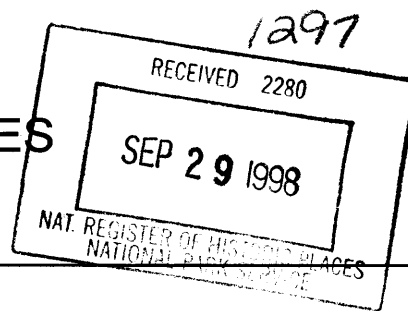


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church

other name/site number: First Christian Church of Anaconda

2. Location

street & number: 524 Cedar Street

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Anaconda

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Deer Lodge

code: 023

zip code: 59711

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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determined not eligible for the

National Register

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removed from the National Register

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other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson W. Beall 10/30/96

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private	Number of Resources within Property	
	Contributing	Noncontributing
Category of Property: Building	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> building(s)
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Properties of Anaconda, Montana	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> TOTAL

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Functions:
RELIGION/Religious Facility	RELIGION/Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
LATE 19 th & EARLY 20 TH CENTURY REVIVALS/Late Gothic Revival	foundation: STONE/Granite
	walls: BRICK
	roof: WOOD/Shingle
	other: GLASS/Stained

Narrative Description

The original Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church is a one-story, brick gable-front church with a common rectangular plan and a central tower and steeple. The church is three-bays wide and five-bays long. There is a granite foundation that has been parged with concrete, and a daylight basement appears; brick composes the walls of the church, while wood shingles cover the roof and gable end. The windows and doors in this building are predominantly original.

The east facade features a central, three-stage rectangular tower and steeple. A tented roof forms the steeple, projecting from the pinnacle of which is a ball-shaped finial. The lower two stages of the steeple are sheathed in wood shingle siding. The first stage features three gothic-arched, double hung original windows, the central one of which is larger than the flanking two. The central window is composed of stained glass and the three units are arranged in a palladian-like formation. The lantern features pairs of gothic-arched, louver openings with screens, located on each face of the tower. The main level of the central tower houses the main entrance to the church. This entrance is accessed by concrete stairs and is recessed within a gothic-arched entry. A pair of historic, 5-panel wood doors form the entrance. A projecting, gothic-arched pediment composed of square wood panels appears above the doorway. Flanking the tower and steeple are single pent-roofed bays. The northeast and southeast faces of these bays each retain a 1-over-1 double-hung gothic-arched, stained glass window with wood sills. Header courses line the upper portion. Corbeled brick pilasters crown all corners of the church.

The south elevation features five 1-over-1 double-hung, lancet-shaped, stained glass windows covered by wood storms. A double brick header course surrounds the upper portion of the window. Corbeled brick pilasters separate each section of the wall, housing a window. A 1-over-1 double-hung square window appears below each lancet-shaped window, giving light to the basement of the church. The west end of the south facade features a historic wood door, slightly below the level of the windows.

The west elevation displays a semi-circular window in the gable end, which is closed by a pent roof and is sheathed in wood shingle siding. There is a 3-panel, single-light (frosted glass) wood door on the south end accessed by concrete stairs. There are two central, half-lancet windows with stained glass and wood sills. On the north end, just above the water table is a corbeled brick ledge that does not appear on the south end.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Areas of Significance: Ethnic Heritage, Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A

Period(s) of Significance: 1904 - ca. 1935

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1904

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church was constructed in 1904 and is the only ethnic-associated religious facility in Anaconda that is not located within the Goosetown Historic District, the primary immigrant neighborhood in Anaconda. The church has a long history that mirrors the history of the town. It qualifies for individual listing under Criterion A of the National Register of historic places for its associations with ethnic heritage and social history. The church is also an excellent example of the Late Gothic Revival style. Although the builder remains unidentified, the building expresses the popularity of this style in religious constructions in Anaconda during the 1890s and early 1900s. The church also meets Criteria Consideration A for religious properties, since its significance is anchored by its architectural integrity and historical associations.

Background History

The Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church was one of the many ethnic-affiliated houses of worship constructed in Anaconda. Unlike many others, however, it was one of the longest lasting congregations in the city. The church was organized on March 4, 1898 by Reverend A. C. Gustafson and a small group of Swedish Lutheran immigrants. During the historic period, Anaconda's Swedish immigrants composed the third-largest segment of the foreign-born, white population. Approximately ten percent of all foreign-born whites in Anaconda between 1890 and 1930 had emigrated from Sweden. Consequently, Anaconda Swedes played a large role in the cultural community, forming social groups and three significant religious communities: the Free Swedish Mission Congregation (Swedish Lutheran dissenters at 501 Alder), the Swedish Baptist Congregation at 501 Cedar, and the Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church at 524 Cedar.

When originally organized, the Swedish Lutherans did not have a church. Consequently, the group joined the Scandinavian Union, a federation of three congregations in Anaconda: the Swedish Baptists and the Norwegian Lutherans, in addition to the Swedish Lutherans. This federation held services in the Scandinavian Union Church, which had been constructed at 501 Cedar (the present site of the Grace Baptist Church) in 1894.

In 1904, the Scandinavian Union disintegrated and the Swedish Baptist congregation purchased the Scandinavian Union Church for \$1,300. This development left Anaconda's Swedish Lutherans without a house of worship. Soon after, the congregation decided to build a church for their congregation on a lot donated by the Anaconda Company at 524 Cedar.

With the help and support of the Augustana Synod, the present church building was constructed during the winter of 1904 and 1905. The church opened in 1905 and services were held in the building for over fifty years. Pastor Joseph Lonnquist took over the congregation in 1928, a time during which many changes occurred in the church. The congregation became more diverse in the late 1920s and during the 1930s, a majority of parishioners who were not of Swedish descent joined the church. Thus, during the 1930s, services in the Swedish language were phased out. In addition, as the congregation grew, a need for a new parsonage arose. On June 5, 1933, the old parsonage at 312 East Sixth was demolished and a new parish house was completed by Theodore Eck and Sons on the site. By Labor Day, 1933, the new parsonage was completed.

