

St. Luke's (Winters) Lutheran Church with its decorative brickwork is one of the earliest congregations in Carroll County, as well as one of the earliest Lutheran congregations in America. The present 1875 building is the direct descendent of the first 1772 log structure, which stood on the same site in what was then Frederick County. The structure stands between Union Bridge and New Windsor.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Winter's Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON St. Luke's (Winter's) Lutheran Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER N/S New Windsor - Union Bridge Road

CITY, TOWN New Windsor

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF New Windsor & Union Bridge 11

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME St. Luke's (Winter's) Lutheran Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER N/S New Windsor - Union Bridge Road

CITY, TOWN New Windsor

X VICINITY OF New Windsor & Union Bridge

STATE, zip code Md. 21776

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Building (exempt file)

Liber #: None
Folio #: None

STREET & NUMBER 225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN Westminster

STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CARR-92

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"/> MOVED	DATE <u>1875</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

EXTERIOR - Winter's Church sits in a soft shallow, off Route 75, which runs from New Windsor to Union Bridge. It is surrounded by its own graveyard and old trees. It faces south west, some fifty to seventy five yards off the road. The coursed stone foundation anchors an American bond brick structure, five bays deep and three bays wide. The one story with basement and attic structure, is topped by a wood gable roof, covered with standing seam. Side windows are pointed arch in shape with plain trim and glass (not stained); S/W facade has square-topped windows with plain trim. The structure is topped with a square, open, wooden belfry trimmed with imbricated shingles. A pointed roof is covered with sheet metal.

There are two central side interior chimneys, brick, with corbelled caps. In general, brickwork around the entire structure is fine. The facade boasts dripping brick ornament under the gable line. Side walls have corbelled cornice work. Side windows have pointed arch, protruding brick trim on the top half, as do the front facade choir windows. The entrance door and windows have squared brick frames round the upper half.

The front facade entrance doors are of moulded panelled wood, encased in brick arches. This church was built in 1875. In 1958 a back addition of running bond was added and is connected to a section of the back wall of the church, leaving one original window exposed. The church seems to have been sandblasted.

INTERIOR:- Through either front entrance, is a rectangular narthex, which runs the length of the south/west front facade. The narthex and nave are divided by a wood and textured glass partition that runs the same length. A recent center double door in this partition leads to a nine pew, deep nave, with middle, side and back aisles, plaster walls and panelled wainscot. The ceiling is moulded plaster. It begins with a curved frieze at the wall level, continues up, levels out and continues back down to the frieze of the adjacent wall. The floral ceiling design, encased in square forms (coffered), is, besides the stained glass windows, the most decorative interior effect. The interior windows are framed with plain trim and have deep sills.

The chancel area includes the later and the choir. The choir is to the alter's right. The alter is enclosed with a chancel railing. There are two bays on the altar wall; one stained glass window and one door which was a window, and now leads to the recent building. The northwest and southwest side walls are four-bays each.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<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 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 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Winter's Church is one of the earliest Lutheran Churches in Carroll County. The present building accomodates a congregation whose history dates back to 1772, less than thirty years after Lutheranism was introduced in America.

The first Lutheran congregation in Maryland was in Frederick County, in a Monacacy River settlement. This was a direct outgrowth of German settlers in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who travelled a natural north/south highway used by the Indians. In 1732, it was converted into a wagon road, this bringing settlers into Maryland and Carroll County.

Fourteen or so years after the first Lutheran Church was established in America by Muhlengerg (1743), the first church in Carroll County was established - Zion Church (CARR. -166), in 1757 or 58. From this first step, proceeeding. congregations were formed.

In 1766, a Francis Winter, one of the earliest settlers in the neighborhood of New Windsor, recieved an application from German colonists in Pennsylvania (Lancaster?) for land for farming purposes and for the erection of a Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession. In 1772, after many families arrived, a log church was erected as a house of prayers, but the congregation was not organized until January 1, 1783. In less than 100 years the congregation outgrew the log structure and the present brick structure was erected in 1875. It has since been remodeled and repaired several times, notably evident in the 1958 brick wing addition.

