

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Trinity Lutheran Church Inventory Number: CARR-1281
 Address: 833 Deer Park Road City: Smallwood Zip Code: 21048
 County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: Westminster
 Owner: Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: Verizon Wireless: Starview/14621 Agency: FCC
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The original Trinity Lutheran Church building was built in 1866 by German immigrants. It is a one-and a half story vernacular frame building with a stone foundation. The church is typical of 19th century rural, protestant, ecclesiastical architecture. The associated cemetery has gravestones which date to c.1860. The church building currently is unused for regular worship; however, the property is still owned and maintained by the original congregation.

The original church building is located approximately 1/2 mile east of the Carroll County hamlet of Smallwood (also known as Deer Park). The church and cemetery are located on the north side of Deer Park Road. The Annual Dutch Picnic Site (CARR-28) is located to the west of the building. Circa 1955, the congregation built a new brick church on the opposite side of Deer Park Road.

The church is a simple, yet elegant, one-and a half story, gable-front, frame building atop a fieldstone foundation. The rectangular structure measures approximately 28 feet by 36 feet, not including the rear addition. Walls are clad in weatherboard. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

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Comments: <u>Integrally related to CARR-28</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>11/18/13</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>11/23/13</u> Date

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The primary (south) façade is characterized by the open bell tower with pyramid shaped roof that is centered over the ridgeline. Although lacking in ornamentation, the building is distinguished by its symmetrical fenestration. The door and two windows are placed along a central axis. Entrance to the building is through arched double doors. The door surround is characterized by plain pilasters and a bracketed cornice. The two-over-two upper level windows are accented with simple wood shutters.

The east and west elevations each contain three evenly-spaced two-over-two windows. The one-and-a half story rear addition extends from the building's west elevation.

The main section of the building's rear (north elevation) has no fenestration. A brick, running bond, chimney is located to the right of the ridgeline. A one-story addition with a shed roof and cement foundation protrudes north from the wall. The addition has a six-over-six double hung window centrally placed on its north elevation. Entrance to the addition is obtained through a wood paneled door on the east elevation. A cement cellar entrance is located north of the door.

The Trinity Cemetery is located to the west, north and east of the church building. The headstones date from c.1860 through the 20th century. The stones are placed in 16, evenly spaced rows, which run perpendicular to Deer Park Road. The cemetery is well maintained.

Significance:

Trinity Lutheran Church was in built in 1866 to serve the German-speaking Lutheran population of the Smallwood area. This simple frame building is architecturally significant as an intact mid-19th century German Lutheran Church. Its small size and stylistic simplicity reflect the faith's rejection of ornamentation in its ecclesiastical structures. The building's plain style is also representative of the immigrant farming community who settled in the region.

Trinity Lutheran Church was founded on February 5, 1866 to serve the German-speaking population of Smallwood. It was built on land donated by founding member, George Bitzel. The cemetery was established soon after, and has headstones which date to c.1860 (likely relocated from another site). Headstones remain for a number of the original families, including George Bitzel (1830-1902).

The Bitzel family were first generation German immigrants, and part of the continued German settlement of Western Maryland. Services were conducted in German through the early 20th century. The church was part of the United Lutheran Church in America. The church built a new brick church, c.1955, on the opposite side of Deer Park Road. Although no longer used for regular service, the church and cemetery are owned and maintained by the original congregation.

The building was evaluated for its potential significance as a property which embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or style of mid-19th century vernacular ecclesiastical architecture, represents the work of a master architect, builder or craftsman, possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant or distinguishable entity whose components have individual distinction. The building, although simple in form and style, is a good representation of mid-19th century vernacular German Lutheran architecture. The building's lack of ornamentation is characteristic of the style. Additionally, the building retains a high degree of historic integrity.

Evaluation:

Evaluating Trinity Lutheran Church based on the seven aspects of integrity: setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, the property has remained in its original location on the north side of Deer Park Road in Carroll County. The site was originally a cleared area to the west of Trinity Lutheran Church. This site has been maintained in its original state and retains its original character-defining features, including its symmetry, stylistic simplicity and minimal ornamental details, which are limited to the door surround on the façade (south elevation).

The site was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion A for its potential significance as part of any historic trends or events that may have made an important contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The church was founded as part of the continued German settlement in Western Maryland. It was common for each community to establish a

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religious institution. Although of local significance, the foundation of Trinity Lutheran Church does not rise to the level necessary for meeting the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, the site does not meet the criteria for significance under Criterion A: Event.

Trinity Lutheran Church was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion B for its potential significance and association with a historically significant person. Research did not identify any important individuals associated with the site at the level necessary to meet the criteria for National Register of Historic Places eligibility. Therefore, the church does not meet the criteria for significance under Criterion B: Person.

