the same materials and style and blend in inseparably with the original church. The steeply pitched gable roofs of the sanctuary and entry are ornamented with scroll-sawn bargeboards on the main (east) facade, though the west facade is not so decorated. Pointed-arch openings enclose scalloped louver boards in the belfry, the stained-glass apsidal windows and the main entry, while other window openings have flat lintels. Circular openings at the base of the tower are covered with traceried octafoil wooden panels.

The church today is in excellent condition and is painted white. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1870, 1883, 1893, 1948

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The primary significance of this structure is architectural, though there is also importance which derives from its position in the religious development of Northern Wisconsin.

The diminutive Christ Episcopal Church is one of the finest remaining examples of a mid-nineteenth-century Carpenter's Gothic church in Wisconsin. It is second only, perhaps, to St. John Chrysostom Church, Delafield, and equals or surpasses St. Peter's Church, Ripon. Unlike the latter structure, Christ Episcopal remains to this day unaltered by remodelings or the removal of parts, though sensitive tower and apse additions have changed the original form. With its vertical boards and battens, its steeply-pitched gable roof, and its scroll bargeboards it conveys the essence of Carpenter's Gothic in a striking but humbly-proportioned church.

Christ Church Mission of Bayfield was founded on April 8, 1870, as the first Episcopal church in Northern Wisconsin. In September the church building was completed largely with donated funds from interested easterners. The Eastern liaison continued for many years, the church apparently being considered a mission to the wilderness, and many interior furnishings were the result of donations in the 1870's.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anne Knight, The Story of Christ Episcopal Church of Bayfield, Wisconsin, A. H. Wilkinson, pub. (Milwaukee, 1949). [12-page brochure]

Eleanor Knight, letter to Jeff Dean, State Historical Society, dated July 11, 1974.

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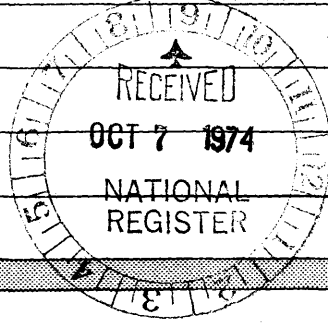
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UTM Coordinates: **Zone 15**
 5,186,450 N.
 666,430 E.

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:
Jeffrey M. Dean, Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** DATE: **July 17, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison** STATE: **Wisconsin 53706** CODE: **55**

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 James Morton Smith
 James Morton Smith

Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date Oct. 1, 1974

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

Al Puortenaar
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/27/74

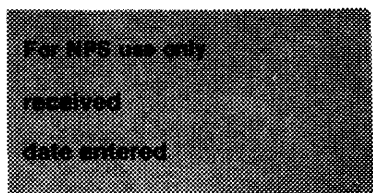
ATTEST:

WJ Mustaj
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 26 1974

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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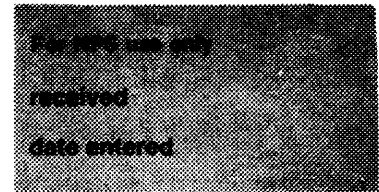
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SIGNED, SHPO OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

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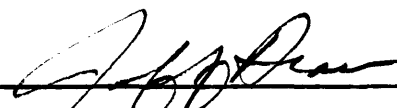
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