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St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Frostburg

1879

St. Paul's Lutheran Church was completed in 1879 after fire destroyed the original building. The building consists of a one story block three bays wide with a central entrance tower topped by a louvered spire and a belfry. Like the other churches in the area, it features American Common Bond brick construction. Basically St. Paul's is a simple structure with the exception of the entrance tower which carries the eye from its base with the fan lighted entrance to a circular recessed brick panel inscribed with a cross to a small narrow gothic sash window and finally to the spire with its fish scale louvers.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Saint Pauls Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

34 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

Telephone #: 689-9244

STREET & NUMBER

34 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: Will R

Folio #: 493

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 34 West Main Street in Frostburg, Allegany County on the southwest side of the street at the intersection of South Water Street.

The church basically consists of a one story rectangular block three bays wide, an entrance flanked by a window on each side. A tall church tower with louvered belfry and spire about the main block on the front, northeast side and a large rectangular wing protrudes from the rear southwest side of the structure for the purpose of the Parish Education. The building is very similar to that of the Zion Reform church and features American Common Bond brick construction with brick corner pilasters and a segmental cement belt course on the tower. The structure is supported by a brick covered foundation with no water table. The structure features the original slate shingle covered gabled roof and the rear wing block, which was added in 1954 also has a slate gable roof. Windows in the church are gothic sash stained glass lights with a hoodmould of brick on the semicircular arches. The main entrance is located on the northeast face of the tower and is recessed and includes a transom and fanlight with a hoodmould on the arch. A circular recessed brick panel with an inscribed cross is placed immediately above the entrance in the tower and three small and narrow gothic sash windows with one-over-one lights are found above it. An original corbeled brick chimney is located on the outside end of the structure.

The church is structually sound with no visible alterations since original construction except for the addition of the rear wing.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1860-1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Rebuilt 1874-1879

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church's present structure was erected in 1874-1879 upon the original site of the Saint Paul's white frame church which was built from 1860-1870. The Civil War retarded construction of the original church and when finally completed fire totally destroyed the structure as well as a sizable portion of the town. The church form its roots from the break-up in the Lutheran church in 1858 over the diversity of age and nationalities belonging to the membership of the Zion Church, formerly the Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church. The younger and English speaking members acquired the present site, and commenced building the first white frame church. After the fire, construction began immediately on the present structure.

The church is structually sound and its excellent condition and original condition enhances the architectural heritage of Frostburg.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Frostburg Sesquicentennial Book; "Saint Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church", Frostburg Sesquicentennial Committee, 1962.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 82.5' x 165'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

34 West Main Street

Boundary Lines Southwest & Northeast 165' Lines Southeast & Northwest 82.5'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

4/21/76

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

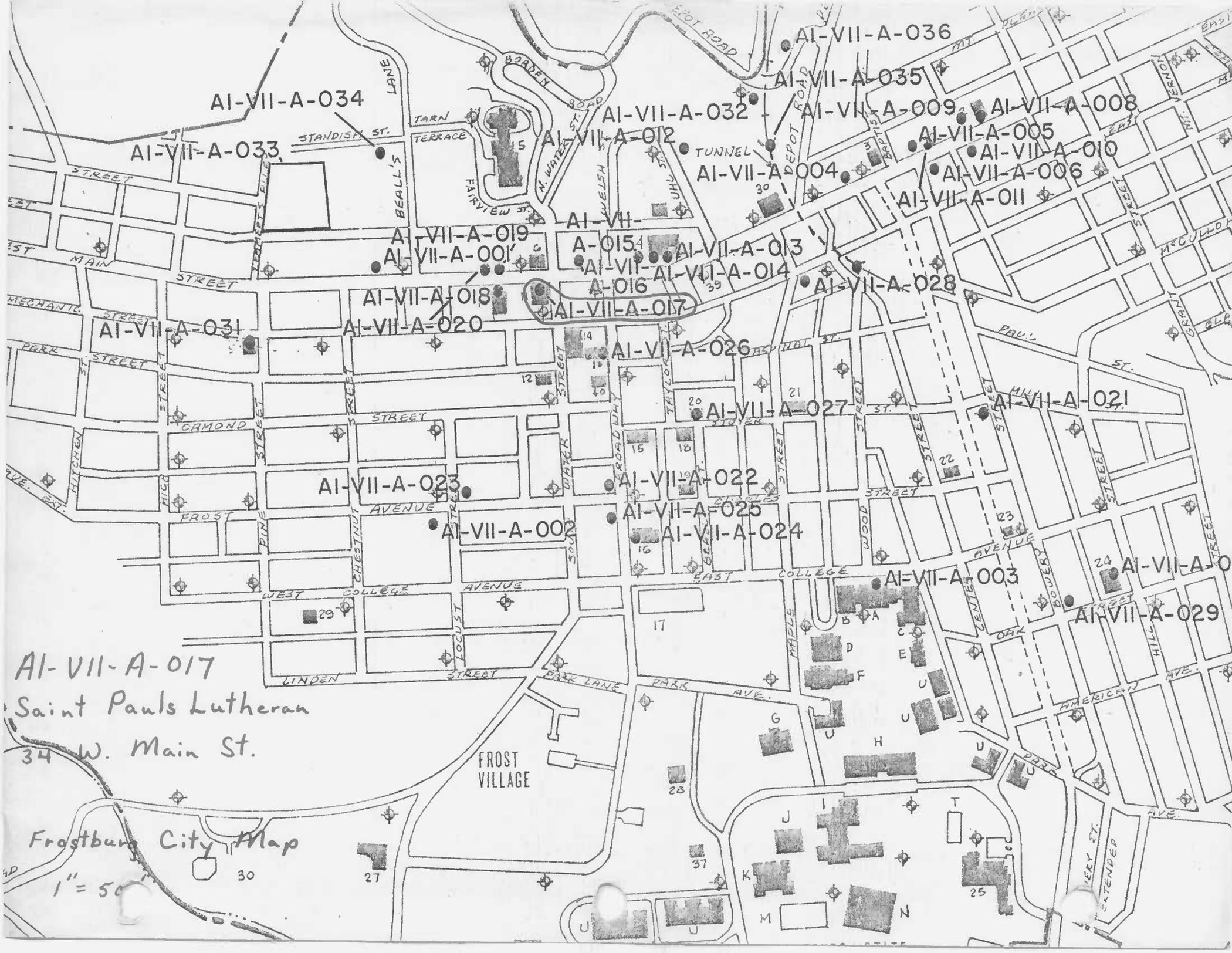
STATE

Maryland

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Saint Pauls Lutheran
34 W. Main St.

Frostburg City Map

1" = 50'



Saint Paul's Lutheran

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34 West Main St Frostburg

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Southwest



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North