

<b>Historic Name:</b> Zoar Moravian Church <b>Common Name:</b> The Zoar Church <b>Owner's Name and Address:</b> The Waconia Moravian Church Parish c/o the Rev. Bishop Wilbur Behrend, 217 E. 2nd St., Waconia, Mn. 55387		<b>County:</b> Carver <b>Community:</b> Laketown Twp. <b>Address/Legal Desc.:</b> <sup>Waconia vic.</sup> County Highway 10												
<b>Classification:</b> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		<b>Acreeage:</b> Two acres.												
<b>Condition:</b> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		<b>Verbal Boundary Desc.:</b> T116N, R24W, S32 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  See Continuation sheet.												
<b>Open to the Public:</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	<b>Visible from the road:</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____													
<b>Occupied:</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>Present Use:</b> Church													
<b>History:</b> <b>Date Constructed:</b> 1863 <b>Original Owner:</b> Chaska Moravian Church <b>Architect/Builder:</b> Church Members <b>Original Use:</b> Church		<b>UTM Reference:</b> 15/ 442240 / 4962850 Victoria Quad												
<b>Description:</b> The church structure exhibits a somewhat attenuated Greek Revival style of architecture that was typical of many early public buildings in Carver County. The full pediment of the gable was reflected in the lines of the front vestibule and in the broken pediment of the steeple. The steeple originally was located on the main roof at the north end. However, in 1908, the front vestibule was rebuilt and the steeple moved slightly forward to form a bell tower. This alteration somewhat obscures the original Classical lines of the structure by covering the center of the pediment, but does not impair the charm of the building. The fenestration, interior finish, interior furnishings, and cast iron stove are original. Associated structures, including the original free standing bell tower and the parsonage, have been demolished.		<b>Level of Significance:</b> Local _____ State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nation _____												
<b>Significance:</b> In the 1850s several families belonging to the Protestant denomination of the Unity of the Bretheren, better known as the Moravian church, emigrated to Carver County from Hopedale, Pa. With the arrival of a missionary - Rev. Martin Erdman - a Moravian Congregation was established in 1858 at Chaska, with two outposts in Laketown Township. In 1860, the congregation built a church in Chaska, and in 1863 churches were built at each outpost. Of the three original church buildings, only one, which came to be known as the Zoar Church, survives to the present. Through the devoted attention of the church members, the building comes to us almost unaltered from its original state, with original furnishings intact. Services are occasionally held in the church by the Waconia Moravian church.		<b>Status:</b> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Survey</b></td> <td><b>Date</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>9/77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>9/77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Survey</b>	<b>Date</b>	Local	9/77	State	9/77	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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<b>Theme/s:</b> Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>Religion</u> Other _____		<b>Local Contact/Org.:</b> Heritage Committee Carver County Historical Society												
<b>Prepared by and date:</b> Ted Lofstrom January 1978														

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the north section line of Section 32, T116, R24 40 rods east from the NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 32, T116, R24, thence east 19 rods to a post, thence running south 18 rods to a post, thence running west 19 rods to a post, thence running north 18 rods to point of beginning.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn  
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**Note: These changes apply to  
Zoar Moravian Church in Carver  
County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80001985

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Carver

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):**

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** Chaska

**ADDRESS:** Co. Hwy. 10

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
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Date