In the 1770's, the land was then part of Frederick County.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE Fall-1978

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CITY OR TOWN Westminster

STATE Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE <i>Md</i> COUNTY <i>Carroll</i> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____ ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE <i>church</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>brick</i> NO. OF STORIES <i>1</i>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME <i>St. Lukes Lutheran Church</i> DATE OR PERIOD <i>1875</i> STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

N, Side Md. Rte. 75
3 bays 1st level S. front & 3 gothic bays at S. front gable. - 1st level: 2 dbl. doors & dbl. gothic arched windows bet. - gable: 3 gothic arched windows & center window elongated.
Side walls: 5 bays & pilasters between w. gothic arched.
Roof "A" frame - tin.
Open Gothic spire & bell - has steep pyramid
Roof. Brick walls laid in common bond.
Cemetery to E
Recent parish hall addition of brick to N (rear) wall.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered *No* Interior _____ Exterior *good*

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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MHT *8/24/70*

DATE OF RECORD

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South/east + south/west elevations
Fred E.



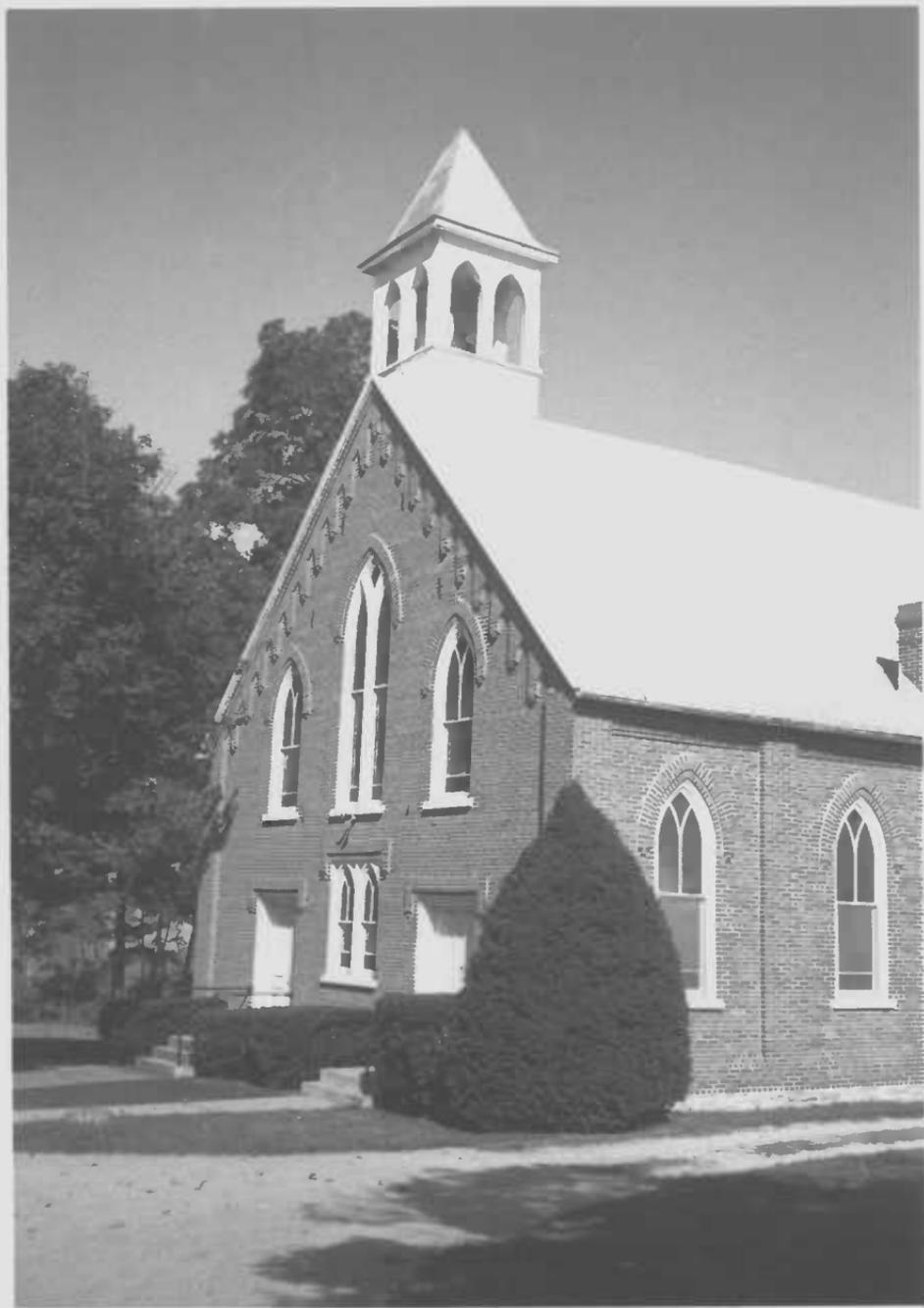
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South / ~~west~~^{east} elevation

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Southern ~~corner~~ ^{corner} of south/west + south/east elevations
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