Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 36-37
Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:36-37 (PACS 4.4) **Construction Date:** 1948, C. 1950, C. 1965

Name: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Location: 9545 Georgia Avenue, Forest Glen vicinity, Montgomery County

Private/Religious, Educational/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on the east side of Georgia Avenue in the Forest Glen vicinity of Montgomery County. The church complex consists of a 1948 chapel and administrative building, a circa 1950 school building, a circa 1965 school building and a circa 1965 sanctuary.

Significance:

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1941. In 1945, the church bought a lot from Maury and Isabel Young. The chapel and administrative building were constructed in 1948. In 1951, the church opened a parochial day school for elementary-age children. The congregation and school continued to grow, and around 1965, two additional school buildings and a new sanctuary were added to the complex. In 1988, the Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, formerly located in Washington, D.C., began using the 1948 chapel for Sunday Worship.

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

Survey No. M:36-37 (PACS 4.4)

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church (preferred)

and/or common same

2. Location:

street & number 9545 Georgia Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Forest Glen _X_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_X_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_X_building(s)	_X_private	___unoccupied	___commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	_X_education	___private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	_X_religious
___object	___in process	_X_yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	_X_not applicable	___no	___military	
			___transportation	

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

street & number 9545 Georgia Avenue telephone no.:

city,town Silver Spring state and zip code MD 20910

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 2936

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue folio 118

city,town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_X_original site	
_X_good	___ruins	_X_altered	___moved	date of move _____
___fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 6

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is located east side Georgia Avenue in the Forest Glen vicinity of Montgomery County. The church complex consists of a 1948 chapel and administrative building, a circa 1950 school building, a circa 1965 school building and a circa 1965 sanctuary.

The 1-story chapel has a datestone that reads 1948 and is constructed of coursed stone. The steeply-pitched, front-gable roof faces west and is covered in slate shingles. The east, or front elevation of the chapel has stone buttresses at the corners. A stone crucifix is set into the gable. Above the crucifix are wood vergeboards forming a Gothic arch. Scrolled brackets are located beneath the arch. The north elevation has an arched entry with double batten doors. Stone buttresses are located on each side of the doors. The south elevation has three sets of triple Gothic arch windows with stone surrounds separated by buttresses.

An administration building, also constructed in 1948, covers the east elevation of the chapel and extends to the north. The west and north elevations of the administration building have stone facades, while the east and south elevations have exposed concrete-block facades. The building has a flat roof with deep eaves. The main entry is located in the south bay of the west elevation and consists of double doors beneath a glass clerestory. The clerestory stretches across the two north bays, which contain paired 5-light windows. Brick panels separate the three bays of this elevation. The north elevation has two bays with paired 5-light windows. The bays are also separated by a brick panel. The south and east elevations have 6-light paired casement sashes on the first story and the exposed basement. Concrete-block buttresses are located between the windows.

A circa 1950 school building extends east from the administrative building. The school building has stone facades on the north and east elevations and exposed concrete block on the south elevation. The building has a gable roof oriented with the gable end facing Georgia Avenue to the west. A cross-gabled wing covers the east elevation. On the north, or front elevation, the building has two half-glass doors alternating with two sets of five, 12/8 double-hung windows. The east elevation has another set of five 12/8 double-hung windows. The south elevation of the school building is partially covered by a concrete-block shed addition. The addition has 2-light sliding windows and paired 5-light casement sashes on the first story and exposed basement. An entry with concrete steps leading to double doors is located at the east end of this elevation.

Extending north from the northeast corner of the circa 1950 school building are two circa 1965 school buildings and a circa 1965 sanctuary. The circa 1965 school building immediately north of the circa 1950 school building has a low, flat roof and a massive, stone false chimney. Brick panels separate the windows on this building, and a glass clerestory is located beneath the eaves. North of this building is another school building. This building extends northwest and has a low-pitched gable roof, brick exterior walls and a glass-clerestory. Both of these buildings have exposed basements on the east elevation.

Northwest of the two circa 1965 school buildings is a circa 1965 sanctuary. The sanctuary has a steeply-pitched gable roof facing northwest. The roof is covered in wood shingles, and the northwest elevation is covered in metal.

7. Description (Continued)

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church expanded as its congregation grew. Although the complex has been enlarged several times, the individual buildings have had few alterations. The only major alteration has been the shed addition to the south elevation of the circa 1950 school building.

