

ARCHITECTURAL / HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Architects Office  
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 201 day building, Iowa city, Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- MA-1402 MAP # 4

HIST. DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME St. Paul's English Lutheran Church (H) C

ADDRESS 1402 Main Street

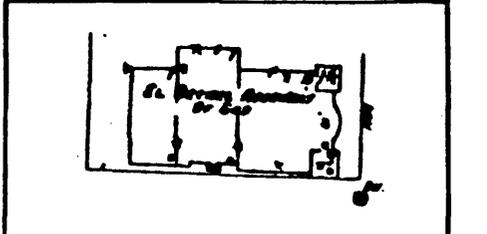
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LEGAL DES. Allen's 2nd Add. 6 1 & 2  
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

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EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Third Missionary Baptist Church  
1402 Main Street, Davenport, IA 52803

TITLE H. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (IF DIFF) \_\_\_\_\_



DESCRIPTION

FORM Cruciform church, corner tower entrance CONST. DATE 1902  
1878  
 MATERIALS Brick, rockfaced stone ARCH STYLE Victorian Gothic  
 FENESTRATION Pointed arch, stained glass  
 DIST. FEATURES See below  
 ALTERATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 SITE & RELATED STR. Corner site on major thoroughfare, original 1878 building  
remains attached at rear

STATEMENT

The asymmetrical massing and strong verticality of St. Paul's reflects the continuing popularity of the Gothic Revival in early 20th Century Davenport. The compactness of the plan seems to force the walls skyward. This upward movement emphasized by the steeply-pitched gables and the slender entrance tower with its tall, narrow lancet openings in the bellchamber. Surface polychromy often associated with the style is largely lacking at St. Paul's. Rather the church presents a plain brick exterior articulated simply by arched windows whose shape is enhanced with narrow hoodmolds.

SOURCES

Downer, Harry E., History of Davenport and Scott County, Iowa,  
 Chicago: S.J. Clarke, 1910, p. 607

SITE PLAN  
 ARCHITECTURE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

This building is associated with a minor protestant congregation. It had no statewide role and had no major church leaders associated with it.

HISTORY

**DESCRIPTION**

St. Paul's English Lutheran Church was organized in 1882 as an alternative to German speaking Lutheran churches. Its most noteworthy leader was Dr. W.H. Blancke, who served as president of the Civic Federation of Davenport from c. 1907 to 1916. The Federation fought vice and liquor using legal extremes to win victories. Blancke's continued leadership brought threats of violence on the church, the parishioners and minister. The Sunday School was reduced to its lowest attendance as a result of the threats with membership standing at 100 in 1916. After Blancke's tenure ended, the church returned to spiritual stewardship and experienced substantial fiscal and membership growth. In 1919 an addition was built and in 1950 a new church was constructed.

**SOURCES**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCA, 1882-1972, Davenport, 1972.  
Downer, Harry E., History of Davenport and Scott County, Iowa, Chicago: S.J. Clarke, 1910, p. 607.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers | HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER | SURVEY COMP. 1981

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Focus
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Fair
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Excellent

**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

**I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

- A. PRIMARY Religion
- B. SECONDARY Lutheran

**II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

NAT.  STATE  LOCAL

**III. N.R.H.P.**

ELIGIBLE  NOT ELIGIBLE

**HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION**

**FOR DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION USE ONLY**

1. DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_

	A. ARCHITECTURAL	B. HISTORICAL
ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3. N.R.H.P. ACTION**

A. STATE REVIEW COMM.	APP. <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP. <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____
B. FEDERAL REVIEW	APP. <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP. <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

**4. D.H.P. SOURCES**

- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- NRHP
- GRANT \_\_\_\_\_
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- R. & C. \_\_\_\_\_
- DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
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**5. SUBJECT TRACES**

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**6. PHOTO**

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South & East elevations