Trinity Lutheran Church was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion C for its potential significance as a property which embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or style of mid-19th century vernacular ecclesiastical architecture, represents the work of a master architect, builder or craftsman, possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant or distinguishable entity whose components have individual distinction. The building, although simple in form and style, is a good representation of mid-19th century vernacular German Lutheran architecture. The building's lack of ornamentation is characteristic of the style. Additionally, the building retains a high degree of historic integrity.

The site was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criterion D for its potential significance and its ability to convey information. It does not and is not likely to convey information important to history. In order for buildings, structures or objects to be considered significant under Criterion D, they need to "be, or must have been, the principal source of information." This is not the case for Trinity Lutheran Church. Therefore, the site does not meet the criteria for significance under Criterion D: Information Potential.

In summary, the Trinity Lutheran Church is recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

Prepared by: Tara Cubie

Date Prepared: September 26, 2013

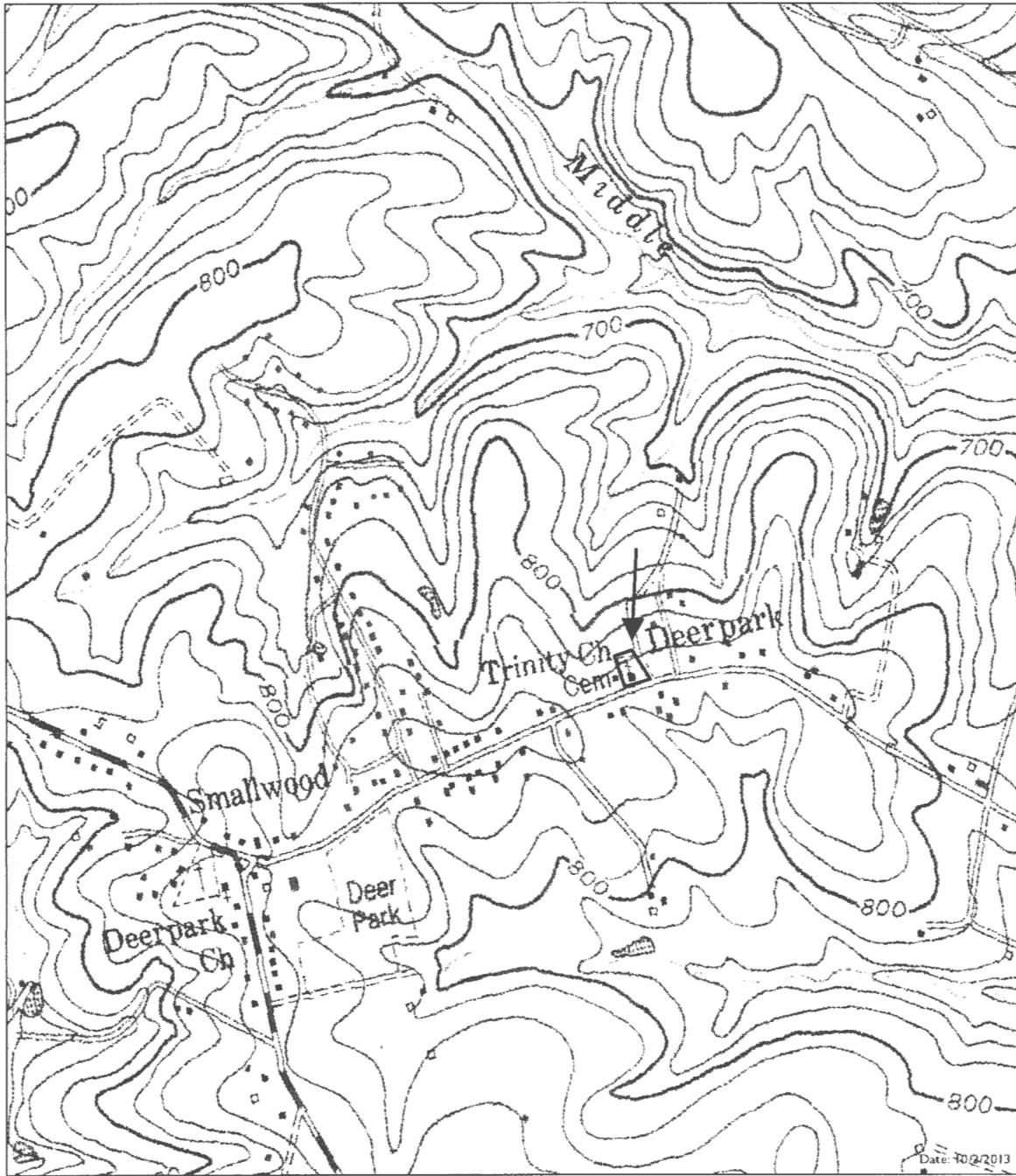
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<http://www.trinitywired.org/coming-home-one-incredible-anniversary>, (accessed 25 September 2013).



