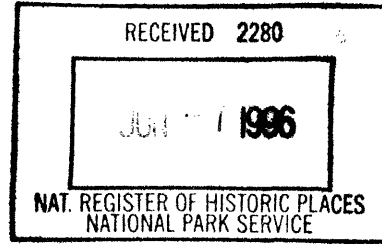


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name GOODHUE LUTHERAN CHURCH

other names/site number N/A

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2. Location

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street & number 15555 441st Ave. not for publication \_\_\_  
city or town FLORENCE vicinity XX  
state SOUTH DAKOTA code SD county CODINGTON code 029 zip code 57235

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally  statewide \_\_\_ locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt \_\_\_\_\_ Date 05-24-96  
Signature of certifying official

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

name of property Goodhue Lutheran Church county and state Codington, SD

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register

*Ronald J. McLean* 7/12/96

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  1  </u>	_____ buildings
<u>  1  </u>	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>  2  </u>	_____ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) \_\_\_\_\_

name of property\_\_Goodhue Lutheran Church\_ county and state\_ Codington,SD\_\_\_\_\_

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: \_\_RELIGION\_\_ Sub: \_\_RELIGIOUS FACILITY\_\_

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: \_\_RELIGION\_\_ Sub: \_\_RELIGIOUS FACILITY\_\_

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

\_\_MID 19TH CENTURY - GOTHIC REVIVAL\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_CONCRETE\_\_

roof \_\_WOOD SHINGLE\_\_

walls \_\_WOOD FRAME STRUCTURE\_\_

\_\_WOOD SIDING\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

- ETHNIC HERITAGE
- RELIGION
- ARCHITECTURE

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name of property Goodhue Lutheran Church county and state Codington, SD

Period of Significance 1904-1945  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1904  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
N/A

Cultural Affiliation AMERICAN NORWEGIAN  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder UNKNOWN  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: CODINGTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
27 FIRST AVE S.E.  
WATERTOWN SD 57201

name of property Goodhue Lutheran Church county and state Codington, SD

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	626415	4998400	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title JOANITA KANT MONTEITH  
organization CODINGTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY date 9 NOV.93  
street & number 27 FIRST AVE S.E. telephone (605)886-7335  
city or town WATERTOWN state SD zip code 57201

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

name of property\_\_ Goodhue Lutheran Church\_ county and state\_ Codington, SD \_\_\_\_\_  
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Property Owner  
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_GOODHUE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION\_\_ (JIM CHILSON) \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number RT.1 BOX 155 \_\_\_\_\_ telephone\_ (605)758-2472  
city or town \_\_FLORENCE \_\_\_\_\_ state SD \_\_ zip code \_57235\_\_  
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Goodhue Lutheran church is a good example of a first generation church in rural South Dakota, constructed in the vernacular Gothic Revival tradition. Located approximately four miles northeast of Florence, South Dakota, on Codington County Road 23, the one-story wood-frame building was completed in 1904 and retains a high degree of architectural integrity today. The only alterations have been the inclusion of a basement and two small unobtrusive additions, one on the front of the building and one on the rear. Associated with the building are a large cemetery and an outhouse at the west end of the lot, behind the church.

The Goodhue Lutheran Church has a front gable roof with a tall bell tower and steeple centered on the front of the building. The main entrance, consisting of double doors and a Gothic arch fanlight, is centered on the front of the tower. At the southeast corner of the building, a small-hip roof entryway to the basement was added in 1947. At the rear of the building (west elevation) a gable roof extension is about four feet below the main roof. There is a brick chimney centered on this part of the building. A small hip roof addition was placed on the rear of the building in 1947. Gothic arched windows appear on both sides of the building and above the front entrance.

With a simple rectangular floor plan, the building is organized with an east-facing main entrance leading to the sanctuary. The apse at the west end still features the original marble baptismal font and altar. All of the interior woodwork remains, as does a small choir balcony at the back of the worship area.

To facilitate continued use after World War II, a surge of improvements were made to the building, which until then had remained without heat or electricity. During 1947 the building was raised and a full basement added to accommodate the new heating system. At this same time, electricity was added.



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county and state\_ Codington, SD\_\_\_\_\_

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Entrance to the basement was achieved through the addition of a small entryway on the southeast corner of the main facade. A small office and classroom space were added behind the apse at the west end of the building sometime later that same year to provide a place for the pastor to teach confirmation classes.