Continued expansion occurred during the 1940s and 1950s. In 1953, a committee was assembled to identify an expansion plan for the congregation, which had been renamed the First Lutheran Church. In early 1955, the committee decided to abandon the old facility and construct a new facility in Washoe Park.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

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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 -- Specify Repository: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Preservation/Planning Office

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one.

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing
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Legal Location (Township, Range & Section(s)): Section 3, T4N, R11W

Verbal Boundary Description

The Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on the East 91 feet of Lot 6 of Block 89 of the Original Townsite of Anaconda, Montana.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the partial lot historically associated with the church since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town: Helena state: MT zip code: 59620-1202

Property Owner

name/title: Malcolm Scott Hill
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city or town: Anaconda state: MT zip code: 59711

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Architectural Integrity

The Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church retains a high level of architectural integrity. The only element marring the original design of the building is an apron of concrete paving the original stone foundation. This alteration, however, detracts little from the ability of the church to reflect its historic design and purpose. The church is an excellent example of the Late Gothic Revival style used in Anaconda's religious and church-related facilities after the turn of the century.

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In approximately 1958, 524 Cedar was purchased by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A reorganized branch of this faith began holding worship services in the church by 1970. In the late 1980s, the church was sold to the First Christian congregation of Anaconda.

The Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church has been an integral part of the Anaconda landscape and environment for almost a century. While many historic religious and church-related facilities in Anaconda have been altered, demolished, or replaced, this church survives as a tribute to Anaconda's early ethnic sects and the diverse, yet closeknit community that they formed.

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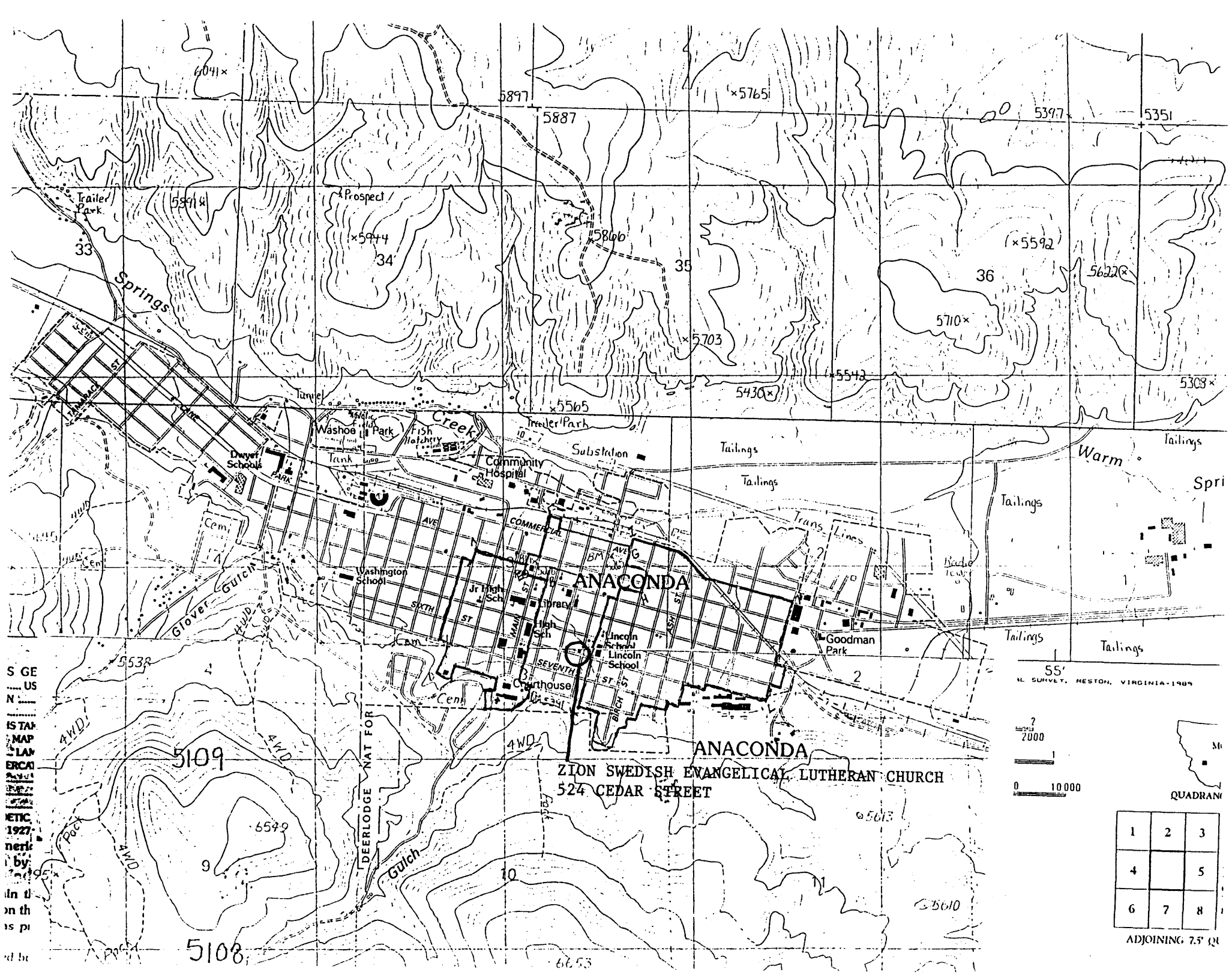
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