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is located along the major suburban artery Georgia Avenue. The interchange of the Capital Beltway (I-495) is located immediately north of the church. Commercial properties are located along Georgia Avenue to the west and south, and a residential neighborhood is located to the east. The church complex occupies a wide, shallow lot that is lined with trees on the east side. A fenced playground is located on the southeast corner of the lot. A parking lot and driveway are located on the west side parallel to Georgia Avenue.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
_prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	_Xarchitecture	__education	__military	__social/ humanitarian
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
X_1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention	__other (specify)	

Specific dates 1948, circa 1950, circa 1965 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: __A__B_X_C__D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: __A__B__C__D__E__F__G

Level of Significance: __national__state_X_local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1941. In 1945, the church bought a lot from Maury and Isabel Young. The chapel and administrative building were constructed in 1948. In 1951, the church opened a parochial day school for elementary-age children. The congregation and school continued to grow, and around 1965, two additional school buildings and a new sanctuary were added to the complex. In 1988, the Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, formerly located in Washington, D.C., began using the 1948 chapel for Sunday Worship.

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is located in the Forest Glen community. The Forest Glen community is located on part of a 1707.8 hectare (4220 acre) tract of land called Joseph's Park, which was granted to Captain William Joseph of the Commission of Deputy Governors of Maryland in 1689. During the late-eighteenth century, part of the land belonged to the Carroll family. Jesuit Priest John Carroll began offering Catholic services to neighbors in his family's chapel in 1774, and the community was known as Carroll Chapel for many years. Carroll's church later became St. John's Church, which operated a Catholic academy in the 1860s and 1870s. Forest Glen remained rural through much of the nineteenth century. After the completion of the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1873, the area began to grow as a suburb. In 1887, the Forest Glen Improvement Company constructed a resort hotel surrounded by parks and cottages. Summer homes of wealthy Washingtonians lined Georgia Avenue, and the area began to boom as a suburb. City residents seeking a more "wholesome" environment for the families moved to new communities along the rail line and developed new churches, schools and clubs (Hiebert and MacMaster 1976, 8-9, 26, 68, 192-233).

The Calvary Evangelical Church is an example of both change and continuity in religious buildings during the twentieth century. Religious architecture in the project area frequently melded vernacular residential building types with religious architectural elements such as bell towers and front-gable orientation. The degree of architectural pretention exhibited by the churches of the area depended upon congregation size, wealth, and denomination. The design of churches reflected both functional and symbolic concerns. Churches (as opposed to meeting houses) in the area, as well as the nation, almost invariably featured front-gables. The front-gable orientation was the logical exterior architectural accommodation of the lengthened nave so frequently utilized by denominations tracing their lineage ultimately to the Roman Catholic church, rather than the Eastern Orthodox Church. A bell tower not only called parishioners to worship, but also provided a visual symbol of the building's spiritual, rather than secular,

8. Significance (Continued)

function. Fenestration also frequently symbolized the building's function; rounded, Gothic arches, and pointed shapes helped distinguish the church from its secular neighbors. However, vernacular churches occasionally omitted these distinguishing shapes in the interest of economy.

National Register Evaluation:

The Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Property, constructed in 1948, circa 1950 and circa 1965, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property meets Criteria Consideration A, as it is a religious property which derives its primary significance from its architectural distinction. The property is eligible under Criterion C, as an excellent example of post-World War II suburban religious architecture. The property represents the combination of traditional forms and materials, such as stone and Gothic arches, with modern forms and materials, such as steel and flat roofs. It has excellent integrity, and retains its original location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, and association. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. The church is not documented as possessing an association with any ethnic groups. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended_____ Eligibility Not Recommended_____

Comments

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Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date:_____

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date:_____

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:36-37 (PACS 4.4)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property App. 0.7 hectares (1.75 acres)
Quadrangle name Kensington Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Baltimore	state	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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9. Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