The Goodhue Lutheran Church is still located in a rural setting outside a small South Dakota town. Easily visible from the county road, its physical appearance remains almost as it was originally. This building remains in excellent condition today and still serves for the Goodhue Lutheran congregation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96000745

Date Listed: 7/17/96

Property Name: Goodhue Lutheran Church  
County: Codington State: South Dakota

none  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Jenda McCulland*  
Signature of the Keeper

July 17, 1996  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8

The entry for cultural affiliation is hereby removed because the property is not nominated for Criterion D.

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Megan Dobbs, National Register coordinator for the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, was notified of this amendment on July 17, 1996.

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**DISTRIBUTION:**  
National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Goodhue Lutheran Church is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C as embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. More specifically, Goodhue Lutheran typifies the "first generation" of church construction in eastern South Dakota and has local architectural and social significance. The church is also eligible under criterion A for its association with the ethnic heritage and religious practices of the area. It typifies religious buildings common to most permanent rural settlements in South Dakota.

Scholars of church architecture in the Great Plains have divided the evolution of church buildings in the region into several distinct phases. These phases tend to happen in generational cycles and so they have been termed generations. Typically a parish or congregation would be established in a given area as soon as there was sufficient population. As its first order of business, a newly organized church body constructed a suitable church building. In most instances the financial resources of a new parish dictated that the structure cost as little as possible. As a result most of the initial, or "first generation", churches were simple frame buildings constructed by local carpenters or builders. In eastern South Dakota, first generation churches tend to date from the late 19th century with most buildings constructed during the Great Dakota Boom, 1878-1887.

South Dakota, and the northern Great Plains in general, suffered heavily during the 1890s. A multi-year drought begun in 1886 devastated the rural economy. The national depression that followed the Silver Panic of 1893 worsened the situation. As a result few church buildings were constructed until the return of relative prosperity at the turn-of-the-century. This period from 1900 until 1917, known as the Last Dakota Boom, found many eastern South Dakota churches faced with expanding membership and aging, inadequate church buildings. Many congregations constructed new church buildings to replace their original first generation structures. These "second generation" structures were usually architect-designed masonry buildings rendered in one of the popular ecclesiastic styles of the time. Despite

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the relative prosperity of the first two decades of this century, few eastern South Dakota congregations could afford extravagant buildings, and second generation churches tended to exhibit less expensive materials and construction techniques than those employed in more prosperous areas of the country.

Goodhue Lutheran Congregation was founded in 1888 by Norwegian immigrants, many from Goodhue County, Minnesota. Having little money for a building, the congregation held meetings in barns, homes, and schoolhouses, in particular the Meland school house until the church building was completed in 1904. In the meantime, members saved money to purchase land, build the church, and organize a cemetery. Founding members donated money to hire local carpenters to construct a simple building in a popular contemporary style, Gothic Revival.

The building's simple lines and lack of ornamental features demonstrate economy of construction. A variety of shingling methods is used to ornament the steeple. Simple lancet windows, three on both the north and south elevations, are among the only identifying features of the building.

The church was started by a group of people of Scandinavian descent and Lutheran faith. These people came primarily from Goodhue County, Minnesota, and Decorah, Iowa, in the 1880s. The links of the church to the immigration of these Norwegian people and to their religious beliefs make it eligible for listing under criterion A. It helps to understand migration patterns of the region and the nation.

The church retains a high degree of architectural integrity and has suffered few alterations. Heat and electricity were added to the building, and a new basement was supplied with its own entrance at the southeast corner of the building in 1947. The outhouse is still at its original location, as is the cemetery. Few examples of this building type with a high degree of integrity remain in South Dakota. Many have suffered alterations such as modern siding, new windows, and removal of the steeple. Goodhue Lutheran Church survives as an excellent example of this vernacular building type and is therefore

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eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under  
criterion C.

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Dakota. South Dakota State Historical Society, Pierre SD, 1989.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located at the NE corner, SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 119, Range  
55. Bounded on the east by township road and on the north by the  
quarter line.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary includes the church and cemetery that have  
historically been associated with the property.

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Photographer: Michelle C. Saxman-Rogers

Date: May 14, 1996

Location of original negatives: South Dakota State Historical Preservation Office  
Program, Pierre.

Photograph

Number	Description	Direction of View
1	Facade (east) Elevation	W
2	South East Elevation	NW
3	South West Elevation	NE
4	Interior Alter	W
5	Interior Alter Detail	NW
6	Cemetery on north side of Church	NW