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Photo Log
CARR-1281

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1. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_01 Trinity Lutheran Church, SW corner
2. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_02 Trinity Lutheran Church, South Facade
3. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_03 Trinity Lutheran Church, South Façade from Deer Park Road
4. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_04 Trinity Lutheran Church, East Facade
5. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_05 Trinity Lutheran Church, Foundation Detail, West Facade
6. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_06 Trinity Lutheran Church, North Facade
7. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_07 Trinity Lutheran Church, North Façade from cemetery
8. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_08 Trinity Lutheran Church, West Facade
9. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_09 Trinity Lutheran Church, view west from near Kibler Road
10. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_10 Trinity Lutheran Church, Cemetery
11. CARR-1281_2013-09-16_11 Trinity Lutheran Church, view towards SW facade



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Trinity Lutheran Church

Carroll County, MD

Tara Cubie; PHOTOGRAPHER

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Trinity Lutheran Church, SW corner

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Trinity Lutheran Church

Carroll City, MD

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Trinity Lutheran Church, South Facade

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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North facade from cemetery

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West Facade

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View west to building from Kiblee Road

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View towards SW Facade.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1866

Deer Park

private

The original Trinity Lutheran Church was built in 1866 and is a classic country church design. It is a one-story frame structure with a gable front main facade. Architectural focus is provided by the large arched double door entrance framed by plain pilasters with a bracketed cornice and by the open bell tower with a pyramid roof. While the original church is not used today for regular worship services, it retains its original interior and exterior architectural characteristics. The site also includes a frame Social Hall with T-shaped plan and a modern 1955 brick church. The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church also preserves a significant Carroll County cultural tradition -- the Annual Dutch Picnic (see CARR-28).

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Trinity Lutheran Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 833 Deer Park Road not for publication

city, town Smallwood vicinity of congressional district Sixth

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church

street & number 833 Deer Park Road telephone no.: 848-8923

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1281

Condition		Check one	Check one	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

SUMMARY: The original Trinity Lutheran Church was built in 1866 and is a classic country church design. It is a one-story frame structure 28' x 36' with a gable-front main facade. Architectural focus is provided by the large arched double door entrance framed by plain pilasters with a bracketed cornice and by an open bell tower with a pyramid roof. In the gable is a plain wooden board painted with the words, "Trinity Lutheran Church." Also on the site is a T-shaped frame social Hall and a 1955 brick church.

DESCRIPTION: The original Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the north side of Deer Park Road, approximately one-half mile east of Smallwood. This location is the site of the Annual Dutch Picnic (CARR-28) and also contains a frame Social Hall on the west side of the church, and a modern brick church built in 1955 on the south side of Deer Park Road.

The original church was built in 1866 on land donated by George Bitzel for the formation of Trinity Lutheran Church. The congregation built a one story frame structure 28' by 36' covered in weatherboard on a fieldstone foundation. The building has a rectangular plan, one-bay by three-bays with a gable front main facade. Architectural focus is provided by the large arched double-door entrance framed by plain pilasters with a bracketed corner and by an open bell-tower with a pyramid roof. The three bay sides of the church has two over two sash windows with lowered shutters. interior has a paneled gallery across the rear and a small alter rail with turned balluster.

The Social Hall is a one-story, T-shaped frame structure covered with weather bond on a fieldstone foundation. While plain in appearance, the interior has a wooden cornice with a dentil molding. The rear wing contains a kitchen facility. Both frame buildings are infrequently used, having been replaced by the 1955 brick church.

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1281

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

SUMMARY: Trinity Lutheran Church was organized February 9, 1866. The church building was built in 1866 on land donated by George Bitzel. While the original church is not used today for regular worship services, it retains its original interior and exterior architectural characteristics and thus preserves a classic church design from the mid 19th century. The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church also preserves a significant Carroll County cultural tradition, the Annual Dutch Picnic. (See CARR-28).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1281

110th Annual Dutch Picnic Program Trinity Lutheran Church August 2, 1986

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Westminster

Quadrangle scale _____

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joe Getty

organization Carroll County Dept. of Planning date August 1986

street & number 225 North Center Street telephone 848-4500

city or town Westminster state Maryland 21157

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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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4. August 1986
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