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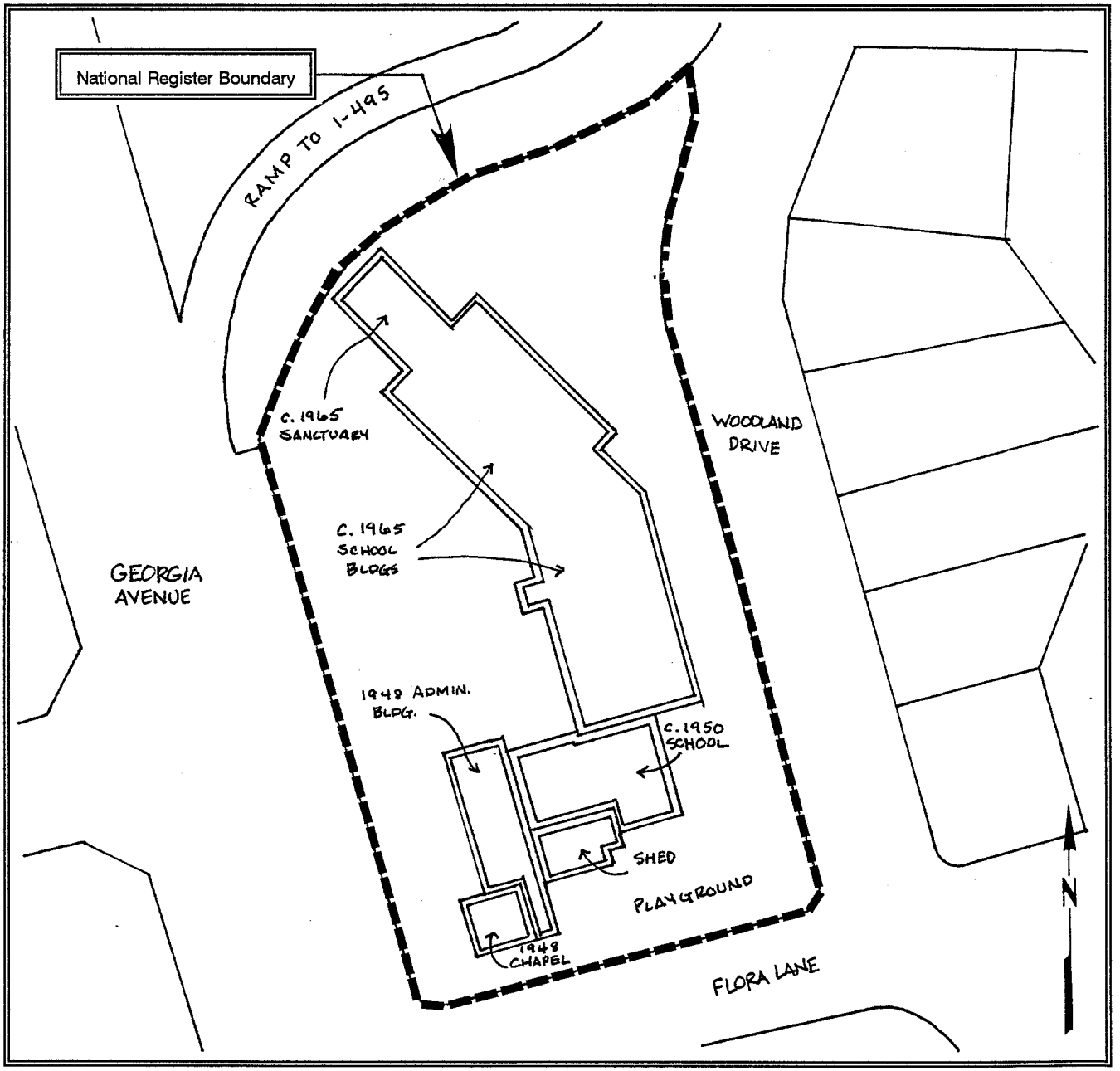
10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register Boundaries for the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church correspond to the boundaries of Tax Parcel P838 on Tax Map JP122. The property is bounded on the north by the ramp of Interstate 495, on the east by Woodland Drive, on the south by Flora Lane and on the west by Georgia Avenue. The boundaries include the contributing resources of the 1948 chapel, 1948 administrative building and circa 1950 school building, as well as the non-contributing resources of the two circa 1965 school buildings and the circa 1965 sanctuary. The boundary encompasses approximately 0.7 hectares (1.75 acres) and includes all the land on this site acquired by the church since its founding in 1941.

10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture
Religion

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Religious
Educational

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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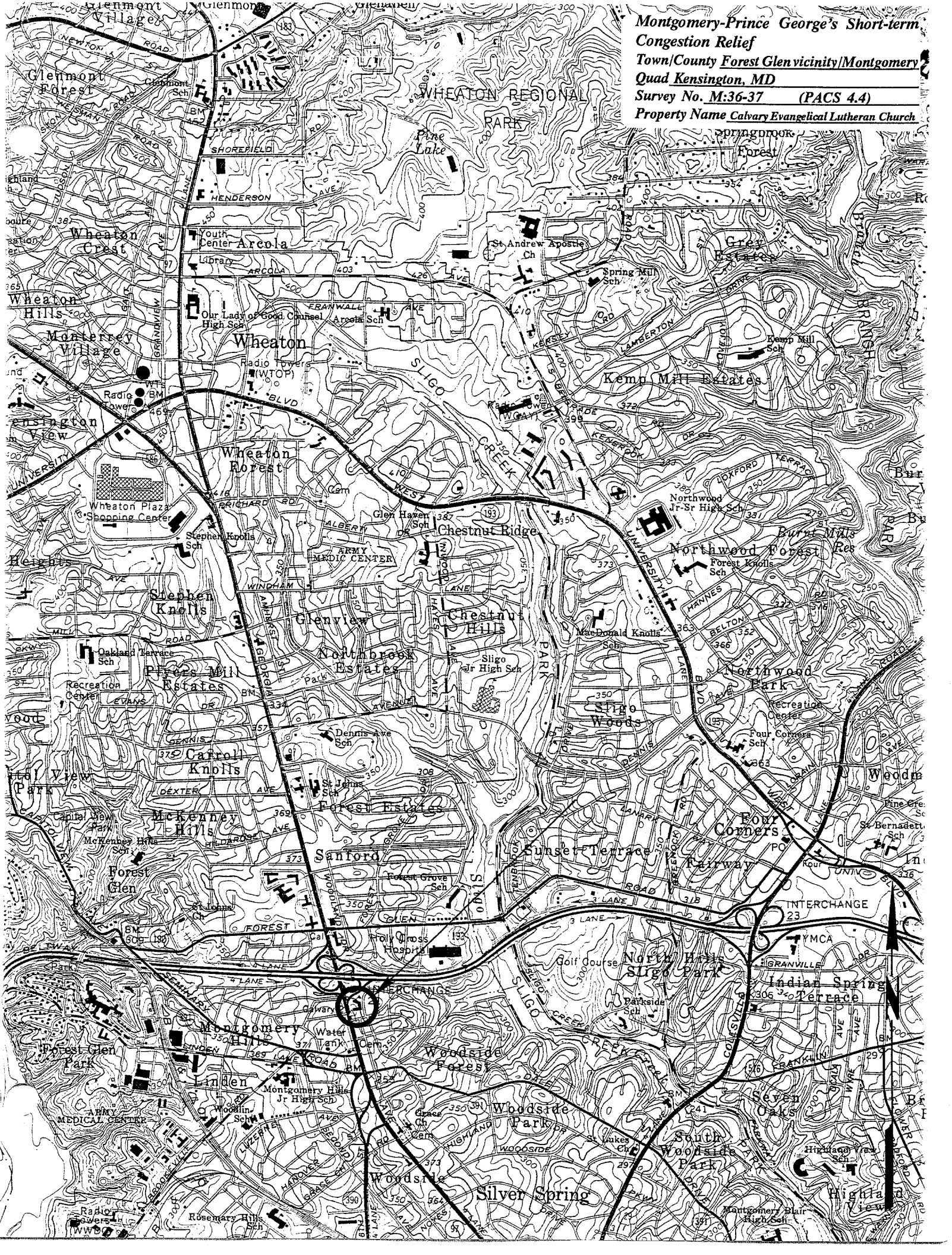
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Town/County Forest Glen vicinity/Montgomery
Quad Kensington, MD
Survey No. M:36-37 (PACS 4.4)
Property Name Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church
Glenmont Village
Glenmont Forest
WHEATON REGIONAL PARK
Pine Lake
Springbrook Forest
Wheaton Crest
Arcola
Wheaton Hills
Monterrey Village
Wheaton
Wheaton Forest
Kensington View
Wheaton Plaza Shopping Center
Grey Estates
Kemp Mill Estates
Northwood Jr-Sr High Sch
Northwood Forest
Burnt Mills Res
Chestnut Ridge
Chestnut Hills
Glenview
Stephen Knolls
Northbrook Estates
Pivers Mill Estates
Sligo Woods
Northwood Park
Carroll Knolls
Forest Estates
McKenney Hills
Sanford
Sunset Terrace
Fairway
Four Corners
Forest Glen
INTERCHANGE 23
YMCA
North Hills Sligo Park
Indian Spring Terrace
Montgomery Hills
Forest Glen Park
Linden
Woodside Forest
Woodside Park
Seven Oaks
South Woodside Park
Woodside
Silver Spring
Highland View
Montgomery Blair High Sch
Rosemary Hills Sch
Radio Towers (WWDC)
ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
Radio Towers (WTOP)
Radio Towers (WGAY)
Radio Towers (WTTG)
Our Lady of Good Counsel High Sch
Arcola Sch
St Andrew Apostle Ch
Spring Mill Sch
Kemp Mill Sch
Stephen Knolls Sch
Glen Haven Sch
Forest Knolls Sch
MacDonald Knolls Sch
Sligo Jr High Sch
Oakland Terrace Sch
Recreation Center
Dennis Ave Sch
Four Corners Sch
St Johns Sch
Forest Grove Sch
Holy Cross Hospital
Golf Course
Parkside Sch
Montgomery Hills Jr High Sch
Woodlin Sch
Grace Ch
St Lukes Ch
Highland View Sch
Capital View Park
McKenney Hills Sch
St Johns Ch
Cemetery
Water Tank
Sligo Creek
Sligo Creek Park
Seminary Road
Colesville Road
Georgia Avenue
Wisconsin Avenue
University Blvd
Lockwood Drive
Dale Drive
Flower Avenue
Piney Branch Road
Greenwood Avenue
Lorain Avenue
Belton Drive
Hannes Drive
Lamberton Drive
Kerbrook Drive
Kerrsley Drive
Sligo Creek Parkway
Forest Glen Road
Dexter Avenue
Dennis Avenue
Evans Drive
Hildarose Avenue
Lindell Avenue
Linden Avenue
Lyttonsville Road
Brookville Road
Grandview Avenue
Arcola Avenue
Franwall Avenue
Henderson Avenue
Shorefield Road
Newton St Road
Kensington Parkway
Randolph Road
Plyers Mill Road
Wheaton Plaza
Stephen Knolls
Glenview
Chestnut Hills
Northbrook Estates
Sligo Woods
Northwood Park
Four Corners
Sunset Terrace
Fairway
Sligo Park
Indian Spring Terrace
Seven Oaks
Woodside Park
Silver Spring
Montgomery Hills
Forest Glen
Linden
Wheaton
Kensington
Silver Spring

WRONG WAY
MID WEEK REFRESHMENT
EVERY WEDNESDAY
COMMUNITY INVITED

1 M 36-37

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Darne

5 5/98

6 Md Stn

7 Chapel, W. elev.

8 1 of 12

1 M: 30-31

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 [illegible]

5 [illegible]

6 Md SHPO

7 Chapel, gable detail

8 2 of 12

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1 M 36 37

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. MD

4 Julie Dawes

5 5198

6 Md. SHPO

7 Chapel & School

8 3 of 12

1 M 36 31

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 John Dean

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 Old - New School bldg.

8 4 of 12

PARKING
ONLY

1 M 36-24

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julia Davis

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 New School Bldg.

8 5 of 12

1 M 36-37

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Irvine Daisie

5 5/98

6. Md SHPO

7 New School Bldg & Church

8 6 of 12

1 Dr 3[illegible]-37

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Jules Da[illegible]

5 5/[illegible]

6 Md SHPO

7 New Church, front.

8 7/[illegible]

1 M 36-37

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Lassie

5 3/98

6 Md SHPO

7 New School, NE elev

8 8 of 12

1 M-36-37

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Dal[illegible]

5 3/98

6 Md SHPO

7 Old + New School, SE corner

8 9 of 12

1 [illegible]

2 Cross Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 [illegible] Dance

5 [illegible]

6 Md State

7 School, [illegible] corner

8 [illegible] of 12

1 M:36-37

2 Calvary Lutheran Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Dawe

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6 Md SHPO

7 School, S. elev.

8 11 of 12

1 M 36-34

2 Calvary Lutheran - Church

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Davis

5 5/98

6 Md 6 4 PO

7 Church & School, S elev.

8 